

what it takes

For All Students

January 7, 2024

Getting Ready for a Great Semester

Welcome back, students!

Hope you all had a restful and enjoyable winter break. Campus has sure been quiet without you the last few weeks.

As you prepare to begin the spring semester tomorrow, here are some important things that need your attention, or we want you to be aware of.

1. Success tip: check your spring class schedule to make sure times, rooms, etc., have not changed over the break. Need to make changes to your class schedule? Drop-in advising hours are tomorrow-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in your primary role advisor's office.
2. Like it or not—and I personally love the snow—winter weather will soon be upon us. Find out how and when campus closures are determined, stay up to date, sign-up for emergency notifications, and access other important resources by visiting pfw.edu/safety-security.
3. As I announced before break, there are major changes in the 2024-25 FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The U.S. Department of Education has begun its soft launch of the overhauled form. As of now, the application will be available to you and your families periodically as the department pulls the form down from time to time to perform maintenance and address any potential issues.

The Office of Financial Aid is here to help. Team members are available on weekdays to help answer your questions by email at finaid@pfw.edu, by phone at 260-481-6820, and in person Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments conducted remotely may also be scheduled.

Additionally, 24 FAFSA support sessions in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union have been scheduled in January (10 & 18) and February (7 & 20). Bring all your documents and questions and a member of the financial aid team will help you fill out the new form. [Click here](#) for specific times. Walk-ins are also welcome. More sessions will also be offered on March 14 and 27 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Office of Financial Aid, Kettler Hall, Room 102.

I highly encourage everyone to submit a FAFSA for the next academic year ASAP as the federal formulas have changed resulting in potential additional funding you are eligible

for.

4. Need answers to questions, critical resources, or just to see what's going on this semester, visit our newly launched website at pfw.edu/vcsa. As always, if you need something, do not hesitate to email me at VCSA@pfw.edu.

Finally, be awesome, actively participate in your classes, and look for weekly—twice a week in January—emails from me with important information throughout the semester!

All my best,

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