

September 5, 2007

Dear all!

Welcome back to school.

We hope everyone enjoyed their time off.

On August 30th, we received confirmation that FIT Career Pathways in Tech-Prep will receive funding for the 2007-2008 program year.

You will find attached the calendar of events for the fall 2007 semester.

Please note team meeting dates, conference dates and Career Day. We urge you to start thinking about which student you would like to recommend for Merchandising Society Student Shadowing. It was a tremendous success last fall and two of the four participating High School seniors are entering FIT as freshmen this fall!!!

We wish you all a wonderful year and look forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

Warm regards,

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Co-Director

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Co-Director

Julie Ferrara
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Tech Prep Fall 2007 Events include:

Saturday Live: Orientation is September 15. Classes begin on September 29. Registration has already begun so please get your student information submitted ASAP. Julie Ferrara emailed registration information/links out on Aug.30th. You can also access all Saturday LIVE information and registration forms on the FIT website.
<http://www.fitnyc.edu/precollege>

NOTE: The new FIT Career Pathways in Tech-Prep now includes the Fashion Design major. Please encourage your students to enroll in Saturday Live Portfolio classes!

Tech Prep Team Meetings for fall 2007:

Tuesday: October 9, November 13, December 4.

National Tech Prep Conference: October 11 – 13, 2007

This event will be held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Please note that the registration deadline is September 17th!

In the past, Penny Melis-Cary, Rebecca Karpus and Nancy Berline attended this conference. They returned with lots of great information and have all raved about the experience! **Note:** please let us know ASAP if you are interested in attending.

<http://www.cordonline.net/NCPNdownloads>

Macy's Teen Advisory Board:

Stay tuned for information from Macy's for this paid opportunity for your students.

Merchandising Society/FMM & BRAG Student Shadowing Program:

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

For the third year, we will be hosting a select group of High School Tech Prep students to shadow FIT students. **Please start thinking about who you would like to send early! High School seniors are preferred.**

High School students will attend a morning class with college students (9-12).

Afterwards, lunch will be served and all students participating in the day will be able to meet one another as well as FIT faculty and administrators (12-1). From 1-2 students will attend a Merchandising Society meeting followed by a tour of the Style Shop – the student run retail store on campus (1-2).

Career Day at FIT:

Friday, November 16, 2007

Jason Dorsey will again join us as the Keynote speaker for students.

He will also offer a one hour workshop for 20 – 25 students later in the day.

Workshop leaders will include FIT alumni, Tech Prep alumni, Tech Prep Team members and executives from industry. There will be FIT student ambassadors who will escort students and workshop leaders to and from their assigned rooms.

Portfolio Day at FIT: Fall 2007 semester

A special Portfolio Day- FIT Open House will be scheduled for CP-TP students who are interested in applying to college majors that require a portfolio (Fashion Design, Interior Design, etc...). Anthony DiPaola, FIT admissions counselor, will schedule this event, which will be open to all CP-TP 11th and 12th graders.

National Portfolio Day: Fall 2007 semester

Sunday, November 18th 12PM – 4PM

National Portfolio Day, Hosted by Parsons The New School for Design, 65 Fifth Ave. All students who would like to apply to majors that require portfolios (Fashion Design, Interior Design, etc) are invited to participate in the largest National Portfolio Day held in the United States. At this event, 60 of the most prestigious and respected undergraduate art programs in the United States come to Parsons to review portfolios, answer questions about schools, and to help with the next steps in the admissions process. RSVP's are not required to attend, but early arrival is encouraged as lines will form well before the starting time. For teachers and counselors, sign up to receive important updates about National Portfolio Days in your area. Contact: Parsons Admissions , 212-229-8989 or www.parsons.edu

Podcasting Workshop: Fall 2007 semester

A hands-on “Podcasting” workshop will be offered in the fall 2007 semester to all Tech-Prep high school technology teachers in the FIT Center for Excellence in Teaching (CET). The goal will be for all participating teachers to create a podcast during the workshop session as a dynamic how-to guide for modeling their student podcasting projects. The skills acquired through this workshop will be used to assist students in creating podcasts documenting industry executive interviews and other fashion design and product development field trips. The students’ podcasts will be made available to all consortium high schools for inclusion in related curriculum. More information to come.

New Curriculum and Testing:

NRF Retail Skills Testing: Fall 2007 Semester

During the fall semester, Norman Thomas High School will be preparing their Tech Prep seniors for the Customer Service Certification test created by the National Retail Federation. This is a web-based exam that will be administered at the end of the fall 2007 semester. In preparation, Customer Service curriculum will be added to their existing 12th grade marketing curriculum.

ACCUPLACER Testing: Fall 2007 Semester

During the fall semester, all schools will be administered the ACCUPLACER tests. Testing dates will be tentatively scheduled for October 15th - November 2nd. Julie Ferrara will make site visits to each school in order to administer the tests, or site visits to FIT for the high schools students will be arranged for schools that do not have the technology to administer the test. Scheduling for these tests will take place at the first Team Meeting on October 9th.

SAT PREP PLAN: Fall 2007 Semester

During the fall semester, all interested schools will be administered the SAT PREP PLAN. Julie Ferrara will make site visits to each school in order to administer this computer adaptive prep plan session to all interested junior and senior CP-TP students. This is an optional activity which can be scheduled during or after school hours.

MOS Certification Testing: Fall 2007 Semester

Level I Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certification exams will be administered to select high school students. Certification will also be offered to high school teachers and college faculty, and will be available to Tech-Prep college students from select majors at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) who have completed the related curriculum. Technology teachers are encouraged to take the certification tests in order to infuse the curriculum/testing into their classes the following year.