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IMPORTANT DATES

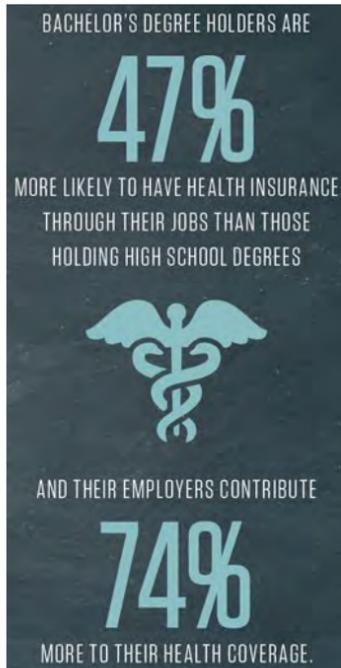
- February 1** —
Preview Day, Barton, & Future Teachers Scholarship Competitions
- February 17** —
College Closed
- February 29** —
Alford Scholarship Competition
- March 9** —
Mid-Term Grades Released
- March 9-13** —
Spring Break
- March 23**—
Registration Opens for Seniors & Juniors
- March 24** —
Registration Opens for Sophomores
- March 25**—
Registration Opens for Freshmen

IT'S STILL WORTH IT

It's that time of year. Students have returned from a too-quick winter break and are already back in the grind of classes, homework, and study sessions. It's been a rainy, cold January in Pulaski, and we know what this means for many students: winter blues and discouragement. We see this all the time, and while we know that a discouraged or unmotivated student can be really unsettling for a family, we also know that this is completely normal! A few good reminders:

This is an investment, and it's still worth it.

College is hard work, and it's easy to slip into the mindset that it's not worth the work your student is putting in; however, did you know that a graduate of a 4-year college can expect to earn as much right after leaving campus as a high school graduate at age 34? ^{Source} We encourage you to check out the statistics below from APLU and remind your student that evidence shows that a college degree significantly improves employment prospects and earnings potential. Adults with bachelor degrees are half as likely to be unemployed as their peers who only have high school degrees, and they make \$1 million in additional earnings on average over their lifetime! Essentially, the hard work your students are putting in now is going to pay off, so the best thing we can do is help them stay focused and persevere!



We're here to help.

Your student will experience a set back, and while that setback will be temporary, it might feel devastating. Remind your student that she/he will bounce back. They will persevere and graduate! They only have to stay the course—ask for help, visit the Student Resource Center, talk to their professors. Challenges occur, but they will pass, and every staff and faculty member at Martin Methodist is here to assist your student!



DID YOU KNOW that

this academic year marks Martin Methodist's **150th** birthday?!
[Click here](#) to see the many events we have planned for our Sesquicentennial celebrations!



JOB FAIRS

Our new Director of Career Services, [Julie Shelton](#), is thinking about your student's path after graduation, and your student should be too! You can help set them on a productive path by encouraging their attendance at a Job Fair, many of which are specifically geared towards areas of study, and professional development opportunities coming up!

- Jan. 31—Nursing, Mathematics, and Sciences Career Fair
- Feb. 21—Business Career Fair
- Feb. 24—Strengths Workshop →
- Feb. 24—Applying to Grad School 101
- March 20—Social Sciences Career Fair
- March 27—Grad School Fair
- April 3—Humanities Career Fair
- April 23—Education Career Fair



ON CAMPUS RESOURCES

- Academic Affairs** —
931-363-9810
- Financial Aid** —
931-424-7376
- MMC Clinic** —
931-424-7338
- MMC Counseling** —
931-424-7338
- Business Office** —
931-363-9817
- Registrar** —
931-363-9809
- Spiritual Life** —
931-363-9825
- Residential Life** —
931-424-7363
- Student Engagement** —
931-424-4073

REGISTRATION



We know it feels early, but course registration for Summer and Fall 2020 classes will open at the end of March! As a supportive family member, this is the perfect opportunity for you to check in with your student about their goals, academic progress, and course selection!

Summer is a great time for students to get caught up on courses they lack, get ahead before a busy year, or improve grades! We have summer housing available on campus during both summer sessions.

To register, all students must first meet with their advisor. Not sure who that is? Either have your student check the "My Grades" tab on their student portal, or give our Registrar's Office a call at 931-363-9809!

Some students may also find that they have a hold on their account and are unable to register. In that case, have your student call the Business Office immediately to get their account settled! The Business Office can be reached at 931-363-9817 and is open 8-4:30 on weekdays.

HOW YOU CAN *pray* FOR MARTIN METHODIST COLLEGE

- Pray for **students** as they begin their spring semesters of academic work. Pray that each one finds themselves renewed through the grace of God and energized for the good work ahead.
- Pray for **families** as we begin a new year. May each family find more love, more peace, and more joy in 2020, and may God shower each family with abundance as we move throughout this year.
- Pray for **faculty, staff, and administration** who guide and support our students in their academic, social, and spiritual lives. Pray that each member of the MMC family is a joyful reminder of God's love and grace in every interaction, and that, through their good work, they spread the mission of the Gospel.

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