From the Dean of Enrollment Management

It’s hard to believe, but the fall 2014 semester is fast approaching mid-terms! Have you had a good semester so far, or are you struggling a bit with your studies?

If you are in need of academic support, check out the available services at the Center for Student Success on the sixth floor, rooms 601, 602, and 605. There is support for APA Style, study skills and time management, and even aids for your test preparation.

It’s also time to meet with your academic advisor. Studies indicate that academic advising goes a long way to helping students succeed. If you have not done so, please see your faculty advisor soon. Registration for spring 2015 begins on November 3rd.

For those of you who are in your first year or first two semesters at Methodist College, make sure to schedule your appointment with Abby Reel, our Director of Academic Advising for First Year students. Her office is located on the sixth floor, rooms 601, 602, and 605.

Methodist College ASM 101 Class Goes on a Scavenger Hunt!

Part of getting acclimated to Methodist College is the ASM 101 class. Students went on a scavenger hunt to learn who is who at the college. At left is a group with Dean of Enrollment Management, Dr. Keith W. Branham.

New Nursing Tutor for Methodist College Students in the CSS

Melissa Williams, RN, BSN, has joined the Methodist College family as the tutor for nursing students. Melissa was born and raised in Orlando, Florida. She worked in an operating room as both an instrument technician and endoscopic/laparoscopic instrument specialist, which sparked her interest in the nursing field.

Her office is 601, and her primary responsibilities include one on one tutoring, group supplemental instruction workshops, and other activities designed to help students in the area of science, nursing, and mathematics.

She is a 2011 graduate of Methodist College and was valedictorian of her class. Since graduation, Melissa has worked as a nurse in a cardiac step-down unit, a urology office and a uro-gynecology specialty clinic. Melissa has been married to her husband Evan for nine years. They have two daughters and an American Bulldog.

Fall 2014 Graduation is December 20th!

Saturday, December 20, 2014, at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in East Peoria. Processional starts at 10:00 AM, pictures at 9:00 AM, robing at 8:30 AM.
ed on the sixth floor, room 607. You can even schedule your appointment with her online by going to www.booknow.so/MethodistCollegeAdvising and follow the online instructions.

Remember that midterm break is the week of October 13. The college will not be closed, but there will be no classes that week.

As we approach midterms we begin to think about the holiday season that is just around the corner. The college will be closed November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on Monday, December 1st.

Don’t forget the co-curricular events this semester (there are two). The first is built around this being an election year, and began with a voter registration drive. On October 20 we will show our first awareness movie of the year, Wag the Dog. The next evening will be a panel discussion of the issues facing voters. Be sure to participate in all offerings.

OkSOBERfest
Join Methodist College for the second annual OkSOBERfest event! Students, faculty, and staff can enjoy learning about substance abuse through a variety of games, activities, addiction information, and free pizza! Then, at 6pm, there will be a demonstration of how to assist an individual with alcohol poisoning, followed by a speaker on the medical aspects of addiction—Dr. Krik Moberg from the Illinois Institute of Addiction Recovery.

Safety Tips:
- Know the locations of the 7 blue light call boxes around campus. Pushing the button will summon the police to investigate. If it is safe to do so you can talk to the 911 operator through the call box to give the police information about the emergency
- In the building don’t leave cell phones, books, computers, etc., unattended. If you are living in the residence halls and you leave your room, lock your door and take your key with you. Report lost room or elevator keys immediately.
Methodist College invites students to participate in the first annual **Healthcare Career Expo**, to be held on Wednesday, **October 29, 2014** from **11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at Methodist College.

This event will connect students from healthcare-related majors throughout the central Illinois area with employers seeking to fill both part-time and full-time positions. By attending this event, students will have the chance to further their skills as healthcare professionals.

There is **no fee to attend** the Healthcare Career Expo, and students will have the opportunity to mingle with recruiters from hospitals, nursing homes, school districts, social service agencies, and other companies seeking to hire candidates in the nursing, health professions, social work, and other related fields.

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Have a story, event, joke, recipe, or any interesting tidbit you want printed in *The Buzz*?

Send your submissions to:
Dr. Keith W. Branham  
kbranham@methodistcol.edu
5K Run/Walk & 10K Run

Join us for our second annual Student Government Association’s event to help fund scholarships to train tomorrow’s healthcare professionals.

**November 2, 2014-8:00 a.m.**
**Methodist College**
415 St. Mark Court, Peoria, IL 61603

**Registration**
- **Regular:** July 1st - October 14th - $35
  (Oct. 14th is also the cutoff for guaranteed hoodies and sizes)
- **Late:** October 15th - November 2nd - $40

Registration at: methodistCOL.edu

**KIDS’ RUN**
(approximately 1/4 mile)
Ollie the Owl, Methodist College’s Mascot, will be there to race with the kids!

**Registration:**
- **Regular:** July 1st - October 14th - $5
- **Late:** October 15th - November 2nd - $10

Be sure to stay for food, refreshments and awards!