Welcome Class of 2019 to Stevenson College’s First Core Plenary!

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Provost, Chief Academic Officer

- Responsible for college academic programs & courses
  - Core Course
- Advising
  - General Education Requirements
  - Planning for the Major
- Academic Standing & Misconduct
  - Suspension for Plagiarism & Cheating
- Academic Honors and Awards
  - Faculty & Student Research Projects
Goals of Stevenson College

- To offer a living - learning environment
- To develop intellectual, social & personal skills
Goals of Stevenson College

- To prepare students for success in their future majors and careers
- To support students so they can graduate in 4 years
Core Course Books:

- Students who cannot buy the core books for financial reasons should talk to Caren Camblin
Core Course Library:

- Reservation request form (submitted one business day earlier) on http://stevenson.ucsc.edu/academics/stevenson-core/core-library.html
- Books are checked out on a "first come first serve" basis for a maximum of 7 days
- $5 late fee will be charged per day a book is overdue (lost or damaged books will be charged a replacement fee)
Stevenson Core Course: Goals

- Read intellectual classics of our civilization, as well as contemporary books, and grapple with the ideas.
- Question, explore, discuss, and debate
- Develop critical reading, writing and verbal self-presentation skills.
- Learn to work on ideas in groups.
- Become inspired
Stevenson Core Course: Themes

- What is human nature?
- How does society influence the individual?
- How should the individual influence society?
- What role should religion have in society?
- What role should science have?
- What are ways to create a more just society?
More Questions and Ideas:

- What is the relationship between morality and power? Does “might” make “right”?
- What are our obligations to others who have been exploited by society?
- Does everyone have the same human rights, or do your rights depend on your society?
- What is it to be a moral person? What do moral terms like “justice,” “goodness” mean?
- What are the moral obligations of one society to another, one country to another?
Student Comments on Stevenson Core:

- “This course was really inspiring. It challenged my personal view on society, religion, and my own role as a human. It was really amazing.”

- “The knowledge gained from the course has permeated throughout all of my classes and I feel I have progressed as a human being.”
Ana Avalos: “I loved reading Plato, Gloria Anzaldúa, Malcolm X and Karl Marx. They are some of the books that shaped who I am today. I learned that it is OK to question ourselves about things we believe in. I also learned that we have to fight for equality, to be an ally with others in the same struggle. I loved when my friends and I would stay up really late at night discussing some of the topics these books addressed. Learning someone else’s perspective is always good, it helps us to understand that we all come from different backgrounds and that does not mean they are wrong or I am wrong; it only means we are shaped from where we come from. “
Comments by Faculty Member in the Politics Department:

“I have consistently found that the best students over the years in my political theory classes have almost [always] been Stevenson students - the [Stevenson] core classes offer them an excellent grounding in the material. . . .”
Stevenson Core Plenary Lectures
Mondays, 7:00 PM Event Center

- Faculty Presentations
- Bruce Thompson, October 12
  - “Justice in Genesis”
- Andrew Schafer, October 26
  - Nietzsche and Morality
- Caren Camblin, November 16
  - “Love & Serve: What the Bhagavad-Gita Says about How to Live"
Tips for Success at UCSC:

- Use support services:
  - Faculty Office Hours
  - RAs and CREs
  - Writing Assistants
  - Academic Advisers
  - Counseling and Psychological Services

- Keep up with registrar’s deadlines
- Keep up with opportunities (scholarships, workshops, OPERS programs)
Scholarship Opportunities for Students:

http://stevenson.ucsc.edu/academics/scholarships/index.html

October 21st deadline - dfoomatk@ucsc.edu

Guard - Children of single parents ($600 – $1,200)

Halverson - interest in and experience with African American issues ($3,500/yr for 4 years)

Graviano – jr./sr. Psych &/or Legal Studies ($500)
Support & Opportunities for Students:

- **Dodge** – ($500) community service (Winter)
- **Callahan** – ($250) athlete and service to Stevenson (Spring)
Quarterly Student Research Project

Funding

- Academic research
- Creative initiatives
- Artistic endeavors
- Public events of benefit to the campus community

Both individual and collective efforts are encouraged. Funding for individual projects can be matching, partial, or full, depending on merit, funds available, and other funding sources.

Fall Deadline: October 21st, Winter: January 24
Stevenson Alumni Career Education

- 2 unit classes with alumni who can provide practical advice about selecting and training for legal careers and careers in science and technology
- Tips for preparing for internships, graduate schools and future jobs
Challenge Program

- Special seminars, colloquia, experiential learning, and research projects during the first two years
- 25 students - acceptance based on fall performance (3.3 GPA), essay, and recommendation letter
- 1st year spring seminar on research methods (2 units)
- 2nd year fall speaker series & dinners (2 units)
- 2nd year winter research proposal (2 units)
- 2nd year spring research collaboration with faculty and students (2-5 units)
Alumni-Student Receptions and Finals Study Breaks at the Provost House
Stevenson Shirts Available

Funding from shirt sales supports final study breaks

If interested in purchasing, please visit the Stevenson College webpage at stevenson.ucsc.edu
Some Tips for Student Success:

- Keep the big picture in mind.
- Stay focused.
- Don’t get behind in your work.
- Get to know your professors, TAs, and fellow students.
- Talk about what you are studying.
- Ask for help/advice whenever you need it.
- Check your UCSC email & your Portal!!
Listen carefully, take good notes, and think of relevant questions

- Check out: http://www.dartmouth.edu/~acskills/success/notes.html

Don’t distract others or yourself

- Keep cell phones off
- Laptops to be used only for note-taking
- No other electronic devices

ascd.org/publications/books/106009/chapters/Summarizing-and-Note-Taking.aspx
Deportment at Presentations & Discussions:

- Come on time and remain for entire lecture or discussion section
- Bring assigned reading, assignments, and
- Show respect to presenters and fellow students
$50 DOWN THE DRAIN...

EVERY TIME YOU SKIP CLASS.

YOUR CHOICE, YOUR MONEY!
WE WANT YOU TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR EDUCATION.

WITH LOVE,
STEVENSON COLLEGE

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Stevenson Student Leaders
Samantha Vega

- Politics Major
- Provost Staff
- Resident Adviser
- Ethics Bowl Regional Debate Champion
- Organizer of 2012 Election Forum
- https://youtu.be/a3hTqzEBYpU
Stevenson Student Leaders
Andrew Iliuta

- Neuroscience Major
- Robert Dodge Scholarship Recipient
- Provost Staff
- Resident Adviser
- Outreach Leader
- Student Council Chair
- Emergency Medical Slugs Chair
Stevenson Student Leaders
Laila Kazmi

- Politics Major and Sociology Major
- Legal Studies Minor
- Michelle Guard Scholarship Recipient
- Chancellor’s Undergraduate Internship Program
- Rotaract Community Service Club
Stevenson Student Leaders
Precious Wingo-Waller

- Creative Writing major with a concentration in fiction
- Mentor for the Rosa Parks African American Theme House
- Leader in Rainbow Theater, the African American Theater Arts Troupe, Engaging Education, and the Cultural Arts & Diversity Resource Center as an actress, director, outreach coordinator, and chair of the Board of Directors
Stevenson Student Leaders
Colin Hortman

- Junior
- Biomolecular Engineering Major
- Student Council Chair Outreach Leader
Every Thursday at 7:30 pm
Silverman Conference Room
Be informed about campus orgs.
Choose what happens
Free
Snacks!
Be part of music festivals
Plan events
Take charge
Be a leader!

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