



Office of the Vice Provost for Instruction

A note from the Vice Provost

Dear Colleagues,

Beginnings matter. When I begin my morning with a strong walk with my dog at my side before the sun rises, that is a solid beginning. When I have my coffee, lots of coffee, that's another solid start to a day full of unexpected opportunities. When I begin my drive to campus and spill coffee on my lap, that is not such a good beginning. But, I hazard on for the day, a day full of possibilities awaits. Similarly, we are approaching yet another beginning, a beginning to a school year filled with new eager students that are embarking on a journey full of beginnings. When our first-year students leave convocation on August 16th and then travel around campus, finding the spaces where classes begin the next morning, that activity is good preparation for a solid beginning. And as you, our faculty, put the final touches on your course syllabus, you too are planning for an excellent beginning. Although all days of instruction matter, those first days can make all the difference in how a term ends.



Every time I had the opportunity to speak to these young students this summer in orientations, I challenged them to pay attention to their first days at Augusta University. I challenged them to have a good start with classes by engaging actively with the content, with the professor, and with their peers. I also asked them to take a first step toward the faculty member and to introduce themselves. By taking the first step toward the faculty member, I suggested, they were actively engaging in the learning, taking responsibility for their part in their own success, and beginning with positive energy. I do not know if a single student will have the courage to step toward you, but I can hope. And if they were to take that first step, I thank you for receiving them with your persistently positive energy.

May we welcome all our students these first days and let them know they belong in these learning spaces. And maybe we, as their faculty members, can take a step toward them too and say with genuine care, "I am glad you are here." That simple gesture alone might make all the difference. It might also help if you let them know where they can find coffee.

Thank you, faculty members of AU, for being remarkable in all that you do. Let's get started.

Sincerely,

Zach Kelehear

Innovation Updates



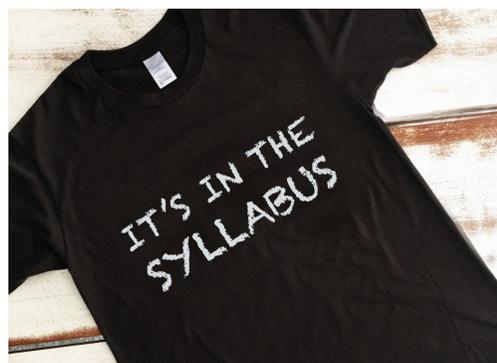
Physician Assistant Students Train in Critical Emergency Medicine Skills at the Interdisciplinary Simulation Center

On July 12th and 14th, 2022, the Augusta University Interdisciplinary Simulation Center was delighted to partner with the College of Allied Health's Master of Physician Assistant program to deliver critical emergency medicine skills training for approximately 48 Master of Physician Assistant students. The lab provided students with experience and instruction in multiple advanced procedures, allowing them to hone

their skills under expert supervision in a safe environment prior to implementing these skills in clinical practice.

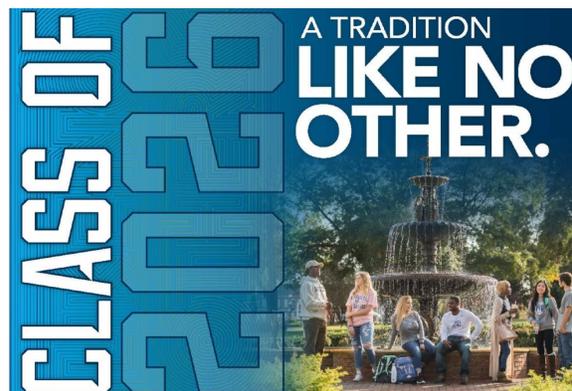
Tips to get eyes on the syllabus

You've put a ton of effort into crafting a syllabus with all the important information including a warm welcome message, course objectives, deadlines, assessments, class policies and more. The key now is to make sure your students actually read it, or at least the most important parts, and continue to refer to it as needed. Here are pointers to get closer to that goal.



Career Services August Events

Career Services has a variety of sessions scheduled for August. Students can register for any program by contacting Career Services at careercenter@augusta.edu or 706-737-1604.



FYE/SYE Updates

This summer, we welcomed 54 new Jaguar Jumpstart students into the JJSP Learning Community.

International Initiatives



Nearly 50 new international students expected for fall semester

This time of year, the International and Postdoctoral Services Office (IPSO) is busy processing immigration documents for new international students. As of now, we are expecting 46 new international students for the fall semester from 23 different countries, including Iran, Nigeria, Ghana, and India.



Study Abroad Events

The Study Abroad Office has several events in the works for Fall 2022! Please mark your calendars and plan to spread the word for the annual Study Abroad/Away Fair on Wednesday, September 21st and the International Education Week will be held October 17-21st.

View Previous Teaching Matters Issues

Need to refer to a previous issue of the Office of the Vice Provost's Teaching Matters? Each monthly issue of Teaching Matters has also been preserved in Scholarly Commons. A note by the Vice Provost for Instruction, Dr. Zach Kelehear, introduces the issue each month. Table of Contents include information in the areas of Innovation Updates, Faculty and Staff Updates, and Student Updates. See the complete collection on the [Augusta University Open Repository](#)

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