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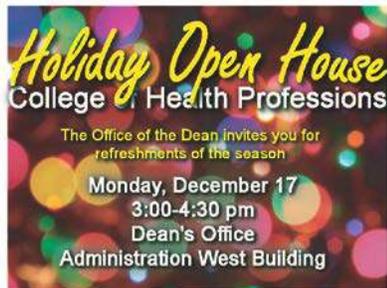
for your information - news for faculty and staff



For Your Information – December 13, 2012

We had an incident yesterday. . . – Yesterday, one of our departments was visited by the irate boyfriend of a student who wanted to know why his girlfriend was not succeeding in the program. Fortunately, no physical harm was done but faculty and staff were upset and frightened. After the boyfriend returned a second time, a staff member called university police but too late to apprehend the boyfriend. So, here's a reminder about how to handle such incidents: **First, we don't have the right to talk with anyone except the student** about the student's performance in our programs without the student's permission. According to the federal law known as FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act), we must obtain permission from the student before we divulge information about the student to anyone else – parent, husband, wife, partner, etc. A good strategy for such a situation is to calmly explain that federal law prohibits us from talking about a student without his/her permission. **Second, if anyone behaves in an aggressive or threatening way, call the university police immediately.** And then inform your colleagues in the area to close and lock their doors until the situation calms down.

Don't miss the Hollyday Concert tomorrow – Be sure to attend tomorrow's UAMS Hollyday Concert at noon in the Hospital Lobby Gallery. These concerts usually attract a standing-room only crowd, so arrive early. The first 200 attendees will get a free sandwich. You won't want to miss a special act: Pat Torvestad, retiring vice chancellor for communications and marketing, will be playing the piano.



Dean's office invites you to holiday open house – Mark your calendar for the dean's office holiday open house on Monday, December 17, 3:00-4:30. Faculty, staff, students, and friends of the college will be treated to seasonal refreshments – spiced cider, cookies, and other snacks. Come share some holiday cheer.

Timely Matters

December 14 – Last day for students to drop courses or withdraw

December 14 – **UAMS Hollyday Concert**, 12:00, Hospital Lobby Gallery

December 17 – **Dean's Office Holiday Open House**, 3:00-4:30

December 18 – Grades for graduating students due in the Registrar's office

December 21 – Grades for all other students due in Registrar's office

December 21 – Fall semester ends

December 22 – Official graduation date for fall semester; degrees awarded

December 24 and 25 – Christmas holiday observance; no classes, and CHP offices will be closed

January 4 – **Open House**, Oral Health Clinic

January 7 – **Grand Opening**, Oral Health Clinic

January 9 – Registration and first day of classes for Spring semester



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