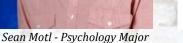
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A Newsletter for ASU Parents and Families











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What's Happening at Angelo State

Angelo State University history professor Dr. Arnoldo De León has been awarded the Premio Estrella de Aztlán Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honor and recognition bestowed by the National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS). De León was honored for his lifetime of "scholarship, community activities and mentorship," which led to the betterment of Hispanics in Texas and beyond. The ASU professor is considered one of the nation's preeminted scholars in the field of Mexican-American history. He received the national award in late February at the NACCS Tejas Conference at the University of Texas Pan American in Edinburg.

Sean Motl, a third-year student in the ASU's Honors Program, has been named a finalist for the prestigious Harry S. Truman Foundation Scholarship Competition that awards its winners \$30,000 for graduate studies in preparation for careers in public service. To be eligible for the competition, students must be nominated by a Truman faculty representative and complete an extensive application and policy statement. Primary criteria for the scholarships are leadership

potential and communication skills, intellectual strength and analytical ability, and the likelihood of a candidate "making a difference" in public service as evidenced though campus and community involvement.

ASU's office of Development and Alumni Relations are sponsoring the Chick-fil-A Leadercast "Simply Lead" and will feature a variety of speakers ranging from Jack Welsh to Condoleezza Rice. The conference is designed to help participants improve their leadership skills and to network with other area leaders. Welch, former chairman and CEO of General Electric, and Rice, the U.S. Secretary of State from 2005-09, headline a roster of notable leaders and motivators on the Chick-fil-A Leadercast. Registration will be available through the ASU website at www.angelo.edu/leadercast. Additional information is available through ASU's Development Office and Alumni Relations at (325) 942-2116.

For more information on current and past campus news stories, you can check them out at: www.angelo.edu/news

Keeping Up with Academics

The Writing Center



One goal of the Ram Family Connection is to highlight educational resources available to your student. In this issue, we will explore the resources and services available to your student through the ASU Writing Center.

The mission of the Writing Center is to help students become improve their writing and reading skills. The Writing Center is a peer tutoring service where students help students. Further, it is staffed by specially selected and trained undergraduate and graduate assistants who offer one-on-one conferences about writing and reading.

The Writing Center serves undergraduate and graduate students from any discipline, <u>and</u> at any skill level, of the writing or reading process. Writing Center tutors also provide feedback on scholarship, job, or graduate school applications.

The Writing Center provides tutoring in the following formats:

- Traditional face-to-face tutoring: Students who visit the Writing Center are assisted on a first come-first served basis. No appointment is necessary for face-to-face tutoring.
- Synchronous ("real time") online tutoring: Students may make an appointment to receive synchronous online tutoring through the Writing Center website. During a synchronous online

- tutoring session, a student and a tutor are able to communicate verbally to discuss a particular piece of writing. Online tutoring is by appointment only, and students are assisted on a one-on-one basis. Appointments are available during the hours that the Writing Center is open.
- E-submission of papers: Students can send writing questions via email to the Writing Center by completing and submitting an electronic draft submission cover sheet. In addition, students may email papers as an attachment to writtingcenter@angelo.edu. A tutor will respond to questions and comment on submitted drafts within 48 hours.

It is important to note that the writing center does not proof read papers. Rather, Javier Medina, a Graduate Assistant in the Writing Center, explains "We at the Writing Center



Javier Medina

are here to do more than simply proofreading a paper. We work with our fellow students to improve their writing skills by showing them how to spot and correct errors in their writing. Our goal is to help all students at ASU to see their strengths as writers and to use those strengths to overcome their weaknesses. Our work involves collaboration that does cannot happen through proofreading alone."

Student Issues

Student Life, University Police and the creators of the Lifeline Response are partnering to bring an exciting new phone app to ASU called Lifeline EDU. The app will be available at no cost to students, faculty and staff. Primary student funding for Lifeline EDU is being made possible through the Student Organization Leadership Fund.

Lifeline EDU is a personal safety mobile application for iPhone and Android. While your student is walking around campus or about your daily lives, they can arm the app by placing your thumb on the smartphone screen. To initiate immediate emergency response, all they have to do is remove your thumb from the screen. If something happens, authorities can be dispatched within seconds. A hands free timer mode can be used for longer activities such as jogging, carrying books or shopping bags or walking through a parking lot.

Not only does Lifeline EDU alert a 24 hour call center during an emergency, it also provides the call center and up to seven chosen lifelines with real time GPS location and tracking. This feature helps responding emergency personnel pinpoint your exact location and expedites their response.

Angelo State will be one of the first universities in the country to offer this new phone app to its campus community.

Have your student enroll today! Visit <u>www.angelo.edu/lifeline</u> to download the app.





ASU VETS CENTER

Veterans Educational and Transitional Services



In September, Angelo State University was designated a "Military Friendly School" for the fourth consecutive year by G.I. Jobs magazine. The University has long embraced America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students, and has worked diligently on initiatives to ensure their success on campus.

One such initiative was the creation of the Center for Security Studies ("CSS"). The programs in the Center for Security Studies strive to produce cross-culturally competent students able to understand and influence outcomes in support of American national security objectives. The CSS utilizes world-class faculty and advanced teaching technologies to educate military and civilian students using cutting-edge, culturally based education. The majority of coursework for the Center for Security Studies is distance based making it convenient for military service members who are currently on assignment.

The newest initiative came with the expansion of the Veteran Affairs Office. In February, the Veterans Education and Transitional Services (VETS) Center opened its doors at the ASU campus. TheVETS center is conveniently located in the University Center, and provides veteran students, and their dependents, with financial aid assistance, tutoring services, and serves as a gathering spot for the Veteran student population to interact with one another.



Ms. Kerry Hyde, who serves as the VETS Center Manager of VA Benefits, came to ASU from Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater, Texas where she worked with veterans and their dependents for over 14 years. In a brief interview, Ms. Hyde detailed the resources and services that the VETS Center will provide veterans and their dependents. "The VETS Center will serve as the best educational re-

source on campus for veterans and their dependents to learn about different educational benefits they are eligible to receive. In addition, the VETS Center will provide programming and events to help alleviate the challenges that Veterans may experience on their return to civilian life."



Kerry Hyde

For those incoming students who are receiving military benefits, here are a few steps to guide you in the process of receiving military benefits

For more information about military benefits, please contact the Veterans Educational and Transitional Services Center at (325) 942-215, toll-free at 1-800-933-6299, or via email at vets@angelo.edu.

For more information about the Center for Security Studies, please visit: http://www.angelo.edu/dept/security_studies_criminal_justice/css/

FOUR YEAR PLAN

Encourage Your Student to Be Career-Minded



As another semester draws to a close, students find themselves one step closer to pursuing a career in their given area of study. Here are a few tips from our Career Development Center on how to get, and keep, your student on the career minded track throughout their higher education experience:

Year 1: Awareness.

- Identify four skills employers want, and assist your student in planning how they will acquire those skills.
- Help your student assess their interests, skills, personality and values. Consider taking a "career test" through our Career Development Center.
- Explore part-time job or volunteer opportunities with your student.
- Encourage participation in a student organization or club.

Year 2: Exploration.

- Talk through three different career options using the "What Can I do with this Major?" series found at http://www.angelo.edu/services/career/majors/.
- Discuss requirements for acceptance into academic programs and opportunities for job shadowing.
- Encourage your student to work towards leadership positions in organizations or clubs.
- Work with your student on identifying paid and unpaid internships, as well as summer jobs,

which will develop and improve skills.

Year 3: Experience

- Ensure electives being taken will enhance your student's qualifications.
- Help your student develop mentor relationships with people who may serve as future references.
- Encourage your student to attend job and graduate school fairs.
- Discuss the possibility of attending a professional or graduate school.
- Remind your student to continue to update their résumé and to create a career profile in Career Development's career management system, Jobs4Rams.

Year 4: Job Search

- See that your student has taken the time to meet with a career counselor for assistance with their job or graduate school search and to review their résumé, cover letter and/or personal statement.
- Encourage your student to take advantage of oncampus interviews, and pursue interviews with employers not scheduled to visit campus.
- Discuss the importance of participating in a mock interview and receiving formal etiquette training.
- Suggest ways in which your student can cultivate a strong professional network in their field of interest.
- Assist your student in meeting application deadlines for professional or graduate schools.

To learn more about how you can assist your student in developing a career minded four year plan please visit: http://www.angelo.edu/services/career/ career exploration/four year plan.php.



What Parents Need to Know?

Local and Campus Information



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Over the next few months San Angelo is projected to see significant growth in population due to the exploration of oil in the Cline Shale. With this growth there will be a strong demand for residential properties. Angelo State University continues to work to provide low-cost living options for students and lodging for families.

Exclusive Living at Concho Hall:

At the ASU Housing and Residential programs, they are offering a low-cost option for those students who have 90+ credit hours or graduate students. The price for the academic year is a total of \$3200 (Fall Semester - \$1980 and Spring Semester - \$1280). This exclusive offer includes the following amenities: private rooms, built-in furniture, micro-fridge unit, and carpeted rooms. For more information, please call the Housing and Residential Program office at: (325) 942-2035.



CARR CONFERENCE CENTER

Because of this price increase throughout our city, ASU has taken this into consideration. We are offering the Carr Conference Center as a low-cost option when parents and families come to visit their students on campus. The Carr Conference Center provides space up to 96 overnight guests in shared *suites that include 2 extra-long twin beds, ample desk space, dressers and spacious closets, a micro-fridge unit in each room and convenient Wi-Fi connection for easy Internet and e-mail access.

Also, with graduation just around the corner, Saturday, May 11th, the Carr Conference Center will be available for parents and families who choose to reside on campus. Accommodations will be provided for those larger families who will need a full-suited option which includes 2 rooms with a shared bathroom.

If you would like more information on rates or how to reserve a room please call the Housing and Residential Programs office at (325) 942-2035.

*Suites – 2 bedroom shared bathroom











What would you do with \$30,000

Did you know that 84% of college students earn more than high school graduates? This equals to about \$15,000 more than the average high school graduate salary. The average graduate makes closely \$30,000. If your student registers for a Maymester class (a class that is offered in between the spring and summer semester) and registers full-time during the summer (that's 2 classes per summer semester) your student will graduate a semester faster. If your student continues to registering for these classes, they will be able to graduate **TWO** years faster!



Mark Your Calendar!

September 21st is Family Day, here at Angelo State University. We have fun filled weekend of events for you and your student. Plus, the ASU Rams will take on the Tarleton Texans.

We hope to see you there!

Hispanic Serving Institute (Title V-HSI)

The Ram Family Connection program is established for your family's benefit. If at any time you need assistance please contact us at:



Phone: (325) 486-6611
E-Mail: hsi@angelo.edu
Website: www.angelo.edu/
services/ram-family-connection



Upcoming Campus Events

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April 1st	Third Installment Due
April 2nd	Open Registration
April 5 th	Baseball: ASU at Eastern
7:00pm	New Mexico University
April 5th	Softball: ASU vs. Univ. of
	the Incarnate World
April 6th	Angelo Rock Climbing
10:00am	Competition
April 6th	MS Walk - San Angelo
9:00am	
April 7th - 13th	ASU Greek Week
April 8th	Locks of Love
April 8 th	Golf: ASU at Harbor Lakes
	County Club - Granbury
April 11 th	Laura W. Bush:
	Day of Woman
April 13th	Christoval on the Concho
	- Heritage Day
April 16 th	Mind over Mood
April 23rd	Test Preparation/ Test
	Taking Strategies
April 20th	Track and Field at
	Michael Johnson Classic
April 27 th	UCM - Big Brothers Big
8:00am	Sisters Poker Run
April 30th	Bills Available for
	Summer I 2013