Office of the Dean of Students

The Office of the Dean of Students provides services and programs that enable and encourage students to achieve success in their intellectual and personal development at Purdue and elsewhere. The office is organized into four distinct areas: Administration, Counseling Services, Special Programs, and Student Activities and Organizations.

ADMINISTRATION

The area of administration in the Office of the Dean of Students focuses on a variety of generalist and administrative functions including, but not limited to: emergency loans, readmission procedures, school withdrawals, student rights and responsibilities, off-campus housing listings, notary public services, ombudsman functions, and office personnel matters.

- THE OFFICE OF STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (OSRR) exists to promote responsibility and encourage honesty, integrity, and respect among Purdue students through education, compliance with behavioral standards, and support of individual rights. Operating on the basic premise that a civil environment is the best learning environment, the concepts promulgated by this office are meant to serve students while at Purdue and throughout their lives.
- HORIZONS Student Support Services is a federally funded TRIO Program authorized by the Higher Education Amendments of 1968, with a focus on first-generation and income-eligible students. The mission of the program is to retain and graduate its participants at the highest possible rate with the highest possible grade point average.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The area of Student Activities and Organizations (SAO) is responsible for the recognition and administration of over 940 student organizations, including program advisement and calendaring of their activities. Fraternity, sorority, and cooperative housing organizations are supervised and advised by staff from this office. The SAO staff also advises Purdue Student Government. Various leadership classes and programs enhance students' leadership, communication, and critical thinking skills; encourage teamwork, diversity, and ethics; and give the student opportunities for personal growth. The Leadership Resource Center is also located in the SAO area which contains books, videos, and teambuilding activities.

BOILER VOLUNTEER NETWORK

The Boiler Volunteer Network promotes and facilitates the university's engagement with the community. It provides students, student organizations, faculty, and staff with resources, programs, support, and guidance focusing on social change and personal development through community-based learning and service. The Boiler Volunteer Network sponsors community action days, coordinates a student leadership team, and offers workshops and presentations. The office promotes community engagement, student involvement and civic leadership and responsibility as an integral part of the Purdue educational experience.

COUNSELING SERVICES

- The COUNSELING area provides confidential assistance for students who need help in understanding themselves, in making adjustments and decisions based on insight gained in a counseling relationship, in accepting responsibility for their choices, and in following a course of action to resolve the smallest or largest of problems. Homesickness, grief and loss issues, academic problems, self-esteem issues, cultural issues, relationship concerns, sexuality and/or sexual orientation issues, harassment, rape, and career concerns are but a few of the topics addressed in individual or group counseling sessions. Attention also is given to helping students and others understand and appreciate cultural, ethnic, regional group, and individual differences.
- The TESTING CENTER supports career exploration, re-admission, advanced credit, and graduate school admission activities

SPAN PLAN

Span Plan Adult Student Services is based on the belief that learning should be a lifelong endeavor. The program provides an array of services that positively impact the development and success of each student. The array of services provided include an adult student orientation program; monthly Lunchtime Learning Seminars; academic assistance including free individual tutoring; academic, career, personal and professional development opportunities, as well as funding with need based grants and academic scholarships.

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

- DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER provides academic adjustments and services for students with documented disabilities. Eligibility for services is determined on a case-by-case basis and is based upon the student's functional limitations. Services offered by Disability Resource Center may include, but are not limited to, alternative testing conditions (extended time, distraction reduced environment, use of reader and/or scribe, etc.), access to services, facilities and class information, document conversion, note taking, real time captioning and sign language interpreting. Academic services and resources are also available. The Disability Resource Center can convert print documents that students utilize in their coursework and academic studies into alternate formats, including technical Braille, electronic text (e-text), and tactile diagrams.

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