Happy 2014! The Winter classes are well underway and we are pleased to have almost 2,500 students attending Baker Owosso this quarter. Old Man Winter has been unusually harsh this season and most of us are already looking forward to some warm spring weather. Like most organizations, we attempt to stay open through most of Michigan’s weather events. If we do close, a message will go out through the emergency alert system via email, telephone and text. Be sure that we have your appropriate contact information in our system.

The start of a new year represents an appropriate time for each of us to take personal stock and resolve to improve our lives. From an academic perspective the “secrets” to success in college are quite simple:

**Set Goals!** There is little that is accomplished in this world that was not a part of a pre-defined plan of action. This is very true for something that takes years to accomplish, like a college degree. I encourage each of you to look at your career goals and establish an academic plan and timeline that will help create the future that you desire. Your goals may need adjusting at times, but they should remain as a guide in helping you to be successful.

**Get Organized!** Adjusting to college life can be a challenge for a student at any age or life situation. It will require you to balance multiple priorities in your schedule. Most importantly, it will require you to sacrifice some of the leisure/fun activities that you enjoy. By planning ahead and staying organized you can make the best of your busy schedule.

**Attitude Counts!** One of the best determinants for success in life is having a positive outlook and perspective on life. Embrace a can-do spirit, treat others with kindness and respect, and smile often. Life is sure to throw us all some curves...we are best defined by how we respond to these challenges.

Interestingly, these “secrets” for college success are some of the same attributes that lead to success in the workforce. As college students you are here to develop your “job skills”. Don’t forget that this goes beyond the prescribed curriculum in your chosen academic program. Make a resolution in 2014 to work on each of the above areas. I think you will be pleased with the outcome.

Good luck in your classes for the remainder of Winter quarter! Spring quarter registration is just around the corner.

See the flyer on the main Baker College of Owosso webpage for more information.
ATTENTION STUDENTS:

Are you expecting a refund from a loan? Have you received your Baker OneCard? Not sure how to activate your Baker OneCard? If you have not received your Baker OneCard or would like assistance with the activation process, the Business Office is here to help!

Remember:

If you are anticipating a refund on your Baker OneCard, you will receive an email as soon as the funds are available. Refunds are processed on Friday afternoon (starting week 2) but are not guaranteed until the following Monday.

Please log into your account at: www.bakeronecard.com for information on your current preference settings and activity.

Sign up with Sandy Kirby in the academic office.
Career Service Events

The TALL Club will meet at 5:00 p.m. in L107 on February 27, 2014. All EDU and ECE students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Financial Aid News:

Reminder: 2014-2015 FAFSA
The 2014-2015 FAFSA is now available! Returning Baker College students need to submit their FAFSA prior to June 30, 2014.

Scholarship Available
The Ed Kurtz Leadership Scholarship is now available. Eligible students have been emailed. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. The deadline is April 1, 2014.