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### WKU C.A.R.E.S Accepts Student Success Award in Washington, D.C.

The WKU Coaching for Academic Readiness Excellence & Success (WKU C.A.R.E.S.) team of Tanya Vincent and Tammy Dorris accepted the prestigious UPCEA South Region- Excellence in Advancing Student Success Award at the annual UPCEA conference in Washington, DC on Thursday, March 23rd.

- The program was chosen because of its contribution to furthering best practices of "working student learners" through innovative, creative, and sustainable measures. WKU Cares Student Success Coaching has proved to be instrumental in the increase in completion rates, increase in enrollments and increase in student success.
- The WKU CARES Blackboard organization is set up for exclusively online learners. It houses valuable information to help students be successful online. It includes helpful coaching tips, ways to connect to campus and much more. Student Success Coaches like Tammy Dorris strengthen student ties to WKU and provide a myriad of skills to help students achieve personal goals.
- "WKU CARES has a mission to provide comprehensive support that helps online learners realize their potential, build confidence and succeed. Many times, online students do not feel connected to the university. WKU CARES is one way to bridge that gap and provide resources to our students. We have created a way to not only connect with students, but we are also forming partnerships across campus to offer more inclusive services to online students." says WKU CARES, coach Tammy Dorris.

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- Coach Tammy works closely with online students through the WKU CARES Blackboard Organization, which services around 2,200 students. She also meets with over 80 additional students for individual coaching. She allows students to actively reflect on their current circumstances and to evaluate strategies that support and/or undermine their academic success.
- Tanya Vincent, Program Manager for Online Student Services helped to create the WKU C.A.R.E.S. program as a part of WKU Online Student Services to help guide adult learners and non-traditional students throughout their time as WKU students. The program helps distance learners reflect, develop, grow, and be successful in their online programs of study.
- In the Spring of 2022, WKU CARES strengthened their model of personalized student support by revamping the WKU CARES Blackboard organization. They went from an approach of weekly activities students had to complete to housing modules of up-to-date resources available to online students.



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# **EVENTS**

**Campus Recreation and** Wellness Calendar

**WKU** Events Calendar

WKU Sports Calendar

Spring 2023 Academic Calendar

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**Upcoming Dates** 

| 4/7     | Deadline to apply for Dec 2023<br>graduation |
|---------|--|
| 5/1-5/4 | Finals Week                                  |
| 5/4     | Spring 2023 Commencement                     |
| 5/5     | College Recognition Ceremonies               |
| 5/9     | Final Grades Due                             |

There are several ways to request <u>registration</u> for WKU on demand courses. Tuition payment is required at the time of enrollment. We accept MasterCard, Discover, Visa, check, cash, money orders, and financial aid.

- Online via Top Net (if paying for tuition out of pocket)
- Register using Financial Aid
- Register by mail, fax, phone or in-person

Summer 2023 **Registration for** On Demand begins

May 1

Click here to view **On Demand Courses** 

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### Preparation is Key!

The most important thing you can do to improve your test scores is make certain you are well prepared for the exam. There is no substitute for preparation! However, preparation doesn't mean simply studying hard for each exam as they come up. The most well prepared students practice good habits along the way, which helps them not only remember the material, but understand the material at a much deeper level.

### Come up with a game plan:

- · Develop a realistic study schedule
- Determine your available study time
- Organize your study area
- Predict exam guestions from your lecture notes, discussions and readings
- Consider where your weaknesses lie
- · Create study aids to boost your confidence while studying and when taking a test
- Take practice exams

## **IMPROVING YOUR TEST SCORES**

# Study Confidently

Test taking anxiety can affect anyone. It is something that we all will encounter in our collegiate career. Tests can be stressful, but we can control how we react to the tests by preparing effectively, having confidence, and relaxing.

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#### **KNOW THE CONTENT**

Understand what you will be tested over and how you will be tested. Make certain you understand what the test covers (i.e. which chapters, notes, concepts and main points). Is the test multiple choice, true or false, and/or essay-style? Ask your professor for any clarification needed. Knowing which material to focus on and how the questions are organized will help you prepare for a test.

#### MANAGE YOUR ALERTNESS LEVEL

Get sleep so you aren't dazed. Walk around if you are feeling tense. Don't listen to last minute crammers if you are anxious. It's like doing warmups for sprints-get yourself to the best physiological state.

#### **TEACH SOMEONE**

One of the most effective ways to learn is to teach. If you try to explain what you've been studying to another person, you'll transfer the information from short- to long-term memory, and you'll more clearly see what you understand and what you don't.

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Important Dates for Spring 2023 Graduation

- Lavender Recognition Ceremony
- May 2, 7:00 pm
- WKU ROTC Commissioning
- May 4, 9:00 am

**ISEC Graduation Celebration** 

• May 4, 2:00 pm

Topper Walk

- May 4, 6:30 pm
- **Commencement Ceremony**
- May 4, immediately after Topper Walk **Big Red Bash**
- May 4, immediately after Commencement

### **College Recognition Ceremonies**

- May 5
  - Gordan Ford College of Business, 8:00 am
  - Potter College of Arts & Letters, 10:30 am
  - Ogden College of Science and Engineering, 1:00 pm
  - College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, 3:30 pm
  - College of Health and Human Services, 6:30 pm



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### Diplomas are mailed after graduation.

The diploma will be mailed to you at the address listed on your Application for Graduation; however, if the address to which the diploma is to be mailed has changed since filing the graduation application, update the diploma address on TopNet immediately Diplomas for graduates will be mailed approximately 3-6 weeks following commencement.

Please make certain all obligations such as the return of books to the library, arrangements for repayment of loans, parking tickets,etc., have been fulfilled prior to leaving the campus. Final transcripts and diplomas will not be issued to students with outstanding obligations.

