DID YOU KNOW SCHEDULE CLEAN UP PERIOD IS OCCURRING RIGHT NOW?!

Schedule Clean-Up Started December 1st at 8:00am and ends December 12th at 4:00pm. Take advantage of this time to create a schedule fitting your academic needs.

- Make sure your schedule includes at least 12 credits, to be eligible for athletics
- Schedule classes around practice/competition times when able.
- Make sure your choice of faculty / instructors meet your educational needs/goals.

2014 Winter Classes
Take advantage of completing some additional credits! Get ahead or get back on track!

- Registration closes on December 12th at 4:00pm
- Freshman must have passed at least 12 credits and hold a GPA of 2.0 to schedule winter classes
- Students can only register for a maximum of two classes during the winter term
- For a complete list of winter classes visit: http://www.ship.edu/PCDE/Online/List_of_Online_Classes/
As you look forward to the future and step into the “real” world what is the most important skill you will take with you? Teamwork, time management, or study skills? Although all of these are necessary skills to master during your college semesters, there is another skill that is vital to your success in the future. Professionalism is one of the top skills that students must learn and work on obtaining before entering the workforce. Professionalism is defined by Merriam-Webster as “the skill, good judgment, and polite behavior that is expected from a person who is trained to do a job well”. As a professional you must represent yourself well, create a positive image for yourself, and communicate well with others. Attending Shippensburg and being a part of an athletics team has helped to prepare you and build your professional repertoire. ASSA would like to share some quick ways to improve your professionalism!

1. **Specialized Knowledge**: Commit to learning more about your work!
2. **Competency**: Find solutions, not excuses to problems!
3. **Honesty and Integrity**: Stay true to your values and stay humble!
4. **Respect**: Be polite and learn from others!
5. **Accountability**: Be reliable and honor your commitments!
6. **Self-Regulation**: Keep your emotions in check!
7. **Image**: Always looked polished!

For more tips and strategies visit: [http://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/professionalism.htm](http://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/professionalism.htm)

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**Reminders**

- Spring Faculty Memos will soon be distributed for the spring semester. Remember to schedule a meeting with each one of your professors. This meeting allow you and your professor to discuss the classes you may miss for NCAA competition and create a plan of action.
- KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOLLOWING:
  * RAIDERS Serve
  * Student-Athlete Mentor Program
  * Competitive Edge Dinner
  * Mentor Luncheon
The University of North Carolina strategically supplied their student-athletes with the option to enroll in “paper courses”. The lax grading allowed students to focus on their other classes, athletics, and keep a high standing GPA. Multiple coaches and professors have been fired and reprimanded for their unethical actions. Over 3,100 students have been estimated to be involved in a paper course. “I can safely say that the scope of the 20-year UNC fraud scandal easily takes the prize for the largest and most nefarious scandal in the history of NCAA enforcement. The depth and breadth of the scheme -- involving counselors, coaches, academic administrators, faculty, athletic administrators, etc. -- eclipses any previous case,” states Gerald Gurney, an official investigating the case. Not only does this scandal affect the academic program of UNC, it affects the athletics program. Multiple investigation continues to dig up more information about the two decade scandal.

The faculty, staff, and students at Shippensburg University are very proud of the mission of Division 2 and our ethical and professional standards. Student athletes at Ship have the same (and sometimes higher) standards and expectations than any other student. If you ever become aware of fraud, academic dishonest, or unethical academic practices, you are expected to report this immediately. For a full article visit: http://www.cnn.com/2014/10/22/us/unc-report-academic-fraud/
CONGRATULATIONS!

LUCY KAUFFMAN

Senior, Lucy Kauffman has earned the 2014 PSAC Athletic Conference Field Hockey Champion Scholar Award. Lucy is a biology who has maintained a QPA of 3.905. Way to go Lucy!

JUSTIN PYLE

Sophomore, Justin Pyle was named to the 2014-2015 Capital One Academic All-District 1 Team. Justin is a marketing major who has earned a QPA of a 3.37. Way to go Justin!