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University News

We want to extend a warm welcome to the 569 new students who enrolled into American Sentinel in March! This past month was the largest enrollment class for the university and we are thrilled to follow everyone's progress as they begin this educational journey.

Additionally, we are pleased to announce that American Sentinel has awarded 10 scholarships for the Master of Health Care Informatics class, starting April 15. Special thanks to Dr. Suzanne Richins, Natalie Nixon, and Phil White from our advisory board for judging the applications. Also, thank you to Erin Todd for partnership outreach efforts. We are thrilled about the upcoming cohort and look forward to continued growth in this program.

American Sentinel Staff Spotlight: David Herrera

Meet David Herrera! David began working in financial aid four years ago and has been an American Sentinel Financial Aid Advisor for the past two years. When asked about the most rewarding part of his job, David answered, "Helping people realize their dreams." He added, "In the financial aid office, I get the honor to have their trust and confidence in my job duties and knowledge… and that makes this position addictive."

David also feels that his teammates make the job even more enjoyable; he said, "Never have I been part of such a tight-knit team that is so knowledgeable and willing to go the extra mile for the University."
Last July, David married “the most beautiful woman in the world,” and his family grew from two to six; even though he says he is always busy, he believes that “the rewards of my family far outweigh the bad days.” Besides working and enjoying his family, David has played both the electric and acoustic guitar for about 13 years now, and (until just recently) he was actively involved in teaching religious education for adults at his church. Something that his own colleagues may not even know about David is that he travelled to Sao Paulo, Brazil in the early 90’s for missionary work and stayed for three months. He believes that it was one of the best times he has ever had in his life and adds, “Perspective and gratitude are two words that now have a completely different definition to me from my experiences.”

April Webinars

“Well Blow me Down!” A look at several academic resources that American Sentinel has to offer!

Did you know that as a student with American Sentinel, you have access to several academic resources to help you succeed? Don’t miss this informative webinar to find out about these great resources including:

- My Campus
- Webinars
- TurnItIn.com
- Student Resource Center
- NetTutor
- Advisors

When: Weds., April 17, 2013, 6 p.m. MDT

“What’s Up Doc?” Looking Ahead in the Nursing Program: A projection of what to expect in BSN436

This is a new subseries within our webinar initiative in which we will highlight a course (or two) each month to give students an idea of what to expect when they enroll. If BSN 436 is in your course plan, you won’t want to miss this webinar! Join us to learn more about this course and what you should expect.

When: Weds., April 24, 2013, 6 p.m. MDT

Note: You will receive an invitation for each webinar, the week of the live event. If you are interested in either one, be sure to pencil them onto your calendar so that you are sure to attend after the invitation is received.

Technology News

American Sentinel’s GIS Program Chair to Speak at Association of American Geographers

Congratulations to Dr. Stephen McElroy, American Sentinel University’s GIS Program Chair,
who has been asked to speak at the 2013 annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG) about an innovative development in GIS education. The annual meeting, which takes place April 9 through 13 in Los Angeles, is one of the organization’s primary ways to allow its members from 60 different countries to discuss, exchange ideas, and advance their understanding and careers. Dr. McElroy’s talk will be part of the Cyberlearning, Geogames, and Geodesign meeting track. Read more.

**Health Care News**

**Nursing Informatics: Empowering Consumers Through the Patient Portal**

A patient portal is an interactive Web site that allows consumers to view their personal health data and communicate with health care providers. The goal is to enhance collaboration between patient and provider, encourage self-management of chronic illness, and improve clinical outcomes. So where to nurse informaticists come in?

**Business News**

**Sweating through the Sequester**

Well, Congress and the Obama administration actually did it. That is, elected officials did not avert the series of automatic federal budget cuts called sequestration. There are some potentially serious ramifications for business and, as a consequence, for managers. What are they?