

It's that time of year...

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Notice everyone looking a little stressed lately? Yes, it could be the weight of classes bearing down on them. Maybe they are feeling down about the (suddenly) chilly weather. No matter what their situation is, one thing everyone is stressing about is **registration**.

Registering for new classes does not have to be an ominous task. Abby So-watsky and Angela Suit, two of the peer mentors, have devised a checklist to make sure you're in good shape when 5PM on your registration day rolls around.



Prior to Registration:

- Check registration status under student tab in Truview
 - Make sure everything is checked. If not, address the issue before registration date, not the day of.
 - Verify your registration date & time
 - Look for any approved overrides
- Meet with advisor to discuss classes for the following semester
- Choose classes & professors through the "open course list" under the Student Tab
 - Have a first choice and backups for classes with few spots open.
 - The Registrar's website has a link to a worksheet to help keep track of classes
- Write down the CRNs for each class and back-up class so that it is quicker when you register
- To learn more about your professors:
 - Click on their name in the "open course list". This will show ratings from previous students
 - Go to www.ratemyprofessor.com which is a website where students can comment about their professors and the class, and give ratings. **Note:** it is based on student opinions, and what does not work for one person may work for you.

Registration Day:

- Campus computers are quicker to register on and usually cause less problems, so try and register on any campus computer
- Have your list of CRNs ready
- At 5:00, click on "Register for classes or change my schedule" under the student tab. Select "Spring 2011" from the drop down menu and click submit. Scroll down to the bottom of the screen, put your

Questions?

Remember you can always stop in the peer mentor office (VH2416) or call 660-785-4378. You can also get office hours and contact info from the Peer Mentor website.

CRNs in the space labeled "add classes to worksheet". Click "submit changes"

- Make sure no errors have occurred and you have been placed in the classes. If not fill in your back-up CRNs.
- **Note:** Computers will get really slow, so remember to be patient.

Five Minutes with the Mentors...

This month the mentors reveal what is so *super* about themselves.



Jonathan is a senior accounting major.

Jonathan Davis

Where is your hometown?
St. Louis, MO

What made you want to join the peer mentor program?
I wanted to help underclassmen learn more about the School of Business and all it has to offer.

What is your favorite thing to do after you get home from class?

Nap.

What is your favorite type of music?
Anything besides country. Okay, I can actually stand some country, like T. Swift, but none of that honky-tonk stuff.

What do you hope to do after college?
I would like to work for a public accounting firm or Disney.

What are your extracurricular activities?

I'm involved in Beta Alpha Psi (the professional accounting and financial information systems organization) and Campus Christian Fellowship.

What would you do if you didn't have to work?
Move to Disney World.

If you could be any superhero, who would you be?
The Red Power Ranger!!

Melissa Grillot

Where is your hometown?
Canton, IL

What made you want to join the peer mentor program? I love helping others. I remember being lost as a freshman and really could have used a peer mentor to help me.

What is your favorite thing to do after you get home from class? Nap!

What is your favorite type of music? 90s music and alternative rock.

What are your extracurricular activities? Delta Sigma Pi and Alpha Phi Omega

What would you do if you didn't have to work? Travel and cook

If you could be any superhero, who would you be? Perhaps Spiderman (unless there is a

Spiderwoman). I don't like being in the spotlight, so a superhero whose identity is unknown would be preferable. Not to mention Spiderman can swing from building to building.

Melissa is a senior business administration major, concentrating in finance, management and international business.



Michael Roberts



Michael is a junior business administration major with a concentration in finance.

Where is your hometown?
Ewing, MO.

What made you want to join the peer mentor program? I met a previous mentor who told me about the program and what a great opportunity being a part of it had been. Also, having been through the first two years at Truman without a mentor, I know that having a fellow student to get advice from would have been a great benefit.

What is your favorite thing to do after you get home from

class? I enjoy watching TV on the couch or going for a run. Just letting my mind shut down and taking a break helps me stay on top of everything.

What is your favorite type of music? Hip/Hop and some rock. Not Nickelback.

What do you hope to do after college? I am hoping to land a job at some sort of investment firm. Or try my hand at selling insurance. I am pretty much open to any job opportunities that might show up.

What are your extracurricular

activities? I played 2 years of Ultimate Frisbee with the men's club team and now I am a member of The American Marketing Association and I play intramural flag football, basketball, and volleyball.

What would you do if you didn't have to work?
Nothing for a while, then that would get boring so I would get a job just to have something to keep me busy.

If you could be any superhero, who would you be? Batman. He is super rich and doesn't need powers to be cool.



Carrots, Eggs or Coffee

A young woman went to her grandmother and told her about her life and how things were

so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one would pop up.

Her grandmother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire, and soon the pots came to boil. In the first pot she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil; without saying a

word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners.

She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her granddaughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see."

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied. Her grandmother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft.

The grandmother then asked the granddaughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hardboiled egg. Finally, the grandmother asked the granddaughter to sip the coffee. The granddaughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma then

asked, "What does it mean, grandmother?"

Her grandmother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her granddaughter.

— Unknown

What to do with a Finance Major

One of the concentrations Truman's School of Business offers is a Business Administration degree with an emphasis in Finance. Finance majors tend to be students who are analytical and like to work with numbers, but are also good communicators. They enjoy working in teams and are great problem solvers.

What's the difference between an accounting major and finance major? Finance offers a narrower focus than accounting. People that choose to go the financial route help businesses create long-term plans and make financial decisions that impact the entire organization.

If you choose to concentrate in Finance at Truman, be prepared for an intense but rewarding

course load. You'll take classes such as Investments, Corporate Finance, and a variety of Economics or Accounting classes. Not only will these classes teach you the

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— Stephen J. Brown

skills to perform a financial job successfully in the future, they'll also give you a glimpse in working in groups and under deadlines. Many Truman students that major in Finance also pick up an Economics minor or a second major in Accounting.

Possible financial jobs include:

Corporate Finance, Financial Analyst, Purchasing Agent, Small Business Owner, Broker, etc.

Finance is a field that every industry has jobs for. No matter what type of business you plan on entering in the future, money and financing will be involved. For more questions about the Finance Major, contact one of your mentors and they can help you find more information about the finance field!

Stephen J. Brown, a Finance professor at NYU says this about Finance:

"I like to think of this field as 'advanced common sense.'"

— Jean Xie

Mel's Top 10 Stress Relievers

Greetings mentees! As the due dates for your group projects and term papers get closer, I thought I would offer you a list of my favorite things to do to rid myself of stress. Hopefully one or two apply to you, too.

- 10) Take a walk with a friend. Thousand Hills is beautiful right now!
 - 9) Play online games for 10 or 15 minutes. Pac-man has consumed many of my study breaks.
 - 8) Read a book, magazine, etc.
 - 7) Peruse your favorite website. *Mentalfloss* has great quizzes and a lot of nerdy facts.
 - 6) Organize your room. Nothing helps you be more productive and less stressed like having a clean working space.
 - 5) Watch a Disney movie.
 - 4) Rec classes. Yoga and kickboxing are my favorites.
 - 3) Online shopping. Even if you can't buy, it's exciting to look at the latest video game or cute new dress.
 - 2) Train Bridge. If you don't know what it is, ask your SA.
 - 1) Nap!!!!
- Melissa Grillot

Spotlight on an Organization

Delta Sigma Pi—Iota Nu Chapter

Delta Sigma Pi was founded on November 7, 1907 at New York University School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance. Today, the fraternity has 194 active collegiate chapters on campuses across the country, consisting of over 200,000 brothers.

Delta Sigma Pi is a professional fraternity organized to foster the study of business in universities; to encourage scholarship, social activity and the association of students for their mutual advancement by research and practice; to promote closer affiliation between the commercial world and students of commerce, and to further a higher standard of commercial ethics and culture and the civic and commercial welfare of the community.

The Iota Nu Chapter at Truman State maintains strong programs

of professional development, community service and fundraising activities. To help brothers develop professionally, the chapter brings in professional speakers from many different parts of the business world, assists with the coordination of the University Career Expo, and currently holds the University concessions contract and runs all sporting events concessions on campus.

Iota Nu has earned many regional and national distinctions in various areas, with the most recent being the national Most Outstanding Chapter recognition for the 2009-2010 school year. This is the ninth time that this prestigious award has been achieved by the Iota Nu chapter, making Iota Nu one of the most decorated Chapters of Delta Sigma Pi in the country.

— Nate Perry

November 2010

5—Last day to drop a course ('W' will be applied and \$50 drop fee will be added to student account)

5—Last day to change to Credit/No Credit (\$25 fee will be added to student account)

6—SAB Fall Concert (Jack's Mannequin and Relient K)

10—Ad/PR Club Host Hallmark creative writer, Suzanne Berry at 5PM in SUB Georgian Room B

22-26—
Thanksgiving
Break!



Truman State University School of Business Academic Peer Mentor Program

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The Academic Peer Mentor Program is housed in the Business Academic Advising Center in Violette Hall 2416. The Peer Mentors are upper-class students in the School of Business majors: Accounting and Business Administration. The mentors are paired with first-year Pre-Accounting and Pre-Business majors, to provide them with peer advice and support.

The mentors have regular office hours each week, during which they are available to meet with their assigned mentees and any other student who wishes to talk with an upper-level major about the benefits and opportunities in the School of Business. Click on the links below to access information and office hours about the individual peer mentors.

Please feel free to contact Kayla (krj3167@truman.edu) if you have any comments/questions/concerns about the newsletter.