

CONNECTION

BAKER COLLEGE OF MUSKEGON

FALL 2015 | WEEKS 1-4

ASK ME WHY

A Message from the President's Desk

Crisis. That is the word that business and government leaders in Michigan are using regularly to describe the lack of talent in the workforce available for their organizations. Some industries are worse than others, but almost everyone agrees that there is a severe talent deficit in our region and state.

Why talk about this just three weeks into the fall quarter? Because as you settle into the routine of classes, homework, and exams, the important reasons for pursuing your college education can sometimes get lost in the mundane. It is always good to stop and remind yourself why you are earning your college degree. Never lose sight of the fact there is nothing mundane or unimportant about what you are doing. Whether you are on the edge of graduation or just getting started, you are addressing the talent deficit crisis in our economy.

The students who persevere to graduation will be entering an elite group of citizens uniquely qualified to respond to the talent crisis. Michigan continues to lag almost 10 percentage points behind the national average for college degree attainment. The nation also continues to lag similarly behind other countries in the world with an advanced economy. That is why the unemployment rate for those with a college degree in the United States is currently only 2-3%, which most economists would agree is the equivalent of complete employment.

Don't lose sight of *why* you are going to college. It takes commitment and sacrifice to be successful. Maintaining the proper motivation is keenly important to that mix. So, as you concern yourself with assignments, homework, and exams in the weeks ahead, take time to remind yourself of your ultimate goal and its value. Many organizations are asking where they can go to find the talent to help them be successful. The leaders in those organizations may not know who you are yet, but you are the answer to that question.

Lee Coggin, President
Baker College of Muskegon



Lee Coggin

Tobacco Free

Baker College of Muskegon, Fremont extension site, and The Culinary Institute of Michigan are tobacco-free campuses. Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to this effort.



Since 1911

Know Your Staff - Tyler Slamkowski

Tyler Slamkowski began working with Baker's Residence Life team in May 2015. He is a residence hall coordinator (RHC) with specific responsibilities over the main campus residential areas and the Social Justice Programming Team. His primary focus is on creating an inclusive, welcoming community for on-campus students so that they can develop both academically and personally.

Tyler has a bachelor's degree in music and international development studies from Calvin College, and his role as an RHC is his first full-time job after college.

Previous work experiences Tyler has had include working as a resident assistant, camp counselor, spiritual mentor, and a variety of teaching and performing opportunities on the trumpet. His guiding principles are a love for social justice, authentic community, and faith.

In addition to teaching lessons and performing with local groups, Tyler also enjoys competing in long-distance bike races, backpacking, reading, and attending live music concerts. He also loves Spanish language and Latin American culture and can frequently be found concocting a new bean and rice recipe. Tyler is Muskegon native, and he is so thankful to be living and working in his beloved hometown!



Tyler Slamkoski

Academic Resource Center

Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday
7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday
Closed

NEED HELP?

Classes making your head spin? WE CAN HELP! Stop in to see a smiling face for any or all of our services.

- Peer tutoring
- Writing Center
- Math Center
- Computer assistance
- Printing assistance
- Wall of Knowledge
- Peer-led workshops
- APA formatting help

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS? WE HAVE ANSWERS!

Try **ASK US** at askus.baker.edu

Is staffed by librarians

Or **TEXT US** at (810) 771-8959

Contains over 2,000 answers to questions

Or stop in to ask our friendly staff.

Nursing Applications

Nursing applications for W16 are now available in the faculty office reception area in the G wing. Completed application packets are due to Kathy Bonthuis (office G124) or Shannon Edwards (faculty office reception area) by noon on November 20th. The Kaplan entrance exam will take place on Thursday, November 12th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday November 13th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Instructions for signing up to take the entrance exam are included in the application packet. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Bonthuis, Program Director at kathleen.bonthuis@baker.edu

Dining at the CIM

LOCATED AT THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF MICHIGAN
336 WEST CLAY | DOWNTOWN MUSKEGON | 49440

Open for Lunch
Wednesday – Friday
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Call 231-777-6610 or place an online reservation at www.coursesrestaurant.com/reservations. Reservations are available for parties of 10 or fewer.

COURSES

One part restaurant. One part classroom.

Information Technology Solution Center

Monday - Thursday
10:00 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Room A104
231-777-6699
ITSC@mu

Barnes & Noble Bookstore

Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Call 231-777-5340 to contact the Bookstore for assistance.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FALL 2015

Date	Event
November 5	Job & Internship Expo
November 9 - 11	Academic Advising & Registration
November 23 - 28	Thanksgiving Break - No classes
November 26 - 27	College closed
November 30	Classes resume
December 7 - 11	Final exams
December 24 - 25	College closed
December 31	College closed
January 1	College closed
January 11	Winter quarter begins



JOB & INTERNSHIP EXPO

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO MEET WITH LOCAL EMPLOYERS

- This event is exclusive to Baker students and graduates
- Professional attire is required

Thursday, November 5, 2015
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Baker College of Muskegon Gymnasium



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DEPARTMENT

As an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Institution, Baker College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, a member of the North Central Association, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504 / 800-621-7440 / www.nca.org. Baker Center for Graduate Studies MBA program is also accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Business Education (AACSB).

FROM CAREER SERVICES ...

Welcome new and returning students! Career Services has many resources available to current students and future Baker College graduates. Some of these resources include

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES USING HQconnect

Employment opportunities are posted daily by employers on our HQconnect Job Search System. All current Baker College students can access this system via Baker's website (www.baker.edu); log into the SOLAR/STAR System, and click on Career Services. To provide students with a better understanding of how to use HQconnect and some of its features, Career Services is offering the following free seminar:

Tuesday, November 17, from 11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. in The Meeting Place

JOB & INTERNSHIP EXPO

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

This event offers students a chance to network with numerous employers regarding internships and employment opportunities. The employers are here to meet with you to share information about their company, discuss opportunities within their company, and explore what careers you can pursue within your degree field.

Stop by or call Career Services at 231-777-6500 to talk with a representative about viewing jobs and our many services.

Tips from the Financial Services Department!

The Financial Services Department is staffed with knowledgeable advisors. Our advisors are prepared to help you with a wide variety of financial services from activating your Baker OneCard and applying for financial aid, to making tuition payments and inquiring about scholarships. Stop in now for assistance.

OFFICE HOURS:

8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday

8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday

SOCIAL MEDIA & YOUR CAREER'S FUTURE SEMINAR

Social media is a key player in today's professional world. Sites like LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter offer a lot of different options and opportunities to enhance an individual's professional background, understanding, and provide a great way to catch the attention of hiring managers for future employment. To assist students in better understanding how to use social media to advance their career's future. Career Services is offering the following "free" seminar:

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Poor attendance will stop you from receiving financial aid, because you must continue going to your classes to keep your financial aid. Have you already received your loan refund? If you stop attending class after receiving a refund, your lack of attendance may cause you to be withdrawn from your classes and your posted financial aid to be reduced. This means YOU may OWE money back to Baker College and possibly the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

Tuesday, November 17, from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. in The Meeting Place

Please pre-register for one or both of the seminars a minimum of one day prior to Tuesday, November 17. Seats are limited. If you have questions or wish to reserve a seat, contact Career Services at 231-777-6500 or send an email to michael.legalley@baker.edu or kelly.deal@baker.edu

When Will I Receive My Loan Refund?

In an effort to provide exemplary customer service to Baker College of Muskegon students, an email notification will be sent to each student when a loan refund is available. (i.e. BakerOne card). Student loan refunds are typically available to students during Weeks 3-10 of each quarter. This date could vary depending on whether a student has completed Entrance Loan Counseling, a Direct Loan Master Promissory Note, and maintained satisfactory attendance in current quarter classes, submitted all missing items and started the required minimum amount of six (6) credit hours for the current quarter.

New Student Loan Borrowers

As a new borrower, you MUST complete two steps to receive your student loan disbursement. You must sign and submit a Master Promissory Note and Entrance Loan Counseling. To complete these steps, you need to log in to: www.studentloans.gov

ONLINE ALL THE TIME

Students can check the status of their Financial Aid online.

Go to www.baker.edu

Select Solar System, select Star System and then select Financial Aid Office. Once in the Financial Aid Office you can select Awards then year. Click into the link "View/Save/Print Financial Aid Awards