Welcome Weekend

First in the Family
Introduction

• First in the Family
  – Purpose of the Program
• What does it mean to be a First Generation College Student?
• Welcome Weekend
  – Parent Workshops
Introduction

• Trudi Goggin, Student Affairs
• Terry Casey, Undergraduate Admission
• Angela Frazier, Academic Advising
• Student Leaders
Differences Between High School and College

• Full-time Status is 12 – 18 credit hours
• Two hours outside the classroom for each hour in the class
• Course Schedule
  – Monday/Wednesday/Friday
  – Tuesday/Thursday
  – Evening Classes
Differences Between High School and College

• Syllabi – Course expectations and requirements
• Professor Office Hours
• No Mid-term Grades
• Freshman Seminar - Advisor
• ADA/504 Accommodations
Differences Between High School and College

• Benefits of Living on Campus
• Opportunities for Involvement
  – Student organizations
  – Lectures
  – Service Learning
  – Performances
Student Responsibility

• Time Management
• Avoid Procrastination
• FERPA – Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act
• Dominican email is the official form of communication
• Self-Advocacy (IDEA vs. ADA)
Departments and Workshops Invested in Student Success

• Academic Enrichment Center
  – Career Development
    • Keli Wojciechowski, Parmer Hall, 010
  – Tutoring/Literacy and Learning Resources
    • Paul Simpson, Parmer Hall, 010
Departments and Workshops Invested in Student Success

• RCAS Academic Advising
  – Angela Frazier, Lewis Link
  – Sr. Melissa Waters, Lewis Link
  – Paul Rodriguez, Lewis Link

• RCAS Academic Success Services
  – Robbi Byrdsong-Wright, Lewis Link
Departments and Workshops Invested in Student Success

• Student Affairs
  – Trudi Goggin, Lewis Hall, 132

• Wellness Center (Health and Counseling Services)
  – Elizabeth Ritzman, Coughlin Hall, 016

• Peer Advisors
  – Freshman Seminars
Departments and Workshops
Invested in Student Success

• Workshops to be held:
  – Scholars Hour
    • Monday – Thursday, 6:00pm – 9:00pm
  – First in the Family Student Organization
  – Dominican Immigrant Student Coalition (DISC)
    • Lily Ibarra (ribarra@dom.edu)
  – The Village
    • Robbi Byrdsong-Wright (byrdsong@dom.edu)
Departments and Workshops
Invested in Student Success

– Academic Success Workshops – Math, Reading/Writing, Study Skills (offered in summer of 2013)

– Academic Success Workshops – Reading, Writing and Research and Successful Scientific Problem Solving (offered in summer 2014)
College is an Investment

- Financial Responsibility
- Student Account
  - Tuition due by the first day of class
  - Payment Plans
  - Student Account Hold
- Financial Aid (FAFSA) – complete annually and on time
College is an Investment

- Affording College
  - Student Employment
    - Jobs.dom.edu
    - Can apply directly to student account
    - Jobs currently available on campus
  - Scholarships
    - www.fastweb.com
    - www.collegezone.com
    - www.collegeanswer.com
    - www.supercollege.com
    - http://www.iyjl.org/recursosresources/scholarshipsbecas
    - Academic Success Services site
Staff Assisting Students in Making College a Successful Investment

- Financial Aid, Lewis Hall, 120, (708) 524-6809:
  - Marie von Ebers
  - Debbie Morsovillo
  - Maria Defeo-Romanucci
  - Sharon Lentz
  - Tracy Howery

- Student Accounts, Lewis Hall, 119, (708) 524-6791:
  - Terri Shimkus
  - Renee Harrison
  - Norma Lesniak
College is a Worthy Investment

- A student with a bachelor’s degree makes approximately 30% more than a student with an associate’s degree in his or her lifetime.
- The unemployment rate for a college student is 2.8% compared to the 5.7% for students with a high school degree.
- On average, a person with more education is more likely to maintain employment and make more money.

Fastweb 2011: finaid.org
Rhythm of College Life

- Challenges and Trends
- Questions to Ask
- Strategies for Parental Involvement
Rhythm of College Life

• August/September
  – Adjusting
  – Time Management
  – Uncertainty
  – Attend Parent Program: Welcome Weekend

• October
  – Identity and Diversity
  – Study Skills
  – Money Management
  – Attend Parent Program – Homecoming Weekend (October 11-13)
Rhythm of College Life

• November
  – Stress Management
  – Healthy Lifestyles

• December
  – Finals
  – Overwhelmed
  – Time Management
The Discussion Doesn’t Stop Here

- Welcome Weekend Program continues
- Parent Website
  - Dom.edu/parents
- Family Programs
- First in the Family student organization
Questions?