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Michael "Brody" Broshears

February is historically one of the slowest months of the year for when it comes to students ex-

ploring majors and careers. I want to remind folks, it's a great time to continue the journey to determining your passions and living those passions out in your academic life. There are some simple questions students can ask themselves at this time of the year to assist them in this process.

First and foremost, **have you thought about what it is that you really want to do?** Sometimes, answering this very simple question can help shape the kinds of

jobs you pursue as a college student, the kinds of courses you want to take next semester, and the kinds of activities you involve yourself in on campus. **Doing what you love** is a tenet that I firmly believe in as a former academic advisor. Students that focus their educational lives on the things they are truly passionate about do a much better job of making the most of their undergraduate experience.

If you don't know what you want to do, now is a great time to figure that out:

*Meet with an academic advisor in University Division. They can help you determine your values, interests, and skills.

*Look at a list of all the USI majors. Eliminate programs you know that you don't want and begin to research

programs that look interesting to you.

*Visit the home pages of the colleges and departments that interest you. These pages have great information about program requirements and student organizations that can enhance your academic life.

*Register for GENS 111, Career Planning, a one-credit, five week course designed to assist you in the major/career exploration process.

All of these tips get you moving in the right direction toward an informed major/career decision. So, don't short yourself during the shortest month of the year. Take an active role in your academic life and figure out a way for you to **do what you love!**

Academic Skills Tutor Spotlight: Wes Nelson



Wes is a junior Computer Information Systems (C.I.S.) major and minoring in economics at USI. He spends time tutoring in Academic Skills for the development of study skills, time management,

reading strategies, etc. Wes came from Greenfield, IN where he was home-schooled. He chose USI due to its housing setup and

his full scholarship opportunity. Wes stated, "I really liked USI because it has a smaller setting and is community driven. Everyone here is really nice and I love the housing." As for University Division, Wes is a second year tutor. He stated, "Brody Broshears truly helped me develop as a student after being his advisee and taking his UNIV and

GENS courses." When asked about something that not everyone knows about him, Wes stated, "I travelled the country with my family for two years. We sold our home and purchased a 40 foot trailer, which was pulled by a semi. We visited the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, the Cypresses, Germany, and Munich." After completing his program, Wes plans to seek an entry-level position with his degree and invest half of his earnings. University Division would like to thank Wes for his dedication and hard work.

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- Wes Nelson

Student Success Week Photos and Recap



The 2012 first annual Student Success Week was a tremendous success. The kickoff, consisting of opening speeches given by President Bennett, Dr. Rochon, and Dr. Posler, was geared towards academic success and pursuing goals and dreams. A total of 575 students attended throughout the week. Tuesday recorded a total of 127 students at the sessions, which were centered around "The Mind." Some topics of interest included: Test Preparation for Science Courses, Keys to Speed Reading, and Effective Time Management Skills.

Wednesday recorded a total of 168 total attendees at the sessions. These presentations were tethered to "The Self." Topics of interest included: How to Find Your Mission, The Seven Principles that Shaped John Wooden's Life and Will Change Yours, and Say What You Mean: Communicating Effectively and Assertively. Thursdays sessions recorded a total of 180 students and this day was focused on "The World." Topics of interest included: Women Around the World, Committing to Social Justice, and Education Around the World. It is clear that the trend of attendance increased as the week continued, which was very exciting. The party held on Friday hosted live entertainment by Zackary Watson and his Trix Stix. UD staff handed out over

300 hotdogs, and there were many giveaways at this event. A special congratulations goes out to Ian Parker, who was the grand prize winner of a \$100 gift



certificate to the USI Bookstore. University Division would like to thank all who attended, presented, and those who

assisted in the operations of the event. University Division also looks forward to the planning and preparation of next year's event. Faculty, staff, and students who are interested in presenting at next year's event should contact Tim Fitzgibbon at

Academic Advising Spotlight: Joe Loge



Joe came to the University of Southern Indiana in the fall of 2003. Before joining University Division, Joe worked in public education for 34 years, with his last 19 years as principal of Castle Junior High School in Newburgh, IN.

He is a member of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) and the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes (N4A). He recently co-presented for the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) in San Diego, CA alongside Dr. Darin Sorrells, Learning Assistance Specialist. Joe teaches GENS 101:

Freshman Seminar, which is for University Division athletes. Joe said this of his career, "I feel blessed to have the opportunity to have worked in two separate careers in which I thoroughly enjoyed both." In his free time, Joe enjoys sailing, playing golf and reading all sorts of books. Joe presented at the 2012 Student Success Week on "The

Joe has worked in advising for the last nine years.

"Helping others is the most fulfilling thing I can do."

- Joe Loge

Seven Principles that Shaped John Wooden's Life and Will Change

Academic Skills Tutor Spotlight: Jarod Richards



Jarod is a sophomore student at USI who is majoring in biology with an emphasis in pre-med and is minoring in psychology. He came from North Harrison High

School, which is located in Palmyra, IN. He was valedictorian of his senior class and participated in soccer, basketball, and track. Off the field, Jarod was Vice-President of Student Council, and an active member of Renaissance Club, National Honor Society, and received

The Richard G. Lugar Distinguished Student Leadership Award. Jarod came to USI because of its beautiful campus scenery and its near-to-downtown location. He also sought interest in its prestigious pre-medical program and was offered the Presidential Scholarship. On campus, Jarod enjoys attending sporting events and is an avid competitor in intramurals. He is the current captain of the Awesome Possums, who won 1st place in the volleyball league. They also compete in softball, football, basketball, and soccer. Jarod is a member of Habitat for Humanity, Pre-Professional Health Club, and tutors biology and

chemistry in Academic Skills (ED 1111). He stated, "I enjoy tutoring because I get the chance to create an academic relationship with the students and it also keeps me updated on chemistry and biology, which can be viewed as a Medical College Admission (MCAT) refresher." Jarod also commented, "I am happy about the new Textbook Assistance Program. We now have all the books that we need and it gives the tutors a vital resource when tutoring subjects of science." University Division wishes Jarod the best of luck with his future and is thankful for his hard work and dedication.

Advising Tips



Don't Delay! It is that time of the year again for students to get ahead of the game.

Make a conscious effort to begin scheduling meetings with your advisors. Whether these meetings consist of registering for summer courses or discussing your current connection with USI, it is important to begin this process. Priority Registration begins April 2nd and ends April 13th; however, it would be wise to schedule an appointment well before this time period.

GENS Courses

Are you a student in need of additional credit hours? If so, consider enrolling in the following one credit hour courses offered by University Division: GENS 105: College Study Strategies, GENS 111: Career Planning, and GENS 199: Critical Reading. These five-week courses will begin February 13th and end on March 23rd, 2012. These courses are put in place with the intention to enhance the academic experience, knowledge, and skills, which potentially lead to future success.

Textbook Assistance Program

Academic Skills has implemented a new initiative geared towards helping students offset the cost of attending college. A copy of each science textbook are currently available in the following courses and will be available to students and tutors for studying purposes:

BIO 105, BIO 121, BIO 122, BIO 141, CHEM 103, CHEM 107, CHEM 141, CHEM 261, CHEM 262, PHYS 175, PHYS 176, PHYS 205, and PHYS 206.

These textbooks are to be used in Academic Skills only and will be monitored by the Academic Skills staff and student tutors. Please contact Dr. Darrin Sorrells, Learning Assistance Specialist, with any questions at ddsorrells@usi.edu.

Academic Skills Tutor Spotlight: Christian Duncheon



Christian is a sophomore at USI who is a biology major and minoring in philosophy. He came to USI from Montgomery, IN and attended Bar Reeve High

School. He was valedictorian of his senior class and played basketball and tennis. He received All-Conference and All-Area honors in basketball as well as the Arthur L. Trester Award for Mental Attitude. Christian was president of both Student Council and

Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.). He chose to attend USI because of its prestigious pre-medical program, personable staff, the medium-sized campus, and especially because he was awarded the Presidential Scholarship. Christian enjoys all of his classes, attending basketball games, and tutoring in Academic Skills. He feels, "the faculty and staff are great at working with students

one-on-one." At USI, Christian is an active member of Habitat for Humanity, Biology Club, and Pre-Professional Health Club. He is especially thankful for the new Textbook Assistance Program. He stated, "This is a great opportunity for students and tutors to help get ideas across via diagrams and illustrations. It is also a great way for tutors to review past materials." University Division looks

forward to witnessing Christian's success and is thankful for his time and efforts spent tutoring in the Academic Skills Arena.

"I truly enjoy tutoring for Academic Skills. Everyone has professional personalities."

-Christian Duncheon

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Tutoring is available in many subjects including math, English, anatomy/physiology, biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, geology, geography, philosophy, political science, macroeconomics, microeconomics, accounting, finance, computer information systems (CIS), study skills, humanities, history, psychology, sociology, and Japanese, Chinese, French, German, and Spanish languages.

Academic Advising hours of operation are Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Academic Skills is open Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Advising Mission: To provide academic services that enhance the connection between students and the university.

Academic Skills Mission: To enhance student success and the educational process at the University of Southern Indiana.

Additional Tutoring

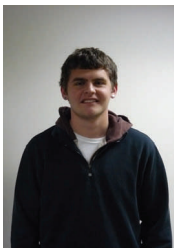
Rice Library - Wednesdays 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (math, writing, study skills, anatomy, chemistry, and Spanish)

Rec/Fitness/Wellness Center - Tuesdays 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (math, writing, study skills, anatomy, chemistry, biology, astronomy, geology, physics, and psychology)

Multicultural Center - Mondays 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. (math, writing, study skills, anatomy, chemistry, and Spanish)

For tutor schedules visit: <http://www.usi.edu/acadskil/tutoring.asp>

USI Student Standout* *Academic Skills Staff Spotlight* *UD Student Spotlight



Jordan Snow came from Westfield High School, which is located in Westfield, IN. In high school, he was an active member for Student Impact Campus

Ministry, wrestling, rugby, Young Republicans, and Swing Dance Club. Jordan chose to attend USI mainly because of its location. He saw this as an opportunity to get away from home and was also especially interested in the smaller class sizes and its affordability. He is currently majoring in social work and plans to minor in criminal justice. He spends much of his time with Sigma Pi, an on-campus fraternity. With Sigma Pi, Jordan looks forward to Rush Week this spring as well as Altruistic Campus Experience (ACE) projects. Jordan utilizes the Writers' Room (ED 1102) for the essay editing and feels that more feedback is best when it comes to papers. In his free time, he enjoys bowling, playing cards, and hunting.



Pat Flake is a USI alumnus who has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the institution. She earned her Master of Education from Indiana State University. She is a member of National Association of Developmental Education (NADE) and College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) and has presented at various national conferences on college success topics. She has also attended Supplemental Instruction (SI) Conferences and participated in college and life success workshops, such as "On Course."

Pat joined Academic Skills as the SI Specialist in 2003. In her current position, she recruits faculty to the program and recruits, trains, and supervises student leaders. These leaders facilitate organized study sessions for selected courses. In addition to SI, she is an instructor for GENS 099: Skills for College Reading and also presents at Success Series Workshops.



Brooke Harmening came from Whiteland High School in Whiteland, IN. She is a freshman student with an undecided major. In high school, she competed in softball and volleyball and was honored with

All-State recognition in softball. Brooke was also an active member in Peer Leadership Club. Brooke chose to come to USI because of its beautiful campus and since it is relatively close to home. Brooke is a pitcher on the softball team and looks forward to the upcoming season. As Brooke seeks success on the playing field, she has already discovered success in the classroom. She utilizes Academic Skills (ED 1111) for assistance in college algebra and states, "We are very fortunate to have intelligent, personable tutors." She visits the Writers' Room (ED 1102) occasionally for revising essays in her English courses and especially enjoyed UNIV 101: Freshman Seminar, which was taught by Joe Loge, University Division, Academic Advisor. She stated, "Joe Loge and Lori Saxby were extremely helpful in class and advising sessions. Overall, my on-campus experience is great so far." University Division is pleased to have success driven students like Brooke and wishes her the best of luck on and off the field.