WHAT IS THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE?

The University College is designed and organized to provide effective, consistent and appropriate academic advising, monitoring, mentoring, nurturing and coaching. We seek to ensure your child’s academic success during the freshman and sophomore years, as well as initially for transfer students. Your student’s academic success, however, is dependent on how well he or she takes responsibility for their own education, including taking the initiative to achieve academic excellence. We believe there is no reason a student should make any grade below “B” at NCCU. There are academic support services available to your student. It is up to the student to take advantage of these services. We are willing, ready and able to help your NCCU student succeed. We employ you to partner with us to make this happen. The next time you talk with your student, inquire about the following:

- Wonderful son of mine, have you attended your weekly advising session? You know this is necessary to make sure you...

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FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

The theme for February 2009 Black History Month is “The Quest for Citizenship in the Americas.” Plan to attend selected lectures, musicals, forums, and more on the NCCU campus. See the full schedule here.

PARENT AND FAMILY ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS!

Coming in the March newsletter, the Parents and Family Association will begin taking applications for Executive Board membership for the 2009-2010 academic year. Be on the lookout for applications to be posted here.

THE NCCU WOMEN’S CENTER

The NCCU Women’s Center promotes the academic, personal and professional development and potential of women on campus. Find more information about events, including the Vagina Monologues and WHOLE Conference, during the month of February by clicking here.

RENEW YOUR FAFSA EARLY

You may file the FAFSA for 2009-10 now at www.fafsa.ed.gov using your final payroll check-stub to report income data. Our school code of 002950 should be reflected in section six. Applying early will guarantee eligible funds. For assistance, visit the NCCU Scholarships and Student Aid web-page here.

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MONEY MANAGEMENT SERIES: BUILDING GOOD CREDIT

Most students go to college looking forward to becoming independent and managing their lives on their own. Managing their personal finances is part of that independence. Starting with your student early, and starting strong, will help ensure that their college experience does not end in debt and poor spending habits.

For college graduates, good credit is an invaluable asset – and with careful money management, an achievable goal. If your student graduates without any credit history, they may have trouble qualifying for a car loan or mortgage.

Potential lenders will look at how your student has managed credit when determining whether to lend money. Teaching your student spending self-discipline is a key component to success.

Other credit management tips for college students:

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- FAFSA: What If My Parents Refuse to Pay?
- The College Transfer Process

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HOUSING OUTLOOK: 2009-2010
A LETTER TO FAMILY MEMBERS OF NCCU STUDENTS

Dear Students and Family Members,

We are writing to you with important information about on-campus housing availability for fall 2009. Residential Life is committed to providing on-campus housing to the greatest number of students possible. Continued demand for on-campus housing necessitates giving all residents advance notice to policies and decisions that will have a direct impact on them if they desire housing in residence halls. Today, the vast majority of the residents in residence halls are first-year and second-year students. Therefore, current freshmen (rising sophomores) who paid their deposits by January 23, 2009 and completed the online process are guaranteed housing for the 2009-2010 academic year. This is a trend we expect will continue.

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ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO GET TO KNOW THEIR PROFESSORS

The development of a student-faculty relationship is one of the most important things that your college student can do to achieve their overall objectives in their education. Encouraging your student to better know their undergraduate faculty is crucial to their academic and professional development.

In many cases, students simply do not feel comfortable in approaching faculty and initiating simple conversation. As an undergraduate, your student needs to keep in mind that their respective faculty members have been in their shoes. It is highly likely that they will be more than happy to accommodate your student’s needs.

The best approach a student can take to get to know their professors -- regardless of the school and classroom size, is to be a productive member of the class...

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- FAFSA: Possible Elimination of the FAFSA?
- Transfer Students: Helping your Student Adjust to the New School
- Tips for Helping your Student Build their Resume

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