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STUDENT AFFAIRS

The general purpose of the Division of Student Affairs is to be of service to the University and its students. The programs and services are designed to assist the student in making a satisfactory adjustment to the institution and to promote an environment in which a student can pursue his/her academic goals with minimal difficulty. Student Affairs programs and activities also purport to build within each student an increased sense of personal worth and self-confidence, improved interpersonal effectiveness, an increased ability to learn from new situations, a clarification of values, and the development of a personal ethical code. The goals of the Division are embedded in the mission of the University, which advocates providing a good liberal arts education for students and preparing them to be productive and responsible members of the community. As the area responsible for student life programs (Housing, Health Services, Student Activities and Intercollegiate Athletics) and student support services (Financial Aid, Counseling, Career Development and Cooperative Education), the Division provides the quality and the quantity of services needed to assist students in meeting their goals and the goals of the University. The Division of Student Affairs is the responsibility of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

FINANCIAL AID

The Office of Financial Aid has full responsibility for the administration of all student financial aid programs such as loans, grants, scholarships and career-related student work programs. Interested students may seek information at the Office of Financial Aid. The goal of the Office of Financial Aid is to assist in the efforts of students to meet their responsibilities to bear the cost of a college education. Students are encouraged to seek out other sources of aid, especially state and private scholarships, and to submit early applications for funding.

PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING

- A. **COMPLETE THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) OR THE RENEWAL FAFSA**, and submit it to the U.S. Department of Education for processing. The application can be filled out electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students seeking federal aid must use the FAFSA to apply for the Federal Pell Grant and other programs discussed herein.
- B. A copy of student's/parent's previous calendar year Federal (1040) and W-2 form(s), if required, must be submitted. Independent students must submit tax information for themselves and their spouses. If a tax form was not filed, a notarized statement indicating the reason for not filing and the source and amount of all income received must be submitted. This "verification procedure" is required of selected students.

PRIORITY DATES

First consideration for aid will be given to eligible students whose completed applications have been received by the following dates:

January 2	Complete and submit FAFSA
March 1	Maryland State Scholarship
April 1	Summer Sessions Only*
April 15	Fall Semester
November 1	Spring Semester Only*

*Applications for the Spring semester and Summer Sessions will be accepted based on the availability of funds. No funding is available for the Winter Session.

AVOID PROCESSING DELAYS

- A. For priority, file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) no later than February 1 for the Fall semester. It takes three or four weeks to process this form;
- B. Complete the FAFSA application forms according to directions, making certain that all

- items are legible and completed accurately;
- C. Contact the Office of Financial Aid if you have questions about how to complete forms;
 - D. Make sure that all necessary signatures and dates have been furnished; and
 - E. Submit at the same time all required documents to the Office of Financial Aid.

NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE

- A. The Office of Financial Aid will acknowledge receipt of all documents. Students should retain copies of all documents.
- B. Offers of awards will be made within 10 days after information has been received and grades and other necessary information become available.
- C. Students must electronically confirm acceptance of award offers by accessing the WebSIS system within 10 days after receipt of the notification.
- D. The award offer is for one academic year. Students must apply separately for summer financial aid.

CALCULATION OF FINANCIAL AID

The award offer is based upon a review of the student's financial need as determined by an analysis of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by an approved federal processor.

Once the "Expected Family Contribution" has been determined and the cost of attending Morgan (including books, transportation, and personal expenses) has been considered, the financial aid award offer will be made based on availability of funds. Due to limitations of funds and the large number of eligible aid applicants, the University is usually unable to meet 100% of the student's need. The student should expect to contribute to the cost of his/her education.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Awards are usually disbursed in two equal installments: one half the yearly award for the Fall semester, and the other half for the Spring semester.

Funds for direct expenses (tuition, fees, campus room and board) will be credited to the student's account at the beginning of each semester.

REFUNDS

Refunds, when due, are processed by the Office of the Bursar. The student may file a "Request for Refund" form with the Office of the Bursar, Montebello Complex, A-Wing, Room 124. Three to four weeks usually elapse before the refund is available.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS STANDARD FOR FINANCIAL AID

Disbursement of financial aid is dependent upon the student meeting satisfactory academic progress standards. Academic records are reviewed at the end of each semester. Students who do not meet the standards indicated below may lose financial aid until the minimum requirement is reached. Students whose award offers are based on full-time status must **register for and retain at least 12 credits or financial aid will be reduced accordingly**. Students are required to earn at least 2/3 of their attempted credits each term in order to maintain satisfactory academic progress. Students must also maintain a 2.0 grade point average.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Scale

(effective July 1988-Full-time Students)

School Year	Minimum Credits to be Earned	Cumulative Average
First	20 (min 20)	1.8
Second	42 (min 22)	2.0
Third	66 (min 24)	2.0
Fourth	90 (min 24)	2.0
Fifth*	114 (min 24)	2.0
Sixth**	138 (min 24)	2.0

*Students pursuing standard four-year offerings are allowed five and one-half years to complete degree requirements.

**Students pursuing the School of Engineering offerings are allowed six years to complete degree requirements. (This is based on the July and August 1988 prospectuses of the School of Engineering).

APPEALS

Students who become ineligible for aid because of unsatisfactory academic progress may appeal in writing to the Financial Aid Advisory Committee no later than three weeks prior to the subsequent semester. Supportive written documentation must be submitted with appeal.

PROBATION

Students whose appeals are approved will be granted a semester of financial aid probation during which a minimum of 12 semester hours must be pursued and earned with at least a 2.0 semester average. Generally only one semester of financial aid probation will be granted.

TIME FRAMES

1. **Full-Time Students:** Full-time students are those who register for 12 or more credits per semester and who are expected to earn no less than the minimum credits and cumulative averages for the years indicated above. Students pursuing standard four year offerings are allowed five and one-half years to complete degree requirements.
2. **Three Quarter-Time Students:** Students must earn no less than 18 credits per year. Cumulative averages for the first one and one-half years must be no less than 1.8 and 2.0 or better for each succeeding year. Under this scale, students are expected to complete requirements in seven years, except that Engineering majors are allowed up to 8 years.
3. **Half-Time Students:** Half-time students are expected to register for no less than six credits and to make progress at the rate of 12 credits per school year, with no less than a 1.8 average for each of the first two academic years and a 2.0 average or better for all succeeding years. Students under this scale must complete requirements in 10 years, except that Engineering students are allowed up to 12 years for completion.
4. **Engineering Students:** Full-time Engineering students are allowed six years to complete degree requirements.
5. **Transfer Students:** Transfer students will be established at the time of the students' entry to Morgan State University. Students will be expected to progress in accordance with the time frame.

WITHDRAWALS

Students are allowed one official withdrawal from

all classes without a financial aid penalty, if they were otherwise making satisfactory progress in the period immediately preceding the withdrawal.

Unofficial withdrawals will be evaluated as if all courses were failed for the term. The students may be penalized by loss of financial aid.

INCOMPLETES, NON-CREDIT COURSES, REPEATS, REMEDIATION

Students will not be penalized for repeating courses, taking non-credit or remedial courses, or receiving incompletes as long as they earn the required number of credits and grade point average to maintain satisfactory academic progress.

TYPES OF AID

The University offers the following types of financial aid:

- a. **Federal Pell Grant.** Students must apply for the Federal Pell Grant to be considered for other types of financial aid. The amount of their grant is based on
 - (1) the number of credit hours they pursue,
 - (2) the cost of attendance, and
 - (3) their level of need as determined by the processing of their FAFSA and its resultant Student Aid Report (SAR). The SAR will be sent directly to the student by the federal processor. Students must read their SAR carefully.

The student's signature thereon means that he/she understands the conditions of the award. Students who use the Federal Pell Grant for only one regular semester in the academic school year may use the remaining portion for summer school attendance. If the student's Expected Family Income (EFC) is asterisked (*), he/she must complete verification procedures through the Office of Financial Aid. In those instances where verification is required, a verification form with instructions is usually furnished along with the SAR; if not, this form can be procured at the Office of Financial Aid. Verification must be completed prior to the award of any type of federal student aid.

- b. Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program** provides employment opportunities to students. If eligible funds are available, Work-Study allows a student to work on or off campus and in tutorial programs — America Reads & America Counts. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) form must be on file in the Office of Financial Aid. All Student Work Programs must be cleared through the Student Employment Office (SEO). Students may work a maximum of 20 hours a week. Award amounts vary, and hourly wages are determined by the Student Employment Office (SEO) and employment category. Federal Work-Study earnings are not credited to a student's bill. Students receive a bi-weekly check for hours worked. Applications and Employment Listings are available in the Student Employment Office (SEO) located in the Montebello Complex, A Wing, Room 223, (443) 885-3141 or e-mail: wkprogram@moac.morgan.edu.
- c. Campus Employment Program (CE).** A limited number of positions may be available to students. This program provides full-or part-time employment on campus. This program is not based on financial need. Salaries and schedules vary according to employment category and placement. International students not eligible for FWS may be eligible for Campus Employment. Students may obtain employment applications and listings from the employing agencies or the Student Employment Office, Montebello Complex, A Wing, Room 223, (443) 885-3141.
- d. Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG).** The FSEOG is a federal grant awarded to eligible students in amounts not to exceed \$2,000 annually. Further, this award is dependent on the availability of funds. FSEOG is for undergraduates with exceptional financial need (with priority given to Pell Grant recipients) and it does not have to be repaid.
- e. Federal Perkins Loans.** These loans, formerly known as National Direct/Defense Student Loans, are available to eligible undergraduate and graduate students. The Perkins Loan is a low interest loan to help students pay for their education. These loans are made through the Office of Financial Aid and must be repaid. Repayment on this loan begins six months after graduation. Enrolling for less than half-time or discontinuing study will result in repayment of the loan. Payments are to be made payable to Morgan State University and mailed to: EFG Tech, P.O. Box 1810, Winston-Salem, NC 27102. Eligible students may receive a Federal Perkins Loan to the extent to which funds are available. As a part of the award process, students must report to the Office of Bursar-Perkins Office, Montebello Complex, A Wing, Room 109, (443) 885-3108. An entrance interview and the Federal Perkins Loan Promissory note must be completed before disbursement of this loan.
- f. Federal Direct Loans** are low-interest loans made by the federal government directly to the school. The institution determines your eligibility and annual loan amounts. The loans must be repaid with interest charges as indicated in the loan agreement/promissory note. The Federal Direct Program offers subsidized and unsubsidized loans. With the unsubsidized loan, no interest is charged and no repayment is required until six months after you cease to be enrolled on at least half-time basis. If you borrow the unsubsidized loan, interest will accrue while you are in school and during grace periods. The principal is not due until six months after you cease to be enrolled on at least a half-time basis.
- As an undergraduate student, you may borrow up to \$3,500 for the freshman year, up to \$4,500 for the sophomore year, and up to \$5,500 for the junior and senior years, to a maximum of \$31,000 for the students' undergraduate studies. If you are independent,

by federal definition, you may borrow additional unsubsidized funds, \$4,000 for the freshman and sophomore years, and \$5,000 for the junior and senior years, to a maximum of \$51,500 for undergraduate study.

Graduate students may borrow up to \$18,500 a year, and up to a total of \$138,500 including loans made at the undergraduate level. The amount students may borrow depends on the students' financial need as established by the FAFSA and other information. Limitations are established by the Federal Government.

Application is made through the Office of Financial Aid, however, students must be making satisfactory academic progress to be approved for federal loans. Further, before the students can receive loans, the University must first determine their eligibility for the Federal Pell Grant. If offered a Loan(s), the student must complete the necessary Interview Forms in the Loan Office, Montebello Complex, C200. If students are approved for the loan, the University will draw down the loan funds and credit the appropriate amount to the students' accounts.

- g. Federal Parent Loans Undergraduate Students (FPLUS).** FPLUS Loans are for parents who want to borrow to help pay for their children's education. The annual loan limits are the cost of education minus all the other aid the students receive for that academic year.

The borrower must complete the Federal Direct credit application. The interest rate is variable, but it will never exceed 9 percent. Interest begins to accrue on the day the loan is disbursed, and borrowers usually have ten years to repay (excluding periods of deferment and forbearance).

FPLUS Application forms and general information are available in the Office of

Financial Aid, Montebello Complex, A Wing, Room 203, (443) 885-3170. Applications can also be filled out electronically at www.studentloans.gov.

- h. Alternative Loan Programs.** The Alternative (private) Loan Programs were developed to meet the special financing needs of graduate students and are offered through private agencies. Lenders may require a cosigner, have interest rates that are usually higher than the Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loans, and have interest accrual from the disbursement date.
- i. Institutional Scholarships and Grants:**
- 1. Honor Scholarships.** These awards are available to entering freshmen with high SAT scores and honors high school grade point averages. Average award ranges up to \$24,000 per year. Awards are automatically renewable with required grade point average. For details, students should contact the Director of the University Honors Program, Jenkins Building, Room 105, (443) 885-3429.
 - 2. Institutional Scholarships.** These awards are available on a limited basis to new and continuing Morgan students; they are based on need and academic average. Award amounts vary. For details, students should contact the Director of the University Honors Program.
 - 3. Diversity Grants.** Grants and internships are awarded to eligible enrollees who are residents of the State of Maryland. Awards range up to \$5,000 per year. For details, students should contact the Office of Financial Aid.
 - 4. Athletic Grants.** Available to selected participants on intercollegiate athletic teams. Amounts vary and are determined by the University Athletic Department. For de-

tails, students should contact the Athletic Compliance Officer, Hill Field House, (443) 885-3050.

- j. ROTC Scholarships.** Four-year Army ROTC scholarships are offered by the U.S. Army to selected high school seniors who desire to pursue a military career. These scholarships pay for all tuition, books and laboratory fees and provide a monthly stipends. Three-, two- and one-year scholarships are awarded to college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors, respectively, on a competitive basis. For details, students should contact the Chairperson of the Military Science Department, Turner's Armory, Room 115, (443) 885-3263.
- k. Maryland State Scholarships.** To be eligible for many state programs, students must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA must be postmarked by March 1 for the academic year awards. Students may apply for the following state aid programs: Delegate Scholarship, Senatorial Scholarship, Guaranteed Access Grant, Education Assistance Grant, Part-time Grant, Distinguished Scholar Award, Distinguished Scholar Teacher Education Scholarship, Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship, Child Care Provider Scholarship, State Nursing Scholarship, Physical and Occupational Therapist Grant, Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship, Sharon Christa McAuliffe Memorial Teacher Education Award, the Firefighter, Ambulance, and Rescue Squad Member Tuition Reimbursement Program and the Loan Assistance Repayment Program. Some programs require additional steps; contact the Maryland State Scholarship Administration (MSSA) at (800) 974-1024 or aid agencies for other states.
- l. Private Scholarships/Grants.** A limited number of private scholarships/grants are available each year through the institution.

These may be based on area of study or other requirements. They also may be limited by student classification. For details, students should contact the appropriate department or school/college.

Counseling Center

We are located in Carter Grant Wilson, the building on the NE corner of Cold Spring Lane and Hillen Road, next to Truth Hall and Jenkins Building.

Walk-In-Hours

If you are coming to the Counseling Center for the first time, or have an emergency, you may speak with the counselor on Walk-In-duty.

Walk-In-Hours: Monday-Friday 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Mission

The mission of the Counseling Center is to provide a range of psychological and counseling services to Morgan students. The Counseling Center strives to support the emotional, interpersonal, social, and career development of MSU students.

Everyone needs someone to talk with at times. Counseling is a growth process through which students are helped to define goals, make decisions, and solve problems related to personal, social, academic, and career concerns. Counselors help students to resolve personal and educational concerns, which may include:

- Adjusting to a new environment
- Relationships with family, friends, romantic partners, or roommate
- Feeling stressed or anxious
- Anger and interpersonal conflicts
- Depression, loneliness, shyness
- Grief and loss
- Self-esteem and self-confidence

- Sexual issues and decisions
- Sexual Orientation
- Alcohol and drug related problems
- Personal crises
- Difficulties with study skills
- Time management
- Motivation
- Choices about majors and careers
- Communication with instructors

Confidentiality

Counseling often deals with very personal and private issues. Counselors respect student's privacy and will not release information disclosed in counseling without the student's explicit permission, except in rare situations when it is necessary to protect the student's or another person's safety.

Services Offered

Individual Counseling offers the opportunity to talk about whatever is on your mind and to explore your options. A professional counselor can help you resolve personal difficulties and learn more about yourself.

Group Counseling: Groups offer an opportunity to meet others who have had similar experience and who also want to pursue personal growth. Most of our groups have 5-8 members, agree to rules of confidentiality, and meet once a week for 1.0 hour. What group members talk about, and when, is up to each individual.

Workshops: Each semester the Counseling Center sponsors a series of workshops designed to help students adjust to the academic, social, and psychological demands of campus life.

Outreach Programs: Counselors are available to conduct workshops and provide information on various topics to classes and organizations. Topics may include: Counseling Center services, time management, coping with stress, depression, self esteem, healthy relationships, diversity and sexual, depression, self and conflict resolution. National mental health screening days in the fall and spring educate and screen students for depression,

anxiety, and substance abuse.

Peer Programs: Programs involve student volunteers and extend Counseling Center outreach to the student body. Student volunteers are selected and trained to participate in the following peer programs:

•**Peer Counselors** are trained to talk in confidence and to provide programming for their follow students.

•**Peer Educators** are trained to present programs on HIV/AIDS awareness and relationship violence.

•**Women of Destiny:** An initiative for Incoming Freshmen; student leaders provide support to female first year students.

Relaxation Room: Equipped with a reclining massage chair, relaxing music, and soft lighting, this room is available as a place to unwind, meditate, and escape life's stresses. Any member of the Morgan community is welcome to use the room by appointment or on a walk-in-basis, for 30 minute sessions.

Psycho-Educational

Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity (ADHD) and Psychological Evaluations are available for students who may be eligible to receive academic accommodations based upon having specific learning disabilities, ADHD, or who may have a specific psychological issue. All evaluations are comprehensive and are completed in the Counseling Center by a licensed psychologist. Students interested in being evaluated for a learning disability must be referred by the Student Accessibility Support Services Office (SASS).

Referrals: Each student's individual needs are considered in making referrals to sources to help outside the Counseling Center. Information is available about a variety of services and resources on campus and in the community.

Crisis Intervention: A member of the Counseling staff is on call to assist students in emergencies. After hours, the campus police, (443)885-3103, or a Resident Director, will page the person on duty.

Psychiatric Consultation is available by special arrangement for situations in which a psychiatric evaluation and medication might be helpful. Costs are generally covered by the student health insurance.

Please go to our website for much more information: www.morgan.edu/students/counsel/index.asp

Emergency on call
After hours and weekends, please call
(443)885-3103

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

Morgan State University Code of Student Conduct (Code)

The Office of Student Judicial Affairs directs the efforts of students and staff members in matters involving student discipline. Disciplinary regulations at the University are set forth in writing in order to give students general notice of prohibited conduct. The regulations should be read broadly and are not designed to define every instance of misconduct. The responsibilities of the Office include:

- (a) Determination of the disciplinary charges to be filed pursuant to this Code,
- (b) Interviewing and advising parties involved in disciplinary proceedings
- (c) Recruiting, selecting, training, supervising, and advising all judicial boards,
- (d) Reviewing the decisions of all judicial boards
- (e) Maintenance of all student disciplinary records,
- (f) Resolution of cases of student misconduct, as specified in this Code
- (g) Collection and dissemination of research and analysis concerning student conduct, and
- (h) Submission of a statistical report each semester to the campus community, reporting the number of cases referred to the Office, the number of cases resulting in disciplinary action, and the range of sanctions imposed.

TENETS OF JUDICIAL PROGRAM

To regard each student as an individual, deserving individual attention, consideration, and respect.

To consider the facts fully and carefully before resolving any case.

To speak candidly and honestly to each student.

To hold each student to a high standard of behavior, both to protect the campus community, and to promote student moral development.

To contribute to the educational mission of the University by designing policies, conducting programs, and offering instruction that contribute to the intellectual and moral development of the entire student body.

STANDARDS OF DUE PROCESS

A Student who is alleged to have engaged in conduct in violation of the Code shall be provided with notice of the alleged allegations and an opportunity to be heard. Disciplinary proceedings shall determine whether a charged party is responsible or not responsible for violating the Code or other University regulations.

Any person may refer a student or a student group or organization suspected of violating this Code to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs. Persons making such referrals are expected to cooperate fully with the Office of Student Judicial Affairs. It is very important that persons making such referrals provide detailed and complete information pertinent to the referred matter. In addition, persons making such referrals may be needed to appear in a hearing. If the Office of Student Judicial Affairs preliminarily determines that the allegation has merit and the alleged conduct is a violation of the Code, specific charges shall be drafted and referred for a hearing or disciplinary conference. Members of the University community are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Code. Copies of the Code can be obtained in the Office of Student Judicial Affairs located in Truth Hall, Room 205, or viewed on the University's web page at: www.morgan.edu/Current_Students/Code_of_Student_Conduct.html.

OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE

The Office of Residence Life at Morgan State University is an integral part of the University's mission of achieving academic excellence. The

Office of Residence Life provides a holistic approach to student development. We strive to enhance an individual's academic, social and personal development from matriculation to graduation.

To achieve this goal, the Office of Residence Life provides quality living facilities, resident hall programs and a supportive staff that encourages achievement, involvement and inclusion. Residence life programs and activities are tailored to respond to the cultural, social, recreational and educational needs of students.

Inclusive in the services campus housing provides, student rooms have data and cable access. In addition, the halls are equipped with laundry facilities, study halls, computer labs and tutorial labs.

University housing has seven traditional residence halls and two apartment style living complexes. Additionally, housing is provided at Morgan View, a privatized facility exclusively for Morgan State University students, one block away from campus.

Details of the housing application procedure and the rules and regulations that govern living in the residence halls can be found in the Residence Life Handbook. The university also has several affordable meal plans designed to fit students' busy academic schedules.

It is important that all students file for financial aid and pay strict attention to all guidelines and due dates for submitting required documents. Please refer to the Financial Aid section of this catalog for important information and submission dates.

The Office of Residence Life looks forward to serving you and ensuring that you achieve all of your goals. We believe it is important that we develop, support, and ultimately realize the potential of tomorrow's leaders.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTER

The University Health Center, located in the Woolford Infirmary, is operated by the University to provide general medical care and health education for all students.

ELIGIBILITY

All full-time undergraduate students of the University are eligible for care upon the presentation of completed health entrance records, including recommended pre-matriculation immunization record. All registered part-time undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to enroll in this insurance plan by contacting the office of Student Affairs at (443) 885-3527. If completed Health Forms are not filed in the Health Center, registration will be withheld.

When students return to the University after withdrawal for health, or any other reason, new medical records must be filed in the Health Center in order for the students to be eligible for care. Services will be rendered upon the students' presentation of their valid current MSU identification card.

AVAILABLE SERVICES

The Student Health Center is a primary care site specifically equipped to handle most routine and some non-routine ambulatory care problems. When specialized care is needed, students will be referred to a private physician or hospital at the students' expense; some student insurance is available to offset the costs.

The Health Center, like most health-care providers, operates on an appointment system. In order for students to be seen, except in cases of emergencies, they must call and schedule an appointment with a health care provider. Students walking into the center without appointments should expect some delay, as students with appointments will have priority. In the case of an emergency, as assessed by the Health Center's standards, students will be referred to the appropriate health care provider or medical treatment facility.

When the University is in session, Primary Care Providers and Licensed Practical Nurses are on duty during hours of operation. The Health Center's Medical Director/Physician is available on site during specific hours, and 24 hours a day by phone. Gynecological services, like all other services, are available by appointment.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Student Health Center is open from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments are scheduled until 4:30 p.m. The Health Center is closed Saturday and Sunday. If medical care is needed after hours, or on the weekend, please call the Student Health Center at (443) 885-3236 and follow the directions provided.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The mission of the Center for Career Development (CCD), and its staff, is to assist undergraduate and graduate students, as well as degree-holding alumni, in their determination of a choice of career direction, or pursuit of graduate education. We emphasize that success comes through self-assessment, exploration of and experiencing possible careers, and learning the job search-related skills necessary to accomplish career related goals and objectives. We seek to empower our clients, so that they will be able to make sound career decisions, achieve career satisfaction, and become productive members of society.

The CCD provides assistance to students and alumni in the career decision making process through interest testing, counseling and experiential learning opportunities; individual advising/counseling; a career resource center for obtaining career information and researching employers; seminars and individualized preparation to develop job-seeking skills; planning and executing a targeted job search; providing opportunities to interview with employers; access to job fairs and career days sponsored by Morgan State University and other organizations in the region; candidate referral of registered students and alumni to employers with professional personnel needs; access to job listings; and assistance with decision-making about and application to graduate study.

The Center for Career Development is the focal point of career planning activities for Morgan State University students and recent alumni. It is the basic philosophy of the Center for Career Development that effective and efficient career planning throughout the college years assures placement into employment or further study.

In following this tenet, students are encouraged to register with the Center for Career Development early in their academic careers and to maintain regular contact with the staff. Students and alumni should recognize that contact with the CCD is at their initiative. The implementation of any advice or information received is their responsibility.

The Center for Career Development is located at the C-224 Montebello Complex. The telephone number is (443) 885-3110. Visit the Center for Career Development web site on the Morgan State University home page at <http://careers.morgan.edu>.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

The Intercollegiate Athletic Department's vision is to model excellence as a University program, as well as a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-AA program. Thus, the Department has adopted four core values to guide decisions and behaviors in fulfilling its mission and vision:

1. A confident and humble pride.
2. Integrity in words and deeds.
3. Respect for the dignity of ALL stakeholders.
4. Loyalty built on honest and trusting relationships.

Morgan State University provides an extensive National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I intercollegiate athletics program (Division I-AA in football) for students enrolled at the University. The sports offered at the institution include football, men's and women's basketball, cross country, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field, women's volleyball, softball and bowling. The University is also a member of the Eastern College Athletic Conference, and the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. The University approves and adheres to the regulations of these associations. It also enacts institutional regulations governing the participation of students in athletics.

The Intercollegiate Athletics Program is an integral part of the educational program of the University. The objectives of the athletics program are:

- (1) to provide opportunity for the development of

physical fitness and the means for the safeguarding of health,

(2) to develop good sportsmanship and positive attitudes regarding the use of teamwork in achieving goals, and

(3) to help skilled athletes enhance their talents and optimize their athletic potential.

The University endeavors to maintain a balance between sports activities and its academic programs. All varsity sports offered by the University provide Athletics Grant-In-Aid to qualified participants. Requirements for admission to the University are the same for all applicants, regardless of participation in athletic activities. Members of intercollegiate teams are college students first; therefore, student-athletes are subject to the same standards that apply to other students and they must maintain satisfactory academic progress in order to continue participation in the Intercollegiate Athletics Program and remain at the University. Intercollegiate Athletics is intended to develop the entire person as an individual capable of making significant contributions to society long after college life is completed.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY BOARD

The NCAA Constitution requires all member institutions to establish and maintain a student-athlete advisory board. Its purpose is to provide a voice and forum for those individuals who participate in intercollegiate competition. Each team elects a representative to provide feedback on various athletics issues and present the concerns of their fellow student-athletes to the athletics administration. The Faculty Athletic Representative serves as the advisor for this group.

EQUITY IN ATHLETICS

DISCLOSURE NOTICE

The Morgan State University Athletics Department is committed to the principle and practice of gender equity. This commitment shall reflect in every aspect of departmental operations. In accordance with the requirements of the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act, Morgan State University prepares an annual report on its intercollegiate men's and women's athletics program participation rates and financial support data. The report is on file and may be obtained by any student, prospective

student, or member of the public from the Office of the Athletic Director, the Admissions Office, and the Office of Student Affairs.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT CENTER

The Student Center is the community center of the University, serving students, faculty, staff, alumni and guests. By whatever form or name, a University Student Center is an organization offering a variety of programs, activities, services and facilities that, when taken together, represent a well-considered plan for the community life of the University. The Student Center is an integral part of the educational mission of the University.

As the hub of the University community life, the Student Center complements the academic experience through an extensive variety of cultural, educational, social and recreational programs. These programs provide the opportunity to balance course work, free time and cooperative factors in education. The Center is a student-centered organization that values participatory decision-making. Through volunteerism, its committees, and student employment, the Student Center offers firsthand experience in citizenship and educates students in leadership, social responsibility, and values.

In all its processes, the Student Center encourages self directed activity, giving maximum opportunity for self realization and growth in individual social competency and group effectiveness. The Student Center's goal is the development of persons as well as intellects.

Traditionally considered the "hearthstone" or "living room" of the campus, today's Student Center is the gathering place of the University. The Student Center provides services and conveniences that members of the University community need in their daily lives and creates an environment for getting to know and understand others through formal and informal associations. The Student Center serves as a unifying force that honors each individual and values diversity. The Student Center fosters a sense of community

that cultivates enduring loyalty to the University.

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Morgan State University is dedicated to providing quality activities and programs in a learning environment which promotes academic and personal excellence in students and an appreciation of intellectual, ethical, and aesthetic values. In striving to foster a campus environment which contributes to the total education of each student, the Office of Student Activities seeks to assist individual students as well as student organizations in the creation, implementation, and evaluation of those social, educational, cultural, and recreational programs which contribute to the academic growth and personal development of all students at the University.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Purpose

The Student Government Association (SGA) at Morgan State University is a vital force in the lives of all members of the University community. The University encourages students to appreciate the privileges of and to assume the responsibilities for self-government. The activities and responsibilities of the Student Government are deliberately substantive and designed and operated as real life experiences for training students to function effectively and to take responsibility in the greater community of life.

The Student Government Association is the official student governing body at Morgan State University. It strives to instill a feeling of collective work and responsibility in an effort to reiterate that achievement of common objectives depends on a cohesive attitude among students. The SGA stresses that activity goals must be supported by a strong factual base. A clear understanding of problems must be ascertained as a first step of problem solving.

COMMUTER SERVICES

The Office of Commuter Services provides programs, services, advocacy, and research for the benefit of off-campus and commuter students. By definition, commuter students are those students who do not reside in the University housing. The Office of Commuter Services provides for a wide variety of needs through direct delivery of essential programs and services or by assisting other offices in meeting those needs. Some of the services provided are the “Good Morning Commuters” Brunch, Commuter Lounge/Study Area, emergency car kits (booster cable) for student use, and a newsletter published every Fall semester. The MTA College 33 Pass Program began at MSU on January 21, 2000. The MTA Listening Booth is sponsored each semester to assist those students riding public transportation. Various programs and workshops are held during the academic year on relevant issues in order to meet the needs of our commuter students.

THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Office of Community Service (OCS) at Morgan State University was created in November 1993 to design, develop and implement dynamic community service programs to boldly address the educational, social, cultural, and recreational needs of the under-educated, under-represented, educationally “at risk” and homeless residents of the Baltimore metropolitan area. Because Morgan is the public urban University for the State of Maryland, the Office of Community Service is responsible for establishing community programs which will provide students with the opportunity to understand urban life and phenomena. With this in mind, the Office of Community Service provides Morgan State University students with the training, supervision, support, recognition, and evaluation needed to participate in structured community volunteer programs.

Additionally, the Office of Community Service

provides the students at Morgan State University with effective and challenging community service programs which address the social, cultural, educational and recreational needs of the residents in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area. As a result of participating in a community service learning program, Morgan State University students not only relate their classroom learning to the realities of life, but they also realize that by helping to improve the lives of others, they improve the lives of residents in the Baltimore community, the State of Maryland, the nation and the world.

By organizing multi-dimensional, holistic programs that involve university students, faculty, staff, community organizations, government agencies, businesses, Baltimore City school children and their families, the Office of Community Service positively impacts some of the problems that hinder the inner city population. Operating consistent with the University's mission statement, the Office of Community Service has created the following programs:

Office of Community Service Programs

Brother-to-Brother is a volunteer program dedicated to working with male high school students throughout Baltimore City. Morgan male volunteers work with students engaging them in activities that are designed to teach self-awareness, leadership and responsibility. Morgan student mentors will work with students to help them increase their knowledge in different areas of education. In addition, Brother to Brother provides information on conflict resolution, sex education and avoiding drug abuse.

Campus Pals is a volunteer service program, which gives elementary and middle school students throughout the nation an opportunity to visit and learn about a prominent HBCU (Historically Black College/University). The tour guides that assist with the program are Morgan student volunteers. On the tour, the visitors get a glimpse of our

dormitories, sports facilities and academic buildings. By the end of the tour, all of the information the visitors receive will give them an incentive to maintain good grades, work diligently and apply for college.

JAHOD is a unique program for adolescent females who attend Baltimore City Schools. The goal of Jahod is not only to expose the females to everyday societal problems but also to strengthen their minds through mentoring and academic tutoring. The coordinators and tutors are all Morgan students striving to reach scholastic excellence as well as trying to create a positive environment for young females. Through the program, the mentors try to instill in each female the fact that personal success is tangible.

KUUMBA was created in an effort to address the needs of many young people who are ill-prepared for life's challenges. The primary goal is to reduce juvenile violence, delinquency and truancy by improving the educational performance and developing the life survival skills of juveniles. The program's mission is to raise the educational aspiration levels of juveniles by affording them continuing exposure to the University's environment. The program participants' ages range from 11-15.

KWANZAA is an African American holiday celebrated by Morgan State University on the first Saturday in December. Children throughout the City of Baltimore are invited to the campus to learn about the fundamental values and traditions upon which African people have built a civilization, culture and character. Music, games, exhibits, food, dance and storytelling and a number of other activities are used to explain the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa.

MSU TUTORING CORPS provides in-school and after-school educational, social and cultural learning opportunities to students in the Baltimore area. The goal of the program is to help other programs reduce the dropout rate of African American youth in public schools. Creative tutoring, stress management, methods of problem solving

and positive communication skills are emphasized to improve reading, writing and math skills.

MUSIQUE is a music program that works with middle school females in the creation of an innovative learning environment. In this environment, the middle school youth receive basic vocal and instrumental instruction that will empower and instill in them a sense of achievement and confidence. Throughout the course of the music program, the Morgan musicians and students will attend and present a number of concerts and recitals.

M.V.P.S. (Morgan Volunteers Providing Support) recruits and trains Morgan students for community service projects. It also promotes team building, civic involvement and increases the interaction between faculty, staff and students. The students that are recruited work with several community service programs as well as programs inside the Office of Community Service to help promote positive community involvement and strong University-to-Community relationships.

NIANI is an after school program designed to provide educational, social, cultural and leadership learning opportunities for elementary children in order to help them excel on national and statewide standardized tests. The program utilizes creative tutoring, anger management, methods of problem solving, positive communicative skills, African American enrichment activities and provides leadership opportunities.

COLOUR's mission is to use the arts to cultivate positive personal development and high self-esteem. The students from Baltimore City Public Schools are exposed to various forms of cultural and performing arts, which promote self-confidence, character building and creative growth. The staff of Morgan students offers enrichment classes in visual arts, music, dance and drama while providing examples of positive role models to the program participants.

SASY is a big sister/little sister program for high school females. Topics that focus on health, beauty, sex education, male-female relationships and postsecondary education are used to promote self-pride and sisterhood. A group of young Morgan women mentor high school females to help better their social skills. The ultimate goal of SASY is to bring young ladies together in an environment that promotes sisterhood. Incorporated are activities that center around the four program components.

YAATENGA is a tutoring and mentoring program for elementary school students designed to help them in the areas of academic enrichment, social behavior, character building and mental and physical health. The program works to provide "at risk" children with a positive academic and social atmosphere, as well as instill in them the importance of positive social behaviors and the consequences of negative behaviors.

AYA's purpose is to enhance the feeling of self worth of young women between the ages of 14 and 18. This is a program of female students who are randomly selected through the advisement of guidance counselors in the high schools of Baltimore City. The ultimate goal of this program is to empower the participants so that they can achieve academic excellence.

DYNAMIC DIVA is an innovative social program designed to help students in the areas of self esteem, character building, confidence and self worth. The program annually hosts a fashion extravaganza that allows high school students to model with college students through fashion shows. Students learn about the fashion and design industry as well as modeling techniques.

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UNIVERSITY MEMORIAL CHAPEL

The primary mission of the University Memorial Chapel is to assist students, faculty, and staff in developing an appreciation for spiritual and moral values in their lives. To facilitate this end, the University Memorial Chapel interacts with students, the administration and the faculty of the University as well as leaders, organizations, and institutions in the community. The mission of the Chapel is closely associated with the history of Morgan State University and its ecumenical promotion of spiritual and social values.

History of the Chapel

The mission of the University Memorial Chapel is best understood against the background of its history. In 1867, a group of dedicated ministers met at Sharp Street Church to establish the Centenary Biblical Institute. The Institute grew, and in time, the curriculum was broadened. In 1890, the name was changed to Morgan College, in honor of a generous benefactor. In the 1920's the school was moved to its present site. The Morgan trustees, in 1939, decided to sell the college to the State of Maryland. The proceeds from that transaction were earmarked for the construction of a center for religious activities, the Morgan Christian Center, a parsonage, and an endowment. The buildings were erected on a plot of land adjacent to the campus, and were dedicated in 1941.

In August of 2009, the Morgan Christian Center trustees deeded the property to Morgan State University. The Center was renamed the Morgan State University Memorial Chapel, to reflect the diverse religious landscape on campus.

Spiritual and Moral Values

The philosophy of the University Memorial Chapel is that education should embrace the importance of the student's spiritual values. Appreciation of spiritual and moral values informs the life of the

truly educated person. When this happens a moral context is given to what one does with the knowledge one has gained. The Chapel exists to give direction to the implementation of spiritual and religious values in character formation. With this direction life decisions are properly grounded.

The University Memorial Chapel exists also as a continuing symbol of the relevance of moral values in higher education. As such, it is recognized not only by the University, but also by the community at large. Its facilities provide space for a variety of activities, for students, faculty, and also for various organizations and individuals in the Baltimore area.

Religious Services

Students at the University reflect a variety of faith traditions. One of the functions of the Chapel is to provide a place for the spiritual nurture of all students, faculty and staff. The Chapel provides a venue for regular formal worship, for informal religious meetings or conferences, and for weddings and funerals. These services are primarily, but not exclusively, for persons associated with the University.

The aim of the Chapel is to provide the best worship models for its clients, inclusive of creative and energetic services, and high quality messages and music. By so doing, the student's level of understanding and appreciation of what worship is all about may be enhanced. The University Memorial Chapel seeks to serve as a learning opportunity for students, as well as an arena within which they may develop their leadership, public speaking, and other key skills.

Ecumenism/Interfaith

The University Memorial Chapel is a place for cooperation and activities for all religious faiths. Our diverse faith communities have carried forward inspiring activities for Morgan State University and the community. We are committed to fostering understanding between various faith communities, which form the mosaic of

faith practices at the University and in society.

Chaplaincy Services

Volunteer chaplains work in covenant agreement with students, faculty, staff, and community residents. The following chaplain services are available at the Chapel:

- Episcopal-Anglican club
- Muslim Student Association
- Lutheran Campus Ministries
- The Baptist Students Club
- Roman Catholic Campus Ministry
- Interservice Campus Fellowship

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