Introduction to the Career Planning Center

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_Director of Career Planning_

Students come to college to gain an education that will assist and prepare them for their future professional careers. You may be wondering who can assist your student and guide them during this process. Whether this is your student’s first semester at Cedar Crest College or the fall of their last year here, the Career Planning Center is here to assist students throughout the career development process.

Our staff prides itself on providing one-on-one appointments so that each student has the chance to discuss individual needs and concerns. Choosing or changing a major, assisting with internship, job or graduate school search, strengthening interviewing skills and reviewing resumes and cover letters are just a few of things with which we assist students.

How can you help your student succeed? Encourage them to get the most out of their time at Cedar Crest as possible. Encourage them to seek out experiences that will prepare them for their area of interest. Many clubs and organizations on campus provide leadership opportunities for students to strengthen and grow their transferrable skills. Job shadowing and internships can give a student a realistic look at the career in which they are interested. Remind your student that this is HER career and future and being an involved student will only better prepare her.

Visit the Career Planning Center’s website for more information and a list of upcoming events. [www.cedarcrest.edu/career](http://www.cedarcrest.edu/career)
The Multicultural Center:
Providing Support and Awareness
Kenza Glass
Multicultural Center, Chair

The Multicultural Center is an inclusive, safe space open to all members of the campus community. We live our mission to support students of color and any marginalized group through various kinds of interesting and exciting programming. Students can take advantage of peer support, small group discussion, and multimedia presentations geared toward valuing diversity and improving intercultural communication skills. Just this semester, one of our large events focused on traditional healing methods among the Navajo, presented by Navajo healer, Sam Tso. At another event author Neela Vaswani discussed her career as a writer and her memoir about growing up bicultural and touched on many themes students can relate to including family, race, disability, identity, and travel.

The Multicultural Center is located in the lower level of Butz Hall and is staffed approximately 30 hours per week during the semester. If you are interested in learning more about what we do, contact us at TheMC@cedarcrest.edu or like our Facebook page, The Cedar Crest College Multicultural Center, to follow our events and activities.

Important Winter Break Closing Information for Students Residing on Campus
Kelly Ann Ryan
Assistant Director of Residence Life

Residence halls will close at noon on Thursday, December 20, however students are expected to vacate the halls within 24 hours of their last final exam. During this break, residents are required to unplug all electrical appliances including refrigerators. It is important for residents to defrost their fridges and remove perishable items prior to leaving for break. There is no break housing available between December 20, 2012, and January 2, 2013. The halls will reopen for athletes and students who have been approved to return early on January 2. All other resident students may return at noon on Sunday, January 13. Students seeking permission to return earlier than January 13 will be notified when request forms are available.

For more information about Residence Life, please email us at ResLife@cedarcrest.edu.
The changing leaves can only mean that Cedar Crest’s fall sports season has drawn to a close!

This fall, the Falcon volleyball team was particularly impressive. Under the direction of first-year coach Andrea Salazar, the team finished the regular season 13-14 overall and 6-5 in the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC), which earned them their first playoff berth since 2004. Despite a first-round loss to Baptist Bible College, Cedar Crest’s netters have much to be proud of and the young squad can look forward to a bright future. Sophomore Rebecca Grady received All-Conference honors in the postseason.

The field hockey team, under coach Cindy Joseph, enjoyed a resurgence this year. The team started the season 3-0 with two wins in Sweet Briar, VA, and a home win over Hood. Other highlights included a CSAC win at Immaculata and an overtime win at DeSales. Seniors Lauren Salge, Rebecca Lowe, and Lindsay Harrison were all named to CSAC All-Conference teams.

Not to be outdone, coach Nicole Pietrobon’s soccer team made big strides this season as well, including the first two CSAC wins of Pietrobon’s tenure. Although the team sometimes struggled against opponents with much deeper rosters, there can be no doubt about the skill and commitment of the team this season, especially seniors Daniella Mendez, Jenn Rittenhouse, Samantha Huey, Jess LeBel, and Tia Schober. The increase in wins and close games proves that the team is pointed in the right direction.

The tennis team continued to rebuild with a number of new faces this season, both freshmen and transfers. One new highlight for coach Lynn Pigliacampi’s young group this year was an overnight trip to Baltimore to compete in a two-day open tournament at Goucher College, the first time the team has participated in such an event. Senior Cassie Bejar represented Cedar Crest on the CSAC Sportsmanship team.

Finally, the cross country team, with seniors Tori Kuebler and Kaitlin Oswald, enjoyed a great season under the direction of coach Dan Donohue. The team completed in a number of meets of varying distances, as well as the Women’s 5K Classic breast cancer benefit race which is an annual tradition. All of the athletes set individual goals towards which they worked all season.

The college experience is unique in that it offers students more than just an opportunity to obtain a degree. A number of events and programs designed to provide professional and leadership development (resume/cover letters, conflict management, dining etiquette), personal development (assertiveness training, confidence building, personal career plan), as well as social activities that help students have fun, release stress, and build lasting relationships (networking) with others are offered at Cedar Crest.

However, because of other priorities, some commuter students may find it difficult to take advantage of these opportunities to develop their professional skills. Cedar Crest College has not forgotten our commuter students. There is no need for a commuter student to feel disconnected from the college experience. In fact, we have a very active group of student leaders (Commuter Awareness Board or CAB) who plans events, programs, and trips that meet and serve their needs as commuters. They meet every Thursday at noon in the Commuter Lounge. Please encourage your commuter student to join CAB or help plan events.

The Executive Director of Leadership and Student Development,
Winter/Spring Invoices were mailed out beginning November 16th. The due date for Winter/Spring is December 14th. The EZ Pay Payment plan opened on December 1st. The first payment for the payment plan is due December 14th and each payment thereafter is due the 20th of each month.

Parent Plus or Private Educational Loans: Any parent plus or private educational loans must be in place by the due date.

Bookstore Accounts for the Spring semester will open January 7th. Only students carrying a tentative credit on their student account will have an account opened automatically at the College’s bookstore.

FAFSA Reminder:
Beginning January 1st you can file your 2013-2014 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Please complete your FAFSA by May 1st at www.fafsa.gov. (The federal school code for Cedar Crest College is 003243.)

Global Diseases and the Energetic Conquer Dr. Death
Dr. Alan Hale
Professor of Biology/Global Diseases
It was a beautiful day for hiking…high 50’s, blue sky, and some warm sunshine. The climb was challenging, but couldn’t stop 11 energetic students, staff, and faculty as they made their way up the face of Dr. Death. At the top they settled into the rocks and enjoyed some trail mix, chocolate chips, and thought-provoking questions, such as, should we care for our own rather than sending medicines and expertise to other countries, and are we overstepping our bounds by trying to change cultural practices in other nations so that the people are at less risk to disease? And, of course, the students from Nutrition, Nursing, Biology, Forensics, Dance, English and Global Diseases were asked whether they believed they could have a positive impact on the state of our world. After recharging their energy reserves, the group descended from the heavens to the Cedar Crest van below. Good physical exercise, indeed, but also an opportunity to learn that their potential exceeds their assumed abilities. Some believed that they would never make it to the top,…but they did; a good lesson on life as they move into the future to face other challenges.

Annual Campus Police Security Report:
Cedar Crest College’s excellent safety and security record is attributable to the location of the college in a low crime area, its efforts to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff, and to the cooperation of the entire campus community. The annual security report is available to all students, faculty, and staff online at http://www.cedarcrest.edu/ca/security/SecurityBooklet01-06_low.pdf
The annual security report is a comprehensive report of campus safety which includes the last three years of statistics (up to the end of 2011), a list of all reported crimes on campus and in certain off-campus buildings or property owned/controlled by Cedar Crest College, and crimes that occurred on public property immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

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