Would you be interested in a Non-Traditional Student Group at Parkland?

A survey is being conducted to gather information to determine if there is an interest in a non-traditional student group/organization for Parkland College students. And to ask questions on what type of events, activities, and meetings times are the best for those interested. Please go to http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AdultReentryCenter to take the survey.

If you have any questions about the survey, you may contact Myriah Fillenwarth at mfillenwarth@parkland.edu, 217-351-2462, or room C-120 at Parkland.

UPCOMING COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS

Southern Illinois University Carbondale
A representative for the B.S. Technical Resource Management program will be at Parkland:
Wednesday, March 9 in the M-wing from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Thursday, April 7 in the College Center for the Adult Re-entry Center Partnership University Fair
Wednesday, May 11 in the College Center from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

Franklin University
A representative from Franklin University will be at Parkland:
Tuesday, February 8 in the College Center from 10am-2pm
Thursday, March 10 in the B-Wing from 10am-2pm
Thursday, April 7 in the College Center for the Adult Re-entry Center Partnership University Fair
Thursday, April 14 in the College Center from 10am-2pm

University of St. Francis
A representative for University of St. Francis will be at Parkland:
Tuesday, February 22 in the College Center from 5-7 p.m.

For more information about our partnerships, visit http://www2.parkland.edu/arc/partnerships.htm
Graduation Petition Deadlines
From Linda Hamman Moore, Vice President of Student Services
We like to encourage all graduating students to participate in Commencement, and want to facilitate that by making sure everyone is aware of the following deadlines:

February 28 - deadline for spring and summer graduation applications if you are participating in the Commencement ceremony
April 4 - deadline for spring graduation applications
July 13 - deadline for summer graduation applications

The Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 13, 2011 is to recognize students who graduate(d) Fall 2010, Spring 2011, and Summer 2011. The Petition to Graduate form is available at the Admissions office or at http://your.parkland.edu/admissions/forms/aspx. Please understand that if you do not submit a petition by February 28, your name will not appear in the Commencement program.

Once your petition has been approved, you will receive a letter with specific information about Commencement, tickets, cap and gown rental, photo opportunities, etc. Much of this information can be found at http://www.parkland.edu/studentlife/commencement.aspx. If you have questions about Commencement, please contact the Office of Student Life, X153, 351-2492.

2011 Alternative Spring Break
St. Jude Children's Hospital - Memphis, TN
The Possibility Place: an interactive children’s garden (designed by Kaizad Irani; to be planted and completed by Parkland College students)
March 20 -- March 25, 2011

Please give! Drop your spare change in the jars at Gulliver's and at Mama Leone's. Any amount -- large or small -- will help support the project. Over two dozen Parkland people -- students, staff, and faculty -- will be headed south over Spring Break. You can help us complete the project, when you let us keep your change.

For more information, contact John Eby -- Office of Student Life xt.#2627 or jeby@parkland.edu And, keep your eyes and ears open for upcoming opportunities to donate.

Large donations to the project (checks) are being accepted by the Parkland College Foundation -- contact Susan Goldenstein at (217) 351-2464.
You can call Myriah now to schedule an appointment for summer and fall academic advising with Billie. Call Myriah at 351-2462 to make an appointment for March.

Summer and Fall Schedules will be out in March/April.

Parkland Honors Program

Parkland's Honors Program offers unique educational opportunities and scholarships each semester to students motivated to challenge themselves academically; find an outlet for a special academic interest or talent; or simply continue their commitment to scholastic achievement.

To learn more about our Honors program visit www.parkland.edu/honors or email Marsh Jones or call 217/373-3739.

Student Success Stories

http://www2.parkland.edu/arc/success.htm

We are always looking for new stories to include on our website. If you have one you would like to submit, please email it to Billie at bmitchell@parkland.edu. Sharing your story helps others who are thinking of returning to school or helps motivate someone who is already a student.
Upcoming Parkland Activities

Visit these websites for Parkland activities for you and your family to attend. Some of these activities may be required as part of a course you are taking.

Parkland Athletics:  
http://www.parkland.edu/athletics

William M. Staerkel Planetarium:  
http://www2.parkland.edu/planetarium/

Parkland Theatre:  
http://theatre.parkland.edu/

Parkland Art Gallery:  
http://www2.parkland.edu/gallery/

Other event information can be found on Parkland’s homepage: www.parkland.edu

Millikin University’s PACE Program is building their elementary education and early childhood cohorts to begin at Parkland July 2011. Call ARC at 351-2462 or PACE at 420-6771 for more information.

http://www.millikin.edu/academics cps/pace/ Pages/default.aspx

Save the Date:  
ARC Open House and Partnership College Fair in the College Center and Career Center Job Fair in the Gym on Thursday, April 7 from 2-6 p.m.

Career Center

Just a reminder on the free services that Parkland’s Career Center offers to students and the community. Students are their first priority.

For more information, call the Career Center at 351-2536.

* Resume and cover letter writing assistance  
* Preparation for Interviewing  
* Assistance with electronic job search  
* Online resume posting and advising  
* Job postings/Employer database  
* Career Counseling and assessment

ATTENTION: As of May 2010, Parkland students need to get new ID cards. Get a new ID FREE at Student Life in X-161.

Partnership University Students: Please carry your university/college ID with you when you are on Parkland’s campus. You can use your university ID in Parkland’s library and M108 open computer lab. Students who order library books through ‘I Share’ for delivery to Parkland’s Library must provide their college/university ID at time of pick up.

Have a Facebook page? Find us on Facebook by typing in “Parkland College Adult Re-entry Center” in the search box. Become our fan and stay updated with our events and information. Share the page with people you know that may be considering being a first time or returning adult student.
Parkland’s Adult Re-entry Center is perfect for adults who need a convenient way to begin or finish their college degree.

Did you know you could stay at Parkland and earn your associate’s, bachelor’s, and master’s degrees? Our partnership schools offer advanced degrees that can be completed at Parkland, either online or with courses taught on the Parkland campus.

The best way we can give you personal assistance and information is to make an appointment. Appointments are available weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 217/351-2462 or email us to schedule an appointment.

Friends? Yes!
Evening and weekend activities? Yes!
A very busy schedule? Yes!

Networking is a waste of my time? NO!!

Networking is essential to getting work done in today’s world. It is absolutely necessary in the job search process as well. It’s always a great way to learn current ideas and processes from other folks who are working in the career area you’d like to be working in. What’s in it for you to network? A little or a lot, depending upon how much time you put in. The ARC will provide you with networking opportunities, and you choose what works for you. Here’s this installment:

Champaign County Chamber of Commerce  www.ccchamber.org
Discover C-U http://www.discovercu.com/
Women’s Business Council of Champaign County  www.wbcc.org

What does it take to apply for one of Parkland College's popular Health Professions programs?

Find out at a free information session:
5:- 5:50 pm
Room L141
Fridays: Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 18
Thursdays: March 17, April 7, April 21, May 5
For more information, please contact Program Manager
Rita M. Myles, R.N., M.S. at 217/353-2681.

For more information, email finishyourdegree@parkland.edu.