

Welcome Letter for Student Academic Success Day 2024!

Student Academic Success and Educational Equity Programs and the DEGREES Project proudly present SAS Day 2024! This power packed event is designed to inspire, elevate, and transform lives through educational and empowering information. This year's event will focus on wellness, hope and opportunity by celebrating a theme of "Finish Healthy."

The DEGREES Project established in 2013 is a comprehensive and campus-wide educational equity program that touches the lives of all educational equity students on the campus. Through peer coaching, mentoring, advising, counseling, faculty and College level interventions, the program aims to help students achieve their degrees and close the degree attainment gap.

This year the program has put together a program that will challenge students and guests to achieve wellness and explore the realm of opportunities that life has to offer. What does that mean? It means that we aspire to help event attendees to reach their highest goals while maintaining a continuous eye on fulfilling their hopes and dreams. Success is about being your best self while operating with a healthy mindset across the seven dimensions of wellness.

To continue to enrich the SAS Day Experiences, SASEEP will host Student Academic Success Month that includes a variety of welcome activities and events being hosted by our SASEEP Programs and Cultural Academic Resource Centers. SAS Month itself will feature a selection of themed days that will electrify the mind, capture the heart, and inspire the spirit to go further and achieve the best in a healthy way.

The grand finale to SAS Day will include events and forums hosted on Monday, September 30th, 2024 that will promote the work of the DEGREES Project while helping to promote the theme of "Finish Healthy: Wellness, Hope and Opportunity." The day-long event will include a morning kickoff at 11:00 am with a health and wellness forum, a DEGREES Project Hope Luncheon in the Ballroom, and an Opportunity Fair hosted in Serna Plaza to promote our cultural academic resource centers and other departments on campus featuring a free smoothie give away and live music.

Join us to dream big, live even better, and continue to build on your best self! Also, we are launching a 10 day goal challenge via social media to feature student stories of wellness, hope, and opportunity.

Sign-up today and join the movement for change and success as we celebrate healthy living and abundant success as we continue to propel the landmark work of educational equity, promote achievement, and attainment through the signature efforts of the DEGREES Project!

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcellene Watson-Derbigny, Director of the DEGREES Project & Associate Vice President for Student Retention and Academic Success