Happy Birthday American Sentinel University!

American Sentinel University is celebrating its 5th birthday this week! Or is it the 6th or the 10th or the 22nd?

Confused? Don’t be. The university is celebrating all four! American Sentinel University was formed in February, 2006, by merging three schools - The American College of Computer and Information Sciences (ACCIS) born 22 years ago, Sentinel University (SU) just 6 years ago, and the American Graduate School of Management (AGSM) 10 years ago.

Because each school brought distinctive history and educational tradition to American Sentinel, integrating the three schools resulted in unique curricula, faculty, students and systems. While each school brought its own lineage, they all had one thing in common: a firm commitment to their new mission, “to provide high-quality, innovative degree and certification programs that enable students to enhance their professional and civic lives.”

Today the school continues to evolve and grow, but it wouldn’t be as successful in positioning its students for a better future without people like Natalie Nixon, the school’s director of admissions. In her 20 years with the university, Natalie has been witness to the school’s success in differentiating itself and its
students by its unique student-centered approach to education.

“American Sentinel never stands still, we’re always evolving, whether it’s our academic programs or the services we provide to students,” says Natalie. “We have more successful students because of the approach we take: we are transparent and realistic. It’s wonderful to be in an environment where we are encouraged to truly advise students on what’s best for them, their future and their personal goals.” Natalie explains, “It’s been easy to be a part of American Sentinel for so long, not only do we constantly evolve, we never lose sight of why we’re here.”

So, please join in wishing American Sentinel (and Natalie) a Happy Birthday, whether you say Happy 5th, 6th, 10th, or 22nd!

Congratulations to Mary Adams

Mary Adams, American Sentinel University president, is the newly appointed Vice Chair of the Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education Training Council (DETC). The Vice Chair is a senior officer of the DETC and is nominated and elected by DETC Commission members annually. Mary becomes the active Vice Chair on Apr. 1, 2011. Click here to read the full news release.

New groups at American Sentinel - join the conversation

This month, American Sentinel launched its third LinkedIn group – Information Technology – to join the existing general, health care and military groups! We invite you to join, follow and invite others to all three of our LinkedIn groups. Once you join, you’ll find interesting career and industry relevant articles, discussions and professional and educational networking opportunities. Please use the links below to join:

- American Sentinel Official LinkedIn Group
- American Sentinel Military LinkedIn Group
- American Sentinel Health Care LinkedIn Group
- American Sentinel Information Technology LinkedIn Group

American Sentinel Student Success Story

International student uses American education to conduct business around the world -

For Andreas Kirchhofer, a senior business consultant and project manager for an information technology and communications company in Germany, earning a master’s degree has opened whole new worlds – literally. View full story.

Use MyCampus for YOUR success

MyCampus is the VIP site built exclusively for American Sentinel University students. Part online learning encyclopedia, part classmate networking site, MyCampus is an online resource designed to help you achieve academic and personal success. What's inside MyCampus?

- Academic success: Articles, self-tests and videos concerning all aspects of online learning,
academic skills and lifestyle issues you may come across as an adult learner.

- **A chance to connect**: Connect with other American Sentinel University students via profile pages, goal-setting and online discussions. Whether you’re asking about a course, a recipe or networking professionally, your classmates are waiting.
- **Financial aid information**: We understand that choosing to start or continue your education is not a decision you’ve made lightly. American Sentinel University is committed to helping its students afford a quality education.
- **American Sentinel University resources**: Inside MyCampus, you’ll not only find information about our support services, but you can ask us questions (and expect answers), as well as connect directly to academic resources like MyASU and Moodle.

Start exploring and get to know some of your fellow American Sentinel classmates. And remember, if you have a question, just use the ‘Ask Us’ button on the left side of every page in the site.

*American Sentinel hosts live chat: What does 'accountable care' mean for nurses?*

What is accountable care? More importantly, what does it mean for nurses? Join Dr. Catherine Garner and American Sentinel's partner, NurseTogether.com, for a live chat about accountable care organizations and how nurses can stay relevant with this new initiative. (Hint: case managers will be in high demand!) The chat will be held live on NurseTogether.com on Tues., Mar. 8, at 1 p.m. EST. (You must be a member of NurseTogether to participate, but it's free! So join today.) Click here for details.

*Registration is open for courses beginning in April and May!*

The following terms are currently open for registration. Check the academic catalog to find out what courses you can take in the next two terms that will help you complete your degree.

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*Job tip of the month: How important is it to stay in one field throughout your career?*

Unfortunately there is no perfect job, but in general, you're more likely to consistently perform at the highest level if you enjoy your career. That said, if you enjoy the field you're in, stay as long as possible and learn as much as possible. However, if you dislike what you're doing in general, staying in that field benefits no one. Changing careers is not necessarily frowned upon unless you begin to change careers frequently, in which case you become a retention risk for any company.

Also, you may want to change direction if you feel idle in your current position. For example, if you begin in a basic IT position, help desk or as a computer technician, and you want to advance to the next level, you might pursue a system networking position. If you desire career advancement you should actively plan from the beginning. This includes networking within your industry and staying up-to-date with the people in your company (or other companies) working in roles you'd like to hold in the future.

You'll also want to keep your thumb on the pulse of your industry; this includes researching the steps others are taking to advance. In addition to keeping your eyes and ears open, proactively advance your
education and training. This way, when the opportunity comes you'll be prepared to demonstrate your knowledge and education, making you an ideal fit for the position. – American Sentinel University Director of Military Programs, Lt. Col. Paul Capicik (Ret., USAF)

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