March Reminders – Don’t Forget!

- March 4 - Short-Term Deferred Pay Plan (45 day) Due
- March 11 – 3rd Payment Installment Due
- March 14 – 19 – Spring Break
- March 18 – Book Loan Due
- March 25 – End of late filing period to apply online for graduation ($50 fee; students applying late should not expect to have their names printed in the commencement program)
- Please see complete Academic Calendar for other important dates

Campus Resources: Pre-Health Advising

Many of our students in NSM are planning a future career in medicine or another form of healthcare. If you’re one of these students on a pre-health path (such as pre-dent, pre-med, pre-nursing, and many other paths including physical therapy and veterinary plans), you should meet with the pre-health advisors of the UScholars Academic Advising Center. The pre-health advisors will provide you with the resources you need to make informed decisions about your academic and career-path choices. They can help you with the specific courses you need to meet professional school admission requirements, evaluate your health career options and alternatives, and access up-to-date information about professional schools, not only here in Texas but across the country and throughout the world. To meet with a pre-health advisor, contact UScholars at (832) 842-2100, or visit the pre-health advising website here to get their individual contact information. (Please note that pre-health students should continue to meet with the major advisors for course planning, degree requirements and general information.)

***PRE-HEALTH STUDENTS: Check out the Health Professions Fair on March 3 from 10:00–2:00 in the Hilton Ballroom! Click here for more information.***

FYI from the UAC: C-Rule

One of the regulations for receiving a degree from NSM is that a student may have no more than six hours or two classes with grades below a C- in their major courses. A lot of questions arise from this rule, and here are some of the most common ones:

- **Is a C- okay?** Yes. The rule in concerned with grades below a C-, so a C- will be allowed. Be careful, though; a C- is worth only 1.67 grade points, so it drags a GPA down, and you still have to maintain a 2.0 major GPA.
- **What are my major courses?** Your major courses are the classes that are in the area of your major ONLY, not all the courses needed for your degree. A PHYS major would have PHYS courses as their major courses, a Chemistry major would have CHEM courses as their major courses, etc. A BIOG major would NOT count MATH courses towards their major courses, because MATH isn’t their major.
- **If I have a D in a one hour class and an F in a three hour class, am I at the limit?** Yes. The rule states you can have no more than six hours OR two classes; that means if you have two classes (even if they’re both just one hour) in your major with grades below C-, you’ve reached the limit. The same would apply to having eight hours below C-, such as MATH 1431 and 1432; it’s two classes, but you’re over the six hour maximum.

If you have any questions about this, please contact your major advisor.

Meet Your Peer Advisor: Paul Egbele

Name: Paul Francis Egbele  
Works For: The Undergraduate Advising Center as our Peer Advisor  
Major: Double degree in Biochemistry/Accounting  
Likes: Sports, shoes (I currently have 62 pairs of sneakers), eating, and TV shows The Office and Spartacus  
Dislikes: Hockey, LA Lakers, Philly Eagles, buying textbooks  
Favorite Class Taken So Far: NUTR 2332 – I had a great professor (Shaynee Roper) that made the material interesting.  
Favorite Thing About UH: my job at the UAC (we promise we didn’t make him say that!) – I’ve learned about degree plans, petitions and other things related to advising and my academic career.  
You May Not Know: I like to cook. My best dish is Pasta Primavera.  
What Would Your Mom Say? We called Paul’s mom, Victoria Egbele, who told us that even though he is the youngest of 5 boys, his parents never had to baby him– Paul has always been independent and a go-getter. She says that she and Paul’s dad consider him to truly be a blessing.