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University News

Mark your Calendars: Commencement is June 20th
American Sentinel’s annual commencement ceremony is set for Friday, June 20! The ceremony will be held in Boettcher Concert Hall, part of the Denver Performing Arts Complex at 9:30 a.m. with a reception immediately following. This year nursing pinning will take place during the commencement ceremony (along with hooding). All students who have graduated since last June or who are within nine credit hours from graduating at the start of the June 2014 term are welcome to attend.

Graduates are also invited to attend our Open House to tour the American Sentinel campus and meet staff, faculty, and fellow graduates. The Open House will be held on Thursday, June 19th, from 4-6 p.m.

Family and friends are welcome to attend all of the commencement events. A formal invitation will be sent with RSVP information and directions; additionally, there will be a $125 ceremony fee for all graduates who choose to attend commencement.

We Made the 2014 List of Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs by U.S. News & World Report

American Sentinel’s Nursing Graduate Programs are ranked #41 on U.S. News and World Report's 2014 List of Best Online Programs!

Check out our U.S. News & World Report profile.

Read our press release for more details.

CEO Wins ‘Re-imagining India’ Essay Contest

Rick Oliver, Ph.D., CEO of American Sentinel University won McKinsey & Company’s “Re-imagining India” essay contest for his essay, “Global Share of Brains.” Dr. Oliver’s essay was selected as the best response to the following question: What is the best metric for measuring India’s progress?

Congratulations Dr. Oliver.

‘I Love American Sentinel Facebook Photo Contest’ Winners!

We asked students to post a picture of themselves posing with their American Sentinel heart that expressed their love for our university on our Facebook page. The picture with the most "likes" won.

Leslie Jeffries won a $100 Amazon gift card (perfect for books) for the adorable picture below. Forty-two
people on our Facebook page "liked" the picture.

Wendy Duncan, our runner up (below), with 19 "likes" walked away with an American Sentinel goodie bag.

Congrats and thanks for showing your school spirit!

**We Signed Two New Education Partners!**

We partner with health systems, government offices and other educational institutions to offer a discounted tuition rate and tuition deferment to our partner’s employees. These educational partnerships provide not only a financial discount, but also the comfort knowing that we are a trusted institution by employers across the country.
HCA-Capital Division and VTECH Training recently joined the list of our many education partners!

If you have questions about whether your organization is an education partner with American Sentinel or what your discounted tuition rate and tuition deferment program is please contact your Student Success Advisor.

Technology Survey: Help Us, Help You

Please take a few minutes to complete our technology survey (http://learn.americansentinel.edu/mod/feedback/view.php?id=144370). We want to know your technological capabilities and uses so we can make improvements to better serve you.

Program Enhancements

Continuing to Improve our programs:

Practice Experiences (PE) Incorporated into Nursing Programs

What exactly are PEs? They are course assignments (interviews, shadowing, etc.) that take place in a student’s workplace or other health care setting. PEs are embedded within courses, enhancing the curriculum and possibly giving students additional hours toward certifications in certain nursing specializations.

Health care today is ever-changing, which makes PE’s more important and more valuable to all of our nursing students.

For more detailed information about the practice experiences, visit the academic catalog.

MSIS Program Now MSISM

Our M.S. Information Systems program has been renamed the M.S. Information Systems Management program. Watch our Provost Kurt Linberg, Ph.D. explain the enhanced program.

Master of Health Care Informatics Program
Health care reform has increased the demand for information technology professionals. Our Master of Health Care Informatics (MHCI) degree provides students with the skills needed to gather, analyze and present health care data.

Program enhancements and updates include:

- A more robust focus on health data analysis
- Hands-on tool usage
- And project management skills

**Student Spotlight**

Meet American Sentinel MSN graduate, Soraya Sulaiman. Read her story, “American Sentinel University MSN graduate shares how earning an advanced nursing degree has helped her climb the health care career ladder,” which appeared in our Health Care blog, *On Call.*

**Industry Corner**

*Healthcare Traveler,* “Nursing education linked to patient outcomes, study shows”  
*GISUser.com,* “Muskoka Plows Through Record Snowfall with the Esri Canada Automated Vehicle Location Solution”  
*The Tennessean,* “Nurses want to be heard in health care reform”  
*Forbes,* “Re-Engineering Healthcare to Eliminate Preventable Deaths”

**Upcoming Events**
We will be at the following education fairs, please come by to say hello and bring a friend that might be interested in our programs – if your friend enrolls in one of our programs you’ll receive a $100 tuition credit.* We look forward to seeing you!

**Nursing:**
AORN Annual Congress in Chicago, Ill. – March 30 to April 2 (Booth 2951)
Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Mich. – March 31
Beaufort Memorial in Beaufort, S.C. – April 15

**Informatics, Management and Technology:**
IT Summit in Denver, Colo. – April 2
Digital Health Summit in Denver, Colo. – April 8

*Only one $100 credit can be awarded per year. The person referred must enroll before the credit will be awarded.

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