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Creating Memories

WORD TO THE WISE

Homecoming!

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By now you should all be getting settled in to your first semester of college. It seems, for me, that it is at this time when most of my favorite college memories began. **Homecoming week** is such a great time to begin creating your own memories! There is so much going on this week: **Midnight Weenie Roast**, a **Tractor Pull**, **Midnight Pancake Breakfast**. Not to mention, **Freshman Convocation**, where you will get to see author of *Wine to Water*, Doc Hendley, speak and have the chance to meet him.

In addition, tomorrow night No Limits No Excuses Amarillo, the community-wide initiative that has made our Mentoring Program possible, will be having their event, **Shake It Up Amarillo!** This will be a very high energy event and all mentors and protégés are encouraged to come. There will be community leaders there who are interested in hearing student voices on how to best serve our community. I am trying to organize a carpool both in Amarillo and in Canyon, so please let me know by noon tomorrow if you plan on attending.

As we continue with this semester, I encourage you to stay connected with your mentor/protégé. Please make sure you are contacting each other weekly.

In an article by S.C. Howey (2012), titled "Factors in Student Motivation," he states, *"Historically, at least half of all students who drop out of college do so during their freshman year. Many of these students leave the first six to eight weeks of their initial semester..."* (p 3). Your contact and interaction with your mentor or protégé is crucial.

Remember:

1. Stay connected.
2. Ask questions.
3. Take part in campus activities.
4. Keep track of your schedule: assignments, exams, and appointments with your mentor.
5. Focus on your goals.

"I'm a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down."

—Abraham Lincoln

OCTOBER EVENTS

*Greenlighting begins

Call Advising to schedule appt.
651-5300

Midnight Weenie Roast

Tuesday, Oct. 1st
Time: Midnight
Location: Buffalo Sports Park

SHAKE IT UP, AMARILLO! | No Excuses

Monday, Oct. 2nd
Time: 5:00 PM—7:00 PM
Location: Grand Plaza | Civic Center

Tractor Pull

Wednesday, Oct. 2nd
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: Buffalo Sports Park

*Freshman Convocation

Thursday, Oct. 3rd
Time: 5:00PM—6:00 PM
Location: First United Bank Center

Midnight Pancake Breakfast

Thursday, Oct. 3rd
Time: Midnight
Location: CAF

Homecoming | Buffs vs Central State

Saturday, Oct. 5th
Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Kimbrough Stadium