

WALSH UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL for PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
Undergraduate Program

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FROM THE DESK OF GARY TSCHANTZ:

As we enter spring, I hope your spring and summer will be productive yet restful. I'm writing to update you on tuition changes for the School for Professional Studies for the new academic year. As you are aware, every March and April we do an evaluation to determine if a tuition raise is needed for the upcoming school year. For our undergraduate programs, we have always discounted tuition from the main campus rate. When our tuition rates were established, there were many justifications for this lower amount. I feel those reasons are still valid and we should maintain the differentiation from the main campus undergraduate tuition amount which is \$270 more per credit hour than our undergraduate program.

GOOD NEWS! Effective May 1, 2010, our tuition will only be increased \$10 per credit hour for the undergraduate programs within the School for Professional Studies. Undergraduate tuition will become \$415/credit. This decision is reflective of our effort to minimize your expenses and still provide you with an excellent value for your dollar.

Walsh University was founded on the principle of providing students with a quality, affordable education in the Catholic tradition. This tenet will never change. Maintaining affordable tuition is just one of the ways that Walsh University looks forward to serving you.

Whether it's providing you with academic guidance, financial aid services, or assisting you with any issue leading to your personal and professional development, please let us know how we may best serve your educational goals. Remember, graduation day is just around the corner!

Best wishes for your continued success in your studies.

Gary Tschantz
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PROGRESS REPORT

The impressive growth and addition of programs are convincing validation of all that the University attempts to provide: competent and caring faculty and staff, fine academic programs and an atmosphere that promotes learning and development. In addition to Akron, Aultman Hospital (now open to all students), Akron City Hospital (now open to all students), Canfield, Medina and North Canton, we plan to offer courses at the University of Akron (Wayne Campus) beginning this summer. We also offer courses at the G.E. Money location for G.E employees only.

For those of you who may have missed it, last year Walsh University began to

offer many courses through an on-line (e-learning) delivery format. These courses can be completed entirely from an off-campus location without setting a foot in a classroom. Tuition for on-line courses will be \$565/hour.

Please contact your advisor if you have an interest in on-line courses.

CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS

Many students buy or trade books with other students. It is your responsibility to make sure you have registered for the proper courses and purchased the proper text for class.

M.B.A. UPDATE

I am proud to announce the following admission policy for the Walsh University M.B.A. Program. These guidelines are reflective of the high esteem in which graduates from the School for Professional Studies are held. I would like to extend a welcome to all of our graduates upon completion of their undergraduate degree, to continue their studies with us for their Masters in Business. These exciting changes are:

- AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE will be granted to a Walsh University business major who has achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher (scale of 4.0) and is in his/her final semester of undergraduate coursework with 18 or less credit hours to complete the undergraduate degree.
- AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE will be granted to a Walsh University alumnus who has

achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.5 (scale of 4.0) or higher and holds an undergraduate degree in business granted within five years prior to the date of application to the M.B.A. Program.

- Any student (including nurses) with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher (scale of 4.0) who successfully completes the six (6) credit hour MBA Preparation Series (these courses can be completed within one semester) with a grade B or better in each course, will be granted full admission into the M.B.A. degree program.
- For those wishing to take the GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test), that option is still available. Acceptance will be granted with a score of 490, or better, and an undergraduate record of accomplishment with a GPA of 3.0 or higher (scale of 4.0). A student below in one component (GMAT or GPA), but above on the other, will be considered for admission based on the formula: $200 \times (\text{undergraduate GPA}) + \text{GMAT} > 1,090$
- Students graduating from our undergraduate degree completion program are eligible for ANY Walsh University Masters degree at a 25% discount. The MBA and MAED programs can be completed in one-year (two nights per week) or two-years (one night per week). MBA courses currently are offered at our Medina Campus and in North Canton at the main campus.

There are three concentrations (areas of study) within the M.B.A. degree. You

can earn a concentration in **Management, Integrated Marketing, or Health Care Management.** Course descriptions for these concentrations are available on the website or in our promotional literature.

For more information on the M.B.A. Program, please contact Deborah Riggs at (330) 490-7648

GRADUATION

Graduation Day is an event many people look forward to for years. The year Walsh University's Commencement Ceremony takes place on Sunday May 2nd. I encourage all S.P.S. students to participate in the ceremony. We try to create a celebration that recognizes the importance of this milestone in your lives. For many it may be the first time you are on the main campus. It will be great to see you as part of the institution you are a part of. Congratulations!! You have proven hard work and sacrifice are rewarded.

Caps and gowns will be available to pick up at our S.P.S. locations.

Students attending graduation or are planning to take courses at our N Canton location can familiarize themselves with the campus and location of their classroom by clicking on "North Canton Map" on the S.P.S. website.

FAST TAKES

Reminder: please be prepared for the first night of every course by having written assignments completed (no handwritten assignments accepted).

Our Walsh University Library has established a process for our students. If you check out a book, the library will send it to you via UPS and include a return shipping label for your convenience.

You are encouraged to attend the campus of your choice for any courses.

We now offer courses for Registered Nurses to complete their Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degrees at three locations. Students are eligible to attend the campus of their choice. Aultman Hospital courses are scheduled from 4:00 pm till 8:00 pm. The Akron Campus and Akron City (Summa) Hospital locations hold courses from 6:00 pm till 10:00 pm.

The financial aid office can be reached at (330) 490-7147. Kathy Davis has been assigned to assist S.P.S. students through the financial aid process. Financial aid processes are different for our students; you must indicate that you are a non-traditional student to insure proper information. It is now time to file paperwork for the next financial aid year. The financial aid year begins with summer classes.

Students are NOT permitted to take a CLEP or DANTES test within the last 32 hours of their degree program. Your last 32 semester hours, with a minimum of 15 credits in the major field, must be taken at Walsh. If you plan on earning credits through CLEP or DANTES, please sign up before your senior year!

Demand dictates that certain courses can only be offered sporadically throughout

the year. Do not wait until the last minute to sign up for Developmental Math, Management Concentration (Org Leadership/Human Resources), Science, Sociology, Speech, and specific History courses.

Some students have been registering for classes and either never attend the course or withdraw at the last minute. This has been preventing other potential students from enrolling in these courses and has upset many students while costing the university money. Any student that withdraws from a class within 7 days of the class start date will be charged a \$20.00 drop fee. If a student does not withdraw and fails to show for class, an additional \$35.00 fee will be assessed. Course drop slips must be filled out in ALL cases of withdrawal or full tuition will be charged. **There will be no waiving of these fees for ANY reason.**

You must notify the S.P.S. Program if you have a change of address. Changes of information forms are available in reception.

Prerequisites: Please pay attention to courses that have a prerequisite requirement. Unless the prerequisite has been met, a student should not register for the course. Please check the prerequisite sheets to determine if you are eligible to register for a class.

In the future, Walsh will continue to bring forward new and innovative degree programs and other course offerings that are consistent with the needs of communities served by off-campus sites.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING BILLING AND REGISTRATIONS

Billing: Due to recent changes in federal regulations regarding the disbursement of financial aid, effective immediately, Walsh University can no longer “future date” registrations for the parts of term (5W1, 5W2, 5W3, 8W1, 8W2) of any given semester for the SPS Program. Since ALL financial aid is distributed at the beginning of a semester, we must also assess ALL tuition charges at the beginning of the semester. Students with adequate financial aid will see no difference in the billing statements. The balance owed by all students will now be due by the first day of class of the appropriate “part” of term. As we transition through this change in billing, you will be permitted to carry a balance between the first and last parts of terms without being charged interest or receiving past due notices. It is important to note that we will continue (as in the past) to require that your balance be below \$1,000 to accommodate your registering for classes in any upcoming semester.

Registrations: Effective May 1st, 2010 Walsh will no longer send end-of-month billing statements. The last statement sent will be for the month of April, and you should receive the statement some time during the first week of May, 2010.

Also **effective May 1st, 2010**, you will be able to access and print off your account balance (with details) by accessing the secure area of Walsh University’s Cavalier Center. If you have questions or difficulty with access, please contact the Student Service Center at 330-490-7367.

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