



# STAYING CONNECTED

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## FAMILY WEEKEND IS COMING!

Welcome to the October issue of “*Staying Connected*.” We would like to extend a personal invitation for you to join us for **NSU Family Weekend**. Three exciting, enjoyable, fun-filled days have been planned especially for you and your family on November 7—9, 2008. The registration deadline is Friday, October 24. Please be sure to

register by the deadline so that you can be accommodated. Family Weekend activities are as follows:

### November 7

5—8 p.m.—Welcome Reception/Registration

### November 8

8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.—Continental Breakfast/Registration

8:30 a.m.—12 noon—Youth Activities

9 a.m.—10 a.m.—Family 2-Mile Run/Walk

9 a.m.—2 p.m.—Healthy Spartan Fitness Initiative

1 p.m.—Football Game—NSU vs. Morgan State Bears

4 p.m.—7 p.m.—Fish Fry—“Oldies But Goodies”

7 p.m.—10 p.m.—Karaoke, Board Games and Casino Night

10 p.m.—2 a.m.—Victory Dance

### November 9

9:30 a.m.—Worship Service

Please contact the Office of Student Activities for additional information (757-823-8200).

**Catch the Spartan Spirit!**

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## FALL 2008 CAREER FAIR

Please encourage your student to participate in Norfolk State University’s Fall Career Fair. The event is scheduled for Thursday, **October 16**, starting at 10:30 a.m. in Joseph G. Echols Memorial Hall.

The Career Fair allows

students the opportunity to interact, network and obtain hiring needs and information from hundreds of company representatives. Please visit <http://www.nsu.edu/careerservices/careerfair.html> for a listing of employers.

Additional services offered by Career Services include Job Search Orientation; Resume Writing Workshops; Interview Workshops; and Career Services Orientation.

Call 757-823-8462 for additional information.

## VOTE FOR THE SPARTAN LEGION

### [WWW.HONDABATTLEOFTHEBANDS.COM](http://WWW.HONDABATTLEOFTHEBANDS.COM)

Spartan Parents! It is that time of year to cast your vote for the Marching Spartan Legion to participate in the 2009 Honda Battle of the Bands. This display of musical warfare will take place on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

For the past two years, the Spartan Legion has rocked the house in the Peach State. In order for the Spartan Legion to make a

third consecutive appearance, your help is needed. Please cast your ballot for the Legion using the web address listed above. Once you have logged onto the site, click on the opinion poll and register so that you can cast your vote for the Spartan Legion once a day. Please spread the word throughout the Spartan Nation to show your support of the number one band in the country.

**BEHOLD THE  
GREEN AND  
GOLD**

**Homecoming  
2008:**

**A REFLECTION  
OF  
OUR  
JOURNEY**

[http://  
www.nsu.edu/  
homecoming](http://www.nsu.edu/homecoming)

## HOMECOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**October 19** — Mr. And Miss NSU Pageant

**October 21** - Comedy Show

**October 22**— Homecoming Concert

**October 23**—Homecoming Fashion Show—Alumni Step Show

**October 24**—"Yard Fest" - Homecoming Pep Rally—

Alumni Association Golf Tournament—Spartan Homecoming Family Reunion—Marie V. McDemmond Center Block Party— Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Alumni Luncheon - Crowning of Ms. Alumni - SGA Homecoming Step Show - Alumni Association Party

**October 25** - Homecoming Parade - Homecoming Football Game - SHA

Homecoming Victory Party - Alumni Association Victory Party

**October 26** - Annual Alumni Farewell Worship Service and Breakfast

Please visit [http://  
www.nsu.edu/  
homecoming](http://www.nsu.edu/homecoming) for additional details.

## FALL SEMESTER 2008 CALENDAR

- **October 6-11**—Mid-Semester Advisory Period
- **October 17**—Last Day to Drop a Course
- **October 27**—January 9—Spring 2009 Registration
- **November 26**—

Reading Day

- **November 27-30**—Thanksgiving Break
- **December 1**—Classes Resume
- **December 5**—Classes End (Last Day to Withdraw from the University

- **December 6-12** Final Exams
- **December 13**—Commencement

**Classes for  
Spring Semester 2009  
Start on January 10**

## TUTORIAL SERVICES

Norfolk State University's tutoring program is available at no cost for currently enrolled students. The service offers a support system for students and peer assistance in the comprehension of coursework. It is designed to provide academic assistance to students by pairing them with peers who have been demonstrated exceptional achievement in a particular subject area. Sessions are avail-

able by appointment or on a walk-in basis.

The Student Tutorial Centers provide:

- One-on-one tutoring
- Group study sessions
- Structured study hall (for students in extracurricular activities or support service programs)
- Effective study tips

Does your student need a tutor?

Find out more by visiting [www.nsu.edu/access/tutorialservices/](http://www.nsu.edu/access/tutorialservices/)

## WRITING COMPETENCY EXAM

The Examination of Writing Competency (EWC) is a graduation requirement for all undergraduate students. It is a 3 hour proctored exam in which students write an essay that responds to a question from a general category.

Students should take the EWC as soon as they have completed their freshman composition courses

(English 101 and English 102); for most students, this would be their sophomore year. Students must take the EWC before they complete 90 credit hours.

Students must go to the Registrar's Office, at least two weeks prior to any administration of the exam, to register for the exam. Currently, there is no fee for the exam.

### QUESTIONS?

Please call 757-823-2930 or email [rlbingham@nsu.edu](mailto:rlbingham@nsu.edu). You may also visit the Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment website at [www.nsu.edu/iea/eewc.php](http://www.nsu.edu/iea/eewc.php) for more information.

## 2008 SPARTAN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

### October

**11**—at S.C. State—

1:30 p.m.

**18**—at Hampton U. -

1 p.m.

**25**—Florida A & M

(Homecoming) 1 p.m.

### November

**1**—at Howard—1 p.m.

**8** = Morgan State—1 p.m.

(Family Weekend)

**15**—Delaware State—

1 p.m.

**22**—at Winston Salem State

1:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Ticket Office at 757-823-9009 Or log onto [www.nsuspartans.com](http://www.nsuspartans.com).

**NSU  
HOMECOMING**

**OCTOBER 25**

**NSU  
vs.  
Florida A & M**

**1 p.m.**

**Dick Price  
Stadium**

**NSU**

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Our goal is to provide you with the ultimate customer care experience. Please know that as our partner in education, you are valued, appreciated, and important to us. May we help you?

Let's stay connected!

We want to exceed  
your expectations!

**CAMPUS DIRECTORY  
757 AREA CODE**

**ACADEMIC SCHOOLS**

Business— 823-8920  
Education— 823-8701  
Liberal Arts—823-8118  
Science & Technology—823-8180  
Social Work—823-8668

**ADMIN. SERVICES**

Admissions—823-8396  
Bookstore—823-2037  
Career Services—823-8462  
Cashier's Office—823-8462  
Counseling Center—823-8542

Disability Svcs.—823-2014  
Financial Aid—823-8381  
First Year Experience—823-8507  
Graduate Studies—823-8015  
Judicial Affairs—823-8222  
Library—823-8873  
Post Office—823-8332  
Housing—823-8407  
Student Accounts—823-8381  
Student Center—823-8200  
University Police—823-8102  
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