While it may not feel like it, Spring is finally here, which means the end of the Winter Semester is in sight! But the Spring/Summer semester is just around the corner!

REGISTRATION

Online registration is now open for Spring/Summer 2015, Fall 2016, and Winter 2016. Students can now register for two semesters in advance, which makes planning your class schedule so much easier!

To check the course schedule online, log into My Portal and click on the “Students” tab. On the left side click the “MY Class Registration” link, then select the “Course Search” tab to look for classes and sections.

Students with an IH hold must register by emailing desired courses and sections to the Registrar’s Office: registrar@madonna.edu. Please make sure to include your full name, Student ID#, course name, number, day/time and semester in your email.

ADVISING WORKSHEET

To help you better plan your class schedule, your advising sheet and advisor information is located on My Portal. After you log in, click the “Students” tab. On the left side click on “Advising”. At the top will be a link to your advising worksheet, which lists classes you have taken, are taking, and still need to take in order to complete your degree requirements.

The advising worksheet is intended to be a tool in helping you plan your classes, but it does not replace meeting with your Academic Advisor. You should schedule a meeting with your advisor after you select classes to make sure you are on the right track. You should also meet with your advisor any time your schedule, plans, or goals change.

Happy Easter!

This Sunday, April 5th, marks the biggest Christian holiday, Easter, which celebrates the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is celebrated by many people—Christian and some non-Christians—usually with family gatherings, dinner, church, Easter egg dyeing, and Easter egg hunts for kids.

Students get to enjoy a three-day weekend this weekend, as classes will end at 4:00pm on Thursday, April 2 and the university will be closed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in observance of the Easter holiday.

In addition to Easter, the beginning of Spring also means warmer weather, the NCAA Men’s college basketball March Madness tournament, and the opening of the MLB baseball season.

You can catch Michigan State University play in the Final Four tournament this Saturday, April 4. The final championship game will take place Monday, April 6.

Also on Monday, April 6, the Detroit Tigers will kick off their season with their home opener against Minnesota. Opening Day is a very beloved “holiday” among Detroiter, and many go to Detroit, even if they don’t have tickets, to watch the game and enjoy the celebration.
April: Can you tell me a little about yourself?
Sang: My name is Sang Hyun Park, and I am from South Korea. Before I come to Madonna University I studied Biochemistry at University of Oregon. My major is Pre-nursing and I am a freshman here right now. My favorite hobbies are playing basketball, golf, and I also real enjoy driving.

April: Why do you choose to come to Madonna University?
Sang: Because I heard that Madonna University has great nursing program.

April: What is your favorite thing about attending Madonna University?
Sang: I like the small class size here, and very nice teachers. In addition, comparing to other school, the tuition fee here is cheap.

April: Do you have a favorite class or favorite professor
Sang: My favorite teacher is prof. Muse who teaches Anatomy and Physiology.

April: What do you want to do after you graduate?
Sang: I wish I can find a job here or go to graduate school for nursing.

April: Can you tell me a little about yourself?
Camille: My full name is Camille Laloupe, and I was born on August 17, 1992 in Paris XIV (France). In high school, I chose to study literature with an emphasis on English. I then went to college near Versailles, to pursue a double bachelor’s degree in Law & English. My third year, I completed a semester abroad at Albion College, in Michigan. My hobbies include cooking (baking especially), reading and writing, animals, puzzles, home interior renovation, and etc....

April: Why do you choose to come to Madonna University?
Camille: I chose Madonna U because my master’s degree only exists here. I am studying Humane Studies.

April: What is one goal that you want to accomplish before you graduate?
Sang: I want to improve my GPA and my English.

April: How do you like American culture so far?
Sang: I think American people are very open and friendly. At same time, they behave very well.

April: If you want to bring one thing about your culture what would it be?
Sang: It would be delivery culture. In Korea, almost every restaurant and store delivery food and stuffs, which is very convenient.

April: Do you have a favorite class or favorite professor?
Camille: So far my favorite class (taught by my advisor, Dr. Domzalski) has been "Do Animals Matter?". I encourage everyone to take it!

April: What do you want to do after you graduate?
Camille: After graduation, I’d like to work in the non-profit sector (preferably a non-profit tied with a corporation within the pet care industry). I would like to specialize in grant writing/major gift coordination.

April: What is one goal that you want to accomplish before you graduate?
Camille: Before I graduate, I absolutely want to do an internship in the industry I want to later on work in.

April: How do you like American culture so far?
Camille: I had a glimpse of what American culture is when I went to Albion, and I find resemblances and differences at Madonna. I disagree with some things, agree with others, overall, I feel that I have manages to fit in – however, I don’t know whether or not I could live in America for a long period of time.

April: If you want to bring one thing about your culture what would it be?
Camille: One serious thing I would be to America has to do with race. I had never used that word before I came here, and I feel that in France, being a Black girl has never been an issue to discuss or even consider. We have a completely different approach. Another thing America needs is real good cheese!
Tai Kyoung Lee and Frances Fitzgerald

Ladies Who Lunch
By Frances FitzGerald

Before I met Tai Kyoung Lee, I worried that we wouldn’t find much to talk about. I don’t know any Korean, and I wasn’t sure how much English Tai Kyoung knew. But as it turned out, I had nothing to worry about. So far, I’ve enjoyed two lunches with Tai Kyoung, and we still haven’t run out of conversation. For our first lunch, we went to a Korean restaurant, Tofu House. More recently, we lunched on Thai food at Siam Spicy. Sitting across the lunch table from Tai Kyoung, I’ve been impressed with her friendliness and her proficiency in English. We’ve talked about our families, American politics, our spring breaks, Amelia Earhart, and American idioms. I look forward to spending more time with Tai Kyoung and getting to know her better.

Lunch with Profess Fitzgerald
By Tai Kyoung Lee

It was my second time to have a lunch with Professor Frances Fitzgerald. :) She always picked me up and welcomed with smile. I feel that I am lucky to catch a chance to have a great memory with her. We ate Thai food yesterday and it was so great. I cannot forget that taste! I want to say thank you to her because she always waited me while I thought about the suitable words. Moreover, she helped me to figure out the correct sentence. Moreover, we talked a lot and there is no limitation. The best thing I remember is about a woman whose name is Amelia Earhart and her story about mystery. I could know some information and we imagined the next story about her. Every time when I met professor, I got a lot of new information. She made me happy and energetic. I want that she can feel happy with me too!! Thank you :)

Kathleen Aseltyne and Minkyung Ji

Minkyung Ji and I had a very nice time at lunch. Minkyung was nervous that her English wasn’t very good. I told her that was ok because my Korean wasn’t so good either! It is amazing how much you can understand when you connect with someone! We also used Google translator when all else failed. We connected right away because we were wearing the same watch! Minkyung is very easy going and has a great sense of humor and a great smile. We shared stories about our families. I told her to tell her mom and dad not to worry and that I would look out for her while she is here. I promised her that we will go out for some good Korean food soon!

—Kathleen
Congratulations to Tae-Hun Park on his nominations for the 2015 Michigan National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) Student Production Awards! Tae-Hun was nominated in the Writing category for MEP The Mercy Education Project, along with Lexie Pisko and Kathryn Bessega.

12 of the 40 total nominations went to Madonna students! The 2015 Student Production Awards will be held at Detroit Public Television on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 5:30pm.

Leaving this Summer?

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INCOME TAX FILING—APRIL 15

Did you work during 2014? If so, your Income Tax Return is due by April 15, 2015. Forms must be mailed into the appropriate addresses, not turned into the ISO. Filing an Income Tax Return is part of your responsibility as an F-1 Visa holder. Please check your email for necessary forms and information, or contact the International Students Office.

Staying here this Summer?

The East Wing of the Residence Hall will be closed starting May 1. Students staying in the Residence Hall must move out of their room by then. If you are moving out of the Residence Hall or to a new address, you must change your address with the International Office and the Registrar within 10 days of your move.

International Students Office Survey!

International Students Office is conducting a survey to find out how your experience has been during your study at Madonna University. Please let us know your opinions by completing the following survey. We will tailor our future programs and services based on your recommendations.

http://madonna.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cV1z1OjJTHFjYV

Please complete the survey by April 30.

Graduation Volunteers Needed!

Student volunteers are needed for the Graduation Mass on Thursday, May 7 & Commencements on Sunday, May 10.

Volunteers greet guests and students, direct them to their seats, and help set up and clean up the events.

**Graduation Mass**

Thursday, May 7, 5:00pm—8:30 pm in the Felician Sisters Central Convent Chapel (on Campus)

Dessert Reception follows the Mass!

*If you would like to volunteer to help at Commencements, but do not have transportation to Plymouth, please ask in the Student Life Office, (room 1411) if transportation is available.

Sign up on MyPortal, on the Students tab homepage, under Graduation Volunteers Needed. Volunteer assignments will be communicated to students beginning Friday, April 17.

**Commencements**

Sunday, May 10, 10:00 am — 4:30 pm at Compuware Arena in Plymouth, MI*

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