URGENT - ALL STUDENTS – PLEASE RESPOND - Starting June 2014, Texas A&M Gmail became the official email system for all students - neo will no longer exist. Students have until September 23rd to go to their HOWDY Portal (click on the email link) and convert to gmail. If YOU do not convert to gmail, TAMU will do it for you; however, if TAMU changes it, ALL of your emails in neo will be deleted. If YOU go to your HOWDY Portal and convert to gmail yourself, all of your neo emails will be safe.

DO YOU WANT TO DROP A CLASS WITHOUT USING A Q-DROP? Tuesday, September 16 at 4:00 p.m. is the last time an ADVISOR can drop a class for you without using a Q-Drop. If you want to drop a class after Tuesday, September 16, you must use a Q-Drop. For an advisor to drop a class for you, you must email your advisor, including your UIN in the body of the email and request that XYZ class be dropped from your Fall 2014 schedule. We cannot process requests after 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16.

BUSINESS CAREER FAIR - September 17th and 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Reed Arena. For a list of companies that will be there each day, please visit http://bsc.tamu.edu/CFstudents. Please disregard the fact the AGBU is not listed in the major heading. AGBU students should visit with those companies looking for FINC, MKTG, and MGMT majors. Be sure to carry 10-15 copies of your resume with you and of course, DRESS PROFESSIONALLY.

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS OFFERED BY THE CAREER CENTER - All of the workshops and events are FREE! Everything from career fair preparation, a list of career fairs, how to find jobs & internships, interviewing (including mock interviews), salary & compensation, working abroad, getting recommendations, applying to graduate school and much, much more is offered. For a complete list including time and dates, please see attached brochure.

CAREER CENTER RESOURCES AND SERVICES FOR ALL AGGIES - Please see attached brochure for Steps to Career Success, online resources for job sources, accessing HireAggies.com, and much more information.

AG & LIFE SCIENCES STUDY ABROAD OPEN HOUSE - September 18 in Room 515 of the AGLS Bldg. from 5:15 – 7:00 p.m. Students who are trying to decide on a program or just curious about what programs are available will be able to meet with faculty leaders of AGLS study abroad programs as well as talk with staff who work with reciprocal exchange, and financial aid programs such as the Boren and Gilman awards. Pizza and beverages are provide so please let them know if you are coming by 5:00 p.m. on September 17 by visiting coals-studyabroad@ag.tamu.edu.

THOUGHT FOR FOOD CHALLENGE - September 21 is the final day to submit a team application for the Thought for food Challenge. This is an international contest that encourages students to come up with innovative ideas to address the challenge of feeding 9+ billion people by 2050, and then provides finalists with seed money and tools to develop their ideas. The top ten teams will attend a startup boot camp in Lisbon, Portugal in February, then prepare for their final presentations at a global Summit before a VIP judges panel. There is a $10K grand prize and a $5k Runner-Up Prize. Lindsay Sansom, the College’s International Competitions and Fellowships Coordinator, will be assisting students with their applications and preparations. Interested students should contact her at Isansom84@tamu.edu by the end of the day on September 17th.

By the way, if you are selected for this program, PLEASE let me know.

OCTOBER 9 FROM 5:30-7:00 P.M. - The Ambassadors & Mentors will be holding a workshop on fund-raising for Study Abroad in Room 129 of the AGLS Bldg. As students start preparing or thinking about study
abroad, they also start worrying about the expense. This workshop gives them information on how they can raise needed funds as well as information on budgeting and planning to handle expenses.

- **OCTOBER 12 & 13** - University & College Study abroad applications due, respectively. Information and access to the University’s study abroad scholarships can be accessed at the Study Abroad Program’s Office at [http://studyabroad.tamu.edu](http://studyabroad.tamu.edu). Students should select “Funding Your Program from the left hand menu, then Scholarships for more information and application links. On the same page, scroll down the Study Abroad Office’s webpage for a link to the College of Ag & Life Sciences International Academic Opportunities for Students where you will find a link to the application for the AGLS International Agriculture Academic Scholarship. You can go directly to the college website at [http://aglifesciences.tamu.edu/international-programs/study-abroad/](http://aglifesciences.tamu.edu/international-programs/study-abroad/).

- **USA PAVILION STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM AT NEXT WORLD’S FAIR, EXPO MILANO 2015: FEEDING THE PLANET, ENERGY FOR LIFE MAY 1 - OCTOBER 31, 2015** - Apply Now: Friends of the USA Pavilion Milano 2015, in partnership with the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business, is accepting applications from American college students to serve as the face of the USA Pavilion at the next world’s fair in Milan, Italy. This major event, Expo Milano 2015: Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life, is expected to attract 20-30 million visitors from around the world. Those selected to serve as U.S. student ambassadors at the pavilion will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to represent the United States in Italy at this truly global gathering.

Under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State, the USA Pavilion will showcase American innovation in addressing the challenge of feeding the world’s growing population. In addition, the pavilion, with the theme of "American Food 2.0: United to Feed the Planet", will highlight developments in American culinary culture. Student Ambassadors will spend three months in Milan, Italy, working onsite at the USA Pavilion to greet and interact with visitors and dignitaries and support a variety of cultural events.

For more information including what ambassadors will receive, program dates, qualifications, and how to apply please visit [http://students.usapavilion2015.net/](http://students.usapavilion2015.net/). DEADLINE to APPLY is Wednesday, October 15. Student Ambassadors will be selected and notified on December 15.

By the way, if you are selected for this Ambassador Program, PLEASE let me know.

- **DAVID GARDNER’S 2014-2015 STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL** - The DG Student Advisory Council is made up of men and women from various colleges across Texas A&M University. The council aids David Gardner’s Jewelers, a Proud Sponsor of Aggie Athletics, in various decision-making tasks. For example, the Advisory Council will provide feedback on new promotions that David Gardner’s is considering, express their opinions on events, consult on product lines, give advice on everyday business practices, and aid in creative marketing efforts aimed toward the student market.

To view the benefits of being on this select Student Advisory Council, and the expectations of the Student Advisory Council Members please see the attached flyer AND application. Please note the application is 3 pages long. **DEADLINE to submit the application is September 25.** A decision will be emailed to you on October 3\(^{rd}\) as to where you will be joining the 2014-2015 Student Advisory Council.

By the way, if you are accepted to this Council, PLEASE let me know!

- **CONSIDERING GRADUATE or PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL?** It is NEVER too early to learn about Graduate School. On Wednesday, October 8 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the first floor of Rudder, visit with representatives from over 100 graduate and professional school programs from Texas, across the USA, and abroad. This **FREE event** is open to all current and former students & faculty and staff. **NO registration is required for attendees.**
• **ONLINE COURSES** - Some popular institutes that offer online courses are:

**Western Texas College**  
[http://www.wtc.edu/students/distancelearning.html](http://www.wtc.edu/students/distancelearning.html)  
Select the Course Schedule link to find out which courses are offered through the Internet.

**Lone Star College**  
[http://www.lonestar.edu/class-search.htm](http://www.lonestar.edu/class-search.htm)  
Select the Search for Classes link under the CREDIT CLASSES heading. Be sure to select 100% online from the Mode of Instruction drop down.

**Houston Community College**  
[http://de.hccs.edu/](http://de.hccs.edu/)  
Select the Course Schedule link.

**Midland College**  
[http://www.midland.edu/students/course_schedules.php](http://www.midland.edu/students/course_schedules.php)  
Select Academics, then Course Schedule; select the semester and leave all (whatever semester) highlighted and submit.

**Odessa College**  
[http://www.odessa.edu/](http://www.odessa.edu/)  
Their Midwinter Schedule (December 16 through January 4) schedule is already up. The link is on the right side of the page.

**Blinn College**  
[http://www.blinn.edu/online/students/courses.html](http://www.blinn.edu/online/students/courses.html)  
Select the Schedule Search Link in the first sentence. Next, select a term in the drop down box; then select Internet in the Instructional Method drop down box. Blinn typically offers winter mini-mester courses.

• **TO FIND OUT IF A TRANSFER COURSE IS EQUIVALENT TO A TAMU COURSE, PLEASE VISIT:**  
[https://compass-ssb.tamu.edu/pls/PROD/bwxkwtes.P_TransEquivMain](https://compass-ssb.tamu.edu/pls/PROD/bwxkwtes.P_TransEquivMain)  
You then can search by either sending institution or by a TAMU Course Number and then select a college/university to see if they offer an equivalent course.