The Navigator
Navigating the path during summer break

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It’s officially the Summer for our future teachers!

This issue of The Navigator focuses on navigating the path during summer break!

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On page 3, see a message from our Director, Aimee Nelson, information about volunteer and jobs opportunities, and an introduction to the CCT Staff.

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CBEST & CSET Book Checkout

During the Summer, the Center for Careers in Teaching has been busy building our test prep library. We received some new CSET and CBEST prep books to assist our future teachers and ensure their success. Studying is hard and finding a place that offers the materials you need can seem impossible. But the CCT is here to help.

All students have to do is come out to the Center to check out a book. Tell the person at the front desk what book you need and give us your contact information. We offer a two week checkout period for all materials. After your two weeks are up, you bring the book back and can begin checking out another one.

CCT recognizes the difficulty of paying for study material in order to better prepare for the CBEST/CSET. The Center for Careers in Teaching is striving to make this process easier for the students. If you are interested in checking out a book, come to the CCT so that we can assist you. It’s summer, which means it the perfect time to get a head start on your future. Hope to see you in our office soon!!!
MESSAGE
FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy Summer Titans!

I hope you’ve been enjoying your summer break so far. I know many of you are enrolled in summer courses, but I hope you have plans to get some rest and relaxation as well.

As you enjoy the summer months, you may also want to take some time to think about the next academic year, especially if you are planning to enter a credential program soon. The application process can be time consuming and the list of documents you must collect requires much detail. Now is a great time to begin reviewing the list of requirements so you can start an application file. That way you won’t have to worry about collecting materials in a rush to meet deadlines. Even if you have a few more years to go before entering a credential program, it’s never too early to begin collecting paperwork.

Remember, the Center for Careers in Teaching is open all summer if you need us. Our advisors can go over your academic plan, credential requirements and make sure you have up-to-date resources. We are also building our CBEST and CSET prep material library. Come in and take advantage of those resources!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer break! We’ll see you in fall 2016!

Be well,

Aimee Nelson
Director
Center for Careers in Teaching

Volunteer and Job Opportunities

FullGRIP Youth Mentor (Fall 2016)
Applications Accepted Until: September 15, 2016
FullGRIP is a community-based, school-centered program designed to keep high-risk 8-13-year-olds free of drugs and gang involvement through prevention and intervention services. As a mentor, you will participate in organized recreational/educational activities, provide one-on-one tutoring and advise the student on making positive life choices.

K-12 Volunteer
Applications Accepted Until: June 09, 2017
Our program is looking for 200 new volunteers to work at both our brand new center and our headquarters for the 2015-2016 school year. You will support a youth by helping them with their homework and other educational needs. No specific academic knowledge required, just a desire to be a consistent presence in a child or teen’s life.

Youth Assistant
Applications Accepted Until: July 15, 2016
We currently are seeking a Youth Assistant (On-Call/As Needed Basis) for our Orange County location. This position is responsible for: participating in the planning, delivery and evaluation of the Youth programs; driving students in company vehicles to and from activities; planning and leading organized age appropriate programs; and much more.
Paid: Yes ($13.00)

All jobs and internships can be found on the Career Centers Titan Connection website:

http://www.fullerton.edu/career/students/jobs-internships/index.php

Introducing the CCT Staff

Director: Aimee Nelson
Career Specialist: Miguel Martinez
Graduate Specialist: Alisia Kirkwood
STEM Teaching Advisor: Caren Bautista
Community College Relations Coordinator: Brittany Henry
Office Manager: Patricia Ashley
STEM Ambassador: Desiray Hall
Graduate Assistant: Tiana Smith
Pathway to Teaching: Choosing a Major

By Brittany Henry; Community College Relations Coordinator, CSUF CCT

What major do you choose if you would like to become a teacher? At CSUF, there is no undergraduate major in Education so students choose a major based on what they are passionate about and which grade level they would like to teach. Depending on the grade level you would like to work with, there are some recommendations that prepare you for content, but remember you can choose any major you would like.

For example, traditional majors for students who would like to work with elementary school students are Child and Adolescent Development, Liberal Studies, or Human Services. These majors offer a concentration in elementary school settings, which means students are taking specific courses to help prepare them for elementary school content.

For students who would like to teach a single subject in middle school or high school, it is recommended to major in the subject they would like to teach, such as math for someone who wants to teach math, or English for someone who wants to teach English.

For future teachers who want to work with students with special needs, we recommend choosing a major that mirrors the setting you would like to work in. For example, if you would like to teach in an elementary setting, you would prepare for elementary curriculum and the same can be said for middle and high school settings.

So choose the major that will prepare you for teaching in the elementary, middle or high school level.

Students also have the option of choosing a minor to help prepare for any classroom content, so you take particular classes that help prepare for their teacher pathway. We strongly encourage students to stop by and speak with one of our advisors in the Center for Careers in Teaching to help you choose courses, majors and minors that will suit your long-term professional development needs.
Transitioning from Summer to College

By: Desiray Hall & Tiana Smith

The transition from summer to college is a challenging life situation for students, as it involves many changes. College students have to organize their own learning, manage their new study and social schedules, build new social networks and friendships, and adjust to the requirements of university styles of learning and teaching. Here are some fun tips to help you get ahead in college.

Tips for Getting Ahead in College

- Get Organized/Use a planner (this will be your best friend)
- Get to know your academic adviser. (EC-379)
- Get involved on campus.
- Make connections with students in your classes
- Read the syllabus for all of your classes
- Stay healthy/Eat Right.
- Make connections with your professors (don’t be afraid of them)
- Choose your class schedule wisely (i.e. if you’re not a morning person don’t take that 8am class!!)
- Manage your time wisely
- Make smart decisions for your future (instead of going to a party study for that exam)
- Watch out for your tests (put in the time to get that good grade)
- Review class notes and text regularly
- Homework is usually not for credit but in order to succeed it must be done
- Take responsibility and accept consequences for your decisions

College is an amazing experience meant to challenge you and help in your development. The Center for Careers in Teaching wants you to be successful. We are here to help guide and support you. So stop by our Center in EC-379 to say hi, study, make an advising appointment, or meet some of your fellow future teachers. It all starts with you.
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A free statewide day of learning by teachers, for teachers

Friday, July 29

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