



# STUDENT EQUITY AND SUPPORT UNIT

NEWSLETTER

## Message from the Dean of Students

Dear Students,

Another academic year is drawing to a close and final assignments and exams are fast approaching. Don't forget that if you need information, advice or support in relation to a range of matters, staff members from the Student Equity and Support Unit are only too happy to assist. Health and Counselling staff can assist those of you who require treatment, counselling or advice for medical and personal problems; the Careers Service can help you with advice and support about career planning and other career-related information; UC AccessAbility can assist those of you who have a disability and need support; the International Student Support Service can provide a range of support and advice to international students; and the Student Equity and Access Office can help with a range of matters from accommodation information to advice if you have a grievance.

I hope you have all had a good year. Good luck to everyone for your final assignments and exams. For those of you who leave us this year I hope you get the job of your dreams and for those of you who are returning next year, please have a safe and happy holiday.

Kind Regards,

Associate Professor Michele Fleming  
Dean of Students  
Director Student Equity & Support Unit



Some of the friendly SEASU staff .

## International Student Support Services

Please keep in mind that all of the International Student Advisors (ISAs) are here to assist you with a range of international student issues throughout the year.

This includes what can often be the most challenging time of the year for UC's international student community, the examination period (24 November – 10 December 2010). If you have a quick question, please send an email to: [international.student@canberra.edu.au](mailto:international.student@canberra.edu.au).

Alternatively if you'd like to come in for a chat, appointments can be booked online at: [www.canberra.edu.au/isa](http://www.canberra.edu.au/isa).

**If you'd like to get in touch with one of the ISAs directly, they can be contacted as follows:**

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## Careers Service

### Graduate Recruitment Season

Graduate recruitment season traditionally runs from February through to June, however, many employers close their recruitment programs by mid to late April. These employment opportunities are targeted at students who are in their final year of study.

To help you with the graduate recruitment season, the Careers Service invites employers across all sectors to come on campus and talk about their graduate program, the values of the organisation, the opportunities available and how you can best position yourself so that you survive the recruitment process and show the employer that you are the 'preferred graduate'.

Keep your eye on the Careers Service website at the beginning of 2011 to find out which employers are visiting the campus and when. - <http://www.canberra.edu.au/careers/employer-visits>

#### **Have a quick question?** **Go to our Drop-in session.**

The *drop-in* session is aimed at answering those quick questions regarding courses, job opportunities, graduate recruitment and job applications. Sessions are for no more than 15 minutes and take place each **Thursday in the Careers Service Office from 10:30am – 12:00pm.**

#### **Résumé Review Session**

**Date: Mondays**

**Time: 1:30pm**

#### **Tertiary To Work – SAVE THIS DATE**

Canberra's Graduate Job Fair  
12 – 4pm, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
National Convention Centre  
[www.canberra.edu.au/tertiary-to-work](http://www.canberra.edu.au/tertiary-to-work)

## UC AccessAbility

### Support for Students with a Disability or Medical Condition

Are you a student with a disability or health condition?

Do you think that you may require assistance and support with your studies?

Come and speak with UC AccessAbility about your needs. We are able to offer a range of support options including exam modifications, assignment extensions and support, note takers, a range of specialised equipment assistive technology and other services.

#### ***Do you require exam modifications at the end of semester?***

If you are a student requiring modifications for exams and are registered with UC AccessAbility please be aware of the following information:

If you require modifications for the end of semester, your requests must be submitted to UC AccessAbility by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. Please contact UC AccessAbility if you require assistance or changes to your modifications.

#### **CONTACT US**

Location: Bldg 1 Level B room 24 (on the concourse)

Phone: 6201 5233

Email: [accessability@canberra.edu.au](mailto:accessability@canberra.edu.au)





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## Student Activities and Workshops

The Student Equity and Support Unit facilitate a number of workshops and activities during the year. Successful events have included our Speak Up! –French and Spanish groups, Basic Car Maintenance Workshop, Facebook and Creative Crochet.

Many thanks to **Yves Bigirimana** and **Baba Alhadji** for their dedication to facilitating the Speak Up! - French group and for making it such a resounding success.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for workshops or groups we can run in 2011, please contact:

Kailee Fisher  
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Students attending the Basic Car Maintenance Workshop

## Facebook

All students are welcome to join us for Facebook, UC's face-to-face student social networking group.

Find us in the Refectory Marquee on Wednesdays from 1-2pm. **Final Facebook for 2010 will be held on Nov. 17.**



**Congratulations to our Facebook  
Stonefest ticket winners:**

**Snejana Karmanovskaia**

**Holly Mason**

**Alexander To**

**Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday!**



## WHAT'S ON ?

### From Here to Career...

Join us to find out more about:

- Migrant & Refugee Student Support
- Career paths
- Graduate options
- Planning & managing your studies
- Tips & tricks to be the 'preferred graduate'
- Applying for jobs

**Date:** Friday November 12, 2010

**Location:** 2B2 (Building 2, Room 2)

**Time:** 2.30-3.30pm

**FREE REFRESHMENTS**

R.S.V.P. to [studentequity@canberra.edu.au](mailto:studentequity@canberra.edu.au)

or

[careers@canberra.edu.au](mailto:careers@canberra.edu.au)

### Personal Adviser Scheme Morning Tea

All students and staff involved in the Personal Adviser Scheme are invited to a special **End of Semester Morning Tea.**

**Date:** November 8, 2010

**Location:** Refectory Marquee,  
University Concourse

**Time:** 10.30am-12pm

### The Harmony Giving Tree Celebration and Festive Morning Tea

Join us on for Tree Trimming, Christmas Carolling and a Festive Morning Tea.

**Date:** 2 December 2010

**Location:** Refectory Marquee

**Time:** from 10.30-11.30am.

*Don't forget to bring a toy or book to put under our UC Christmas Tree for a special boy or girl.*



### **The Smith Family Toy and Book Appeal**

Each Christmas, The Smith Family distributes toys, books and food hampers to a large number of ACT families in need.

Share the Christmas spirit and shop for a special gift for a child aged 9-12 years (please do not wrap the gifts).

Drop your gift off to one of the **collection points at the Library, The Student Centre, The Refectory Marquee or Coinda Hut** (at Campus Living Villages).

Don't have time to shop?

You can also donate online by visiting:

<http://thesmithfamily.simplygiving.com.au/about.cfm?&subdomain=thesmithfamily>

For further information, please contact:

Laurie Boal, 6201 2333

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The appeal will be concluded on 2 December 2010 with a special celebratory Festive Morning Tea.