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 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 our 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? 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 while that setback will be temporary, it might feel devastating. Remind your student that she/his 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!

Are you doing great?

We see this all the time, as we begin a new year. May each family find more love, more peace, and more joy as they begin their spring semesters of academic work. Pray that each one finds study, and professional development opportunities coming up!

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!

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Feb. 23—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 22—Education Career Fair

Student check the calendar, talk to their professors.

Help, visit the Student Resource Center, talk to their professors.

Some students may also find that they have a hold on their account and are unable to register. In that case, your student call the Business Office immediately to get their account settled! The Business Office can be reached at 931-363-9810 and is open 8-4:30 on weekdays.

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