Greetings from Community Formation!

We are so glad that your student has chosen to be a part of the MNU Community. Our hope is that as parents, you can feel like a part of this Community as well. These newsletters will be sent out occasionally to update you on what is happening within Community Formation.

What is Community Formation?

For many years the MNU Student Development Office oversaw Athletics, Campus Safety, Campus Health Services, Career Center, Residential Life, Student Government and other campus operations. This year at MNU we have reorganized and restructured the office of Student Development. We have changed the name to Community Formation and have reduced the areas of responsibility.

Community Formation is now responsible for Residential Life, Campus Activities and Spiritual Life. Our goal is to provide a safe place for students to live, a wide variety of student activities, and a vibrant Christian climate in which God's voice can be heard, his will discovered and his mission embraced.

CAMPUS LIFE

Introducing our 2009-2010 ASG Cabinet!

Check out our website!

http://www.mnu.edu/

Thrift Store Prom

Students dressed in their finest thrift store outfits and skated the night away. Prizes were given away for the best couple costume, best guy costume and best girl costume!

"This years thrift store prom sure did not disappoint. With 160+ students, thrift store giveaways and ridiculous outfits how can we not have a good time? This is one of my favorite events of the year and I cant wait until it comes up again
next year!"
-Josh Dampf, Student Body President

"It was a blast...I felt like I was re-living my elementary school days at the skating rink!"
-Melissa Miller

"I love thrift store prom! It is such a fun event for the students to come together, dress really funny and go roller-skating (something that you don't normally do with a whole bunch of your college peers)! I really feel that events like this provide a healthy environment for fun on the weekend."
-Chelsea Reed

**Upcoming Events**

**Homecoming**
- Friday, October 16th:
  - Bonfire and the second annual Homecoming Hoedown

**MNU GOES GREEN**

Not only is it free to do your laundry in the Residence Halls this year, but starting in December, the washers and dryers in each dorm will be replaced with energy efficient machines!

Our Campus Center has decided to

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**RESIDENTIAL LIFE**

**Parent Perspectives**

Mike & Cami Cloud recently brought their twins, Marshall & Kailene, to MNU to begin their freshman year. They also have a son, Mitchel, who is a senior at MNU. The Clouds are residents of San Diego, CA.

1. **What are you most excited about as Marshall & Kailene begin their college career?**

That they get to establish their own life their own way. They have had to live their lives our way the past 18 years. Now they get to live it in their own unique, personalized manner. It's exciting to watch them develop that - from what type of friends they choose, to what type of entertainment they participate in, to how clean they keep their rooms (!)....

2. **What was the hardest part of dropping them off on campus?**

Hoping they would make strong friends that would bring a good influence to their lives. Praying they wouldn't be riddled with homesickness. Worrying that they will be able to learn how to drive in the snow (growing up in San Diego - they have never driven in winter weather).

3. **What words of advice did you give to Marshall, Kailene, & Mitchell before they started at MNU?**

Be faithful to read the Word of God EVERY DAY. Relax & have fun - don't stress out over perfect grades. Don't date right away. Get to know the person VERY WELL first. Buy good winter clothes before it is too late.

4. **What words of advice would you add?**

GO TO BED!! Get more sleep & not during class. Try & eat healthy - find organic food somewhere. Don't date until you know the person VERY WELL.

5. **How often do you communicate with them?**

Kai usually emails, phones, or text messages once a day. The boys will touch base with us once a week.

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go completely trayless this year. Food Service Manager Donna Brunton says that some benefits include proactively responding to the green conservation attitudes and values of students, lessening the institutional feel in the cafeteria, and becoming better stewards of all our resources.

This also comes with financial benefits, as the University will save on the gas and water used to clean the trays, as well as worker time in the dish room. Other benefits include reducing food waste, reducing overeating and reducing chemical use to clean them.

**Spiritual Life Retreat**

"I really enjoyed having time off campus to clear my mind and spend time alone with God. It was good to hang out with friends without worrying about getting homework done."
- Leslie Smith

"Singing folk songs around the campfire was amazing. Getting off campus in the wilderness was invigorating."
- Jennifer Wehrli

"The nature showed how much detail God put into everything which makes it so much more potent that He chose us."
- Emily Joy Roth

**Recharge**

Every Thursday night students have the opportunity to join together at 10 P.M. for awesome worship and testimony. There are 4 different locations each with their own flavor of worship. We have Brandon Cleff in Weatherby, the black student union in Draper Basement, Will Darter in The Landing, and Local churches leading us in The Bell Cultural Events center.

**6. How often would you like to communicate with them?**

We would LOVE to hear from them a couple of times a week. It helps us to know they are safe & healthy & happy.

**H1N1 Policy at MNU**

MNU is taking the following precautions to reduce the risk of H1N1 from being spread to our campus.

- Hand sanitizers have been placed in each building.
- Maintenance and custodial crews will continue to diligently clean common areas.
- Pioneer Foods will continue to take proactive measures regarding health and sanitation.
- Residence Assistants have disposable thermometers and information sheets.
- An effort will be made to isolate ill students from the general student population.
- Students are encouraged to identify a location off campus for convalescence in the event that they become ill.
- Students with chronic health conditions are encouraged to protect themselves from exposure to infection, including staying temporarily off campus, in the event that an outbreak occurs at the university.

*If your student comes down with an influenza like illness (ILI), they need to let their RA know as well as visit a medical care provider. Students who live either on or off campus and who have ILI should self-isolate (i.e., stay away from others) in their dorm room or home for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities (their fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine). They should keep away from others as much as possible.

For more information on the H1N1 Policy at MNU, [Click Here]

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

**Spiritual Deepening Week**

Every semester at MNU we set aside a special week to listen intently to God’s voice speaking in our lives. We call this Spiritual Deepening Week which
Small Groups

Students also have the opportunity to sign up and become part of a small group that will meet together throughout this semester!

Small groups can serve as a great catalyst for growth in the image of God as we offer each other spiritual guidance, encouragement, and a challenge to the perspectives we hold that may be hindering our relationship with God. Participation in small group ministries allows us to intentionally invest ourselves in an adventure that is bigger than ourselves. It is a partnership with the Holy Spirit as she builds the kingdom of God on earth. In this way, as we join with the Holy Spirit and as we submit ourselves to the guidance, encouragement, and challenge of those in our group, we are experiencing the very salvation and redemption that Christ reveals to us in the New Testament.

For more information on Spiritual Life, visit the website at http://www.mnu.edu/chapel.html

MNU Service Corps

Passion to serve. That's what we are all about here in the MNU Service Corps Office. We are engaged in connecting students, faculty and staff with needs in our Olathe/KC community, as well as around the globe. The MNU Service Corps is the product of a grant received in partnership between AmeriCorps VISTA and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Inc, and seeks to increase the capacity of organizations that are fighting to eliminate poverty in America. Our goal is to double the hours of service that MNU gives to our community and help students develop a passion to serve.

Upcoming Service Opportunities/News:

- Haiti Notebooks - After returning from a mission trip to Haiti, student Mac Guin was moved by the need of the school kids in his village, and committed to raise $750 to purchase 5,000 notebooks. Over $1,100 was raised within the first week of school! Success!

- Guatemala Health Clinic/ $2 Tuesdays Campaign - The goal is to raise $50,000 this school year to build a health clinic in Guatemala. This is a student-initiated project in partnership with Heart to Heart Intl and involves the entire campus community. Read more details about this exciting new endeavor at: http://www.mnu.edu/mnu-service-corps/service-opportunities/international.html

- Heart to Heart Health Screen - (Oct. 3) H2H is partnering with Kansas Cancer Coalition to provide a health screen day at its global distribution center. MNU has committed to recruiting approximately 110 volunteers to assist with the event.

- Freshmen Class Service Trip - (March 13-18th, 2010) Beattyville, Kentucky- All freshmen are strongly encouraged to take part in this first-ever freshmen class trip to serve the residents of Beattyville, Kentucky through Mission Encounter. Service opportunities include: repairing homes, building handicapped ramps, painting, etc. Cost: $approx. $250.

- CROP Hunger Walk (Communities Responding to Overcoming Poverty) - (Oct. 11) Church World Service is sponsoring the event in order to raise funds for world hunger initiatives. Volunteers will recruit sponsors, collect donations, and then walk to raise awareness about world hunger.

Finals Week Care Package for your Student!

Each semester MNU Go Global (mission trip) students put together finals week care packages, filled with home baked goodies, healthy and fun snack foods for students, ordered by you and sent with a note of encouragement from you. A $20 donation helps the mission trips and puts a smile on your student's face! Although it seems we've just begun a new semester, we know that time slips by quickly. If you would like to order a care package for your student and also support
our mission trips this year to Guatemala, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Kenya, Australia, Sun Valley Indian School and more, look for ordering info online soon at http://www.mnu.edu/global-opportunities.html or email lbeckum@mnu.edu. Deadline for ordering care packages is Dec. 4.

Sincerely,
The Community Formation Team
MidAmerica Nazarene University