



PRESS RELEASE: Ferris' Academic Support Center Launches 2013 Speaker Series

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Good afternoon,

Here is a press release about a speaker series for Ferris State University students offered by the Academic Support Center. Questions can be addressed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager, (231) 591-2021 or sandygholston@ferris.edu.

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BIG RAPIDS – “Beer, Booze and Books” is the topic of discussion for the Academic Support Center's Fall 2013 Speaker Series event on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at Ferris State University.

Students have two opportunities to attend, at 11 a.m. or 7 p.m., in Williams Auditorium.

The program, presented by author and speaker Jim Matthews, will focus on dangerous college drinking and its impact on students' health, safety and success. Matthews, coordinator of Health Education at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass., has presented the "dynamic, non-judgmental" program to more than 450,000 students on 450 campuses in the United States and Canada.

For additional information on the "Beer, Booze and Books" presentation, visit <http://www.beerboozebooks.com/>.

The Academic Support Center provides students with a variety of academic skill-building opportunities, including the annual speaker series that is free to students.

“These are free seminars that allow professionals to pass down their expertise to students,” said Jane Pole, the center's supervisor. “These events teach students different skills that will help them through college and also in real life.”

Here is the remaining Fall 2013 Speaker Series schedule (programs are held at 11 a.m. Tuesdays in the Science Building, Room 102, unless otherwise specified):

Sept. 17 – Academic Success Fair, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., College of Arts and Sciences Commons, Room 1017

Wednesday, Sept. 18 – "Sex and the College Student," 6 and 8 p.m., Williams Auditorium

The annual presentation by Robert Friar, a professor of Biology employed at Ferris since 1967, draws hundreds of students every year. Friar, whose course load includes human sexuality, has been quoted as an expert on the topic by Time, Newsweek, Playboy and many other publications.

Tuesday, Sept. 24 – "Money Management 101"

Sally Robison and Michael Bryson of Huntington Bank in Big Rapids will discuss money management tips.

Oct. 1 – "Academic Integrity"

William Potter, associate provost for Retention and Student Success at Ferris, will talk about the importance of being honest with regard to academics.

Oct. 8 – "The New Science of Learning"

Terry Doyle, a professor in Ferris' Developmental Curriculum department, will discuss different aspects of learning.

Thursday, Oct. 17 – "Don't Stress the Test"

Julie Rudolph, educational and career counselor in Ferris' Educational Counseling office, will help students overcome test anxiety.

Oct. 22 – "Getting Your Brain to Work for You"

Helen Woodman, associate professor and chair of the university's Developmental Curriculum department, will discuss techniques to improve memory.

Oct. 29 – "Staying Afloat: Using the Fish Philosophy"

Shelly VandePanne, director of Student Academic Affairs, will provide tips for students feeling overwhelmed.

Nov. 5 – "Prescription Drug Abuse"

Kimberly Livingston, prevention coordinator at Ten16 Recovery Network, a nonprofit organization in Big Rapids that serves people impacted by alcohol and drugs, will discuss prescription drug abuse.

Nov. 12 – Cultural Competency Workshop

Michael Wade, assistant director of Ferris' Office of Multicultural Student Services, will discuss cultural diversity.

Thursday, Nov. 14 – "Gaming For Success"

This event will feature Andrew Peterson, an instructional technologist with the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning.

Nov. 19 – "Conflict Management"

Donna Smith, a Communications professor at Ferris, will talk about how to handle conflict.

Dec. 3 – "Test-Taking Tips"

Woodman will return to wrap up the series with test-taking tips for students prior to final exam week.

For more information on the Academic Support Center, visit:

<http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/colleges/university/asc/>

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