As we approach the fall 2014 term at CSU Dominguez Hills, we’re working closely with counselors to make sure students have taken all the right steps to start strong. In this issue of Counselor Connection, you’ll find helpful information on New Student Orientation, checklists for enrollment and a closer look at University Housing. Please share this information with your students so they’ll be ready for campus come fall.
Enrollment FAQ

1. What steps do first-time freshmen need to complete before they can enroll for and start the fall 2014 term?

Before they can enroll, first-time freshmen must:
• Have confirmed their intent to enroll at My.CSUDH.EDU by May 1.
• Take the EPT/ELM exams or have a confirmed (not conditional) exemption from one or both exams.
• If required, tell us how they plan to complete Early Start at My.CSUDH.EDU.
• Sign up for Freshman New Student Orientation.
• Have their official transcripts showing graduation date sent to the admissions office directly from their school by July 15. This is required to validate eligibility for the fall term. Students who do not submit transcripts by this date may have their enrollment canceled.
• Meet their immunization requirements, if they attended California public high school before 1999.

2. What steps do transfer students need to complete before they can enroll for and start the fall 2014 term?

Before they can enroll, transfer students must:
• Have confirmed their intent to enroll at My.CSUDH.EDU by May 1.
• Make an appointment to meet with their academic advisor.
• Sign up for Transfer New Student Orientation. Academic advisors will be available at these events.
• Submit official transcripts of all coursework completed by July 15.
• Meet their immunization requirements, if they attended California public high school before 1999.

3. How can students get important information about the enrollment process?

Students should check their My.CSUDH.EDU account daily for important information, updates, next steps, missing documents and more. Activation information can be found in the students’ application acknowledgment letters.

For enrollment-related questions, students may also contact Admissions & Records at (310) 243-3645 or email admit@csudh.edu.

4. How can students sign up for the required placement tests?

For English Placement Test (EPT) and/or Entry Level Math (ELM) testing dates, go to CSUDH.EDU/Testing.

5. What is Early Start?

Early Start is a program implemented by the CSU system that requires high school students who have not met the EPT and/or ELM proficiency requirements to take additional developmental courses the summer before their first semester at a CSU school. Students who must complete Early Start have already been notified. The Early Start requirement can be met by completing summer courses at any CSU campus, including CSUDH, at select California community college campuses, as well as online. Learn more at CSUDH.EDU/EarlyStart.

CSUDH Highlights

Professor Receives Book Award
CSUDH professor of anthropology and chair of the Academic Senate, Jerry Moore, received a 2014 Book Award for his book The Prehistory of Home. The award is one of two prizes annually distributed by the Society for American Archaeology.

Students Volunteer for Youth Fitness
CSUDH Health Science majors spent this past Super Bowl Sunday volunteering to promote fitness among children living in the South Bay. Invited by Kaiser Permanente, the student volunteers built obstacle courses then led several hundred children through them.

Student Interns for Congressman
Fourth-generation CSUDH student and Presidential Scholar, Nicole Leonard, has been selected to participate in the prestigious Panetta Congressional Internship program, sponsored by the Panetta Institute for Public Policy. Leonard will be completing her 11-week internship in Congressman Ken Calvert’s Washington, D.C., congressional offices.
Freshman NSO
Freshman NSO introduces new students to the many services and resources available to them on campus while helping ease their transition to university life. During a full-day orientation session, incoming freshmen will receive:

• On-the-spot online registration for fall
• Academic assistance with course selection
• Financial aid information
• An Introduction to Student Life
• Interactive campus tours
• Information on how to meet Early Start through the Summer Bridge Academy

To be eligible for Freshman NSO, students must confirm their intent to enroll and have their EPT/ELM scores on hand. Once these steps have been completed, CSUDH will email students with information on reserving a spot for orientation. Special parent/guardian NSO events are also available.

To see Freshman NSO dates and learn more, visit CSUDH.EDU/FreshmanNSO.

Transfer NSO
Transfer students are strongly urged to attend a special orientation just for them. The Transfer Student NSO is a short information session focused on connecting incoming transfers to information they need to know to make the most of their time on campus and in class. Attendees receive:

• On-the-spot online registration for fall
• Academic assistance with course selection
• Interactive campus tours
• Introduction to commuter conveniences including Wi-Fi, study areas, dining options, ATM and banking services

To reserve a spot for Transfer NSO, students must confirm their intent to enroll. Once that step has been completed, CSUDH will email students with information on reserving a spot for orientation.

To see Transfer NSO dates and learn more, visit CSUDH.EDU/TransferNSO.

CSUDH's new Veteran Student Programs Coordinator, Carlon Manuel, is focused on helping veteran students access their educational benefits, transition to university life and succeed in their academic as well as professional pursuits. Through the Veteran Student Programs office, Manuel and his staff guide veteran applicants through the enrollment certification process, then connect veteran students to the range of programs and resources available on campus.

For veterans planning to attend CSUDH for fall 2014, Manuel urges them to first make sure they have all their military paperwork in order. The next step, Manuel explains, is to enroll for classes at CSUMentor.com. Students should then fill out and submit an action request form at CSUDH.EDU/VSP to complete the certification process required to start taking classes.

“The Veteran Student Programs office is here to answer any of your questions and help you through the process,” Manuel adds. “We encourage you to use this resource.”

To learn more, visit CSUDH.EDU/VSP, call (310) 243-3643 or visit the office in the Loker Student Union on campus, suite 132.
University Housing
A Convenient Option
Located on the CSUDH campus, University Housing provides an attractive, safe and affordable option for students looking to cut their commute. Students who live in University Housing enjoy being close to classes, faculty and campus resources, as well as being part of a close-knit community of residents from diverse backgrounds. Other advantages of living on campus include:

• Access to a quiet, distraction-free environment to concentrate on studies.
• Trained on-site residential staff to help students reach their academic and personal goals.
• Opportunity to develop independent living and interpersonal skills.
• An active, welcoming community that participates in many activities and events.

To learn more about living and applying for University Housing, visit CSUDH.EDU/Housing.

Important Dates & Deadlines

May 23, 30
Transfer New Student Orientation

May 26
Memorial Day holiday, campus closed

June 6, 13, 19, 28
Freshman New Student Orientation

July 4
Independence Day holiday, campus closed

July 15
Official transcripts deadline

August 23
Fall classes begin

Campus Events

The Butler Author Speaks at CSUDH
CSUDH welcomed Wil Haygood, author of The Butler: A Witness to History, to campus on February 18. Haygood spoke before a packed audience of students, faculty, staff and community members, and answered questions about his book which inspired the 2013 acclaimed film.

Student Researchers Boot Camp
CSUDH student researchers honed their presentation skills at a special all-day boot camp session, led by the university’s Promoting Excellence in Graduate Studies (PEGS) program. Participants practiced presenting their research findings for future conferences and received constructive feedback from faculty mentors.

CSUDH Promotes Healthy Legislation
CSUDH was one of nine campuses to participate in a CSU Health Professions Advocacy Day on January 22 at the Capitol in Sacramento. CSUDH faculty and alumni helped educate lawmakers on the wide range of healthcare career pathways available at our campus.

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