

## Students Who Are Conditional Admits, Undeclared Majors, and/or on Academic Probation

### NO EXCUSE ZONE

#### AESP Requirements

- Attend AESP Orientation Workshop
- Attend designated Academic Skills Workshops
- Confer with an AESP academic advisor no less than four times per semester
- Attend all assigned tutorial sessions
- Complete all assigned supplemental instruction and/or tutorial sessions in the Writing Center and/or Mathematics Lab
- Attend the Living Learning Center no less than three times per week between 6pm and 10pm
- Complete all other assigned interventions

At the end of AY2010-2011, the GPA of Conditionally Admitted students was 47.5% higher than the GPA of the First Time Freshmen admitted due to AESP's intervention and services.

Fall 2011 AESP successfully increased the number of students being tutored and attending on a regular basis.

Each semester AESP decreases the number of students in poor academic standing. Fall 2010, AESP successfully advised and assisted 41% of 118 at-risk student who demonstrate positive progress from mid-term to the end of the semester, preventing their overall GPA from falling below 2.0.

### Differently-abled Student Services

These services are designed for students who may have special needs in relation to their successful matriculation at Fisk University. Whether a student received a previous diagnosis or needs an assessment, the DASS staff person is available to ensure that the proper accommodations are provided, and that every student at Fisk receives an equal opportunity to succeed, regardless of need and disability.



### Why Students Should Attend Fisk

- "U.S. News & World Report's" Top Colleges and Universities 2012 ranked Fisk in Tier One at #144 of more than 1,400 Liberal Arts Institutions in the U.S.
- For the 20th consecutive year, "Princeton Review" included Fisk on its 2012 list of "The Best 373 Colleges" in the nation.
- Professors of Fisk University were ranked 19th out of 650 colleges and universities in the nation for 2011, according to "CBS Money Watch."

### Why Students Should Attend Tutoring at Fisk

- Students who attend tutoring on a regular basis receive better grades than those who don't attend tutoring.
- Supplemental Instruction, a collaborative learning tutoring model, will be a mandatory component to several introductory Science and Math classes in Fall 2012.
- It's ok to ask for help when you are not doing well in a class or just want to improve.

### AESP Staff & Contact Information

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# Academic Excellence and Student Performance



***Failure is not an option!***

## About AESP

Welcome to Academic Excellence and Student Performance (AESP), a unit of Student Engagement/Enrollment Management. We are delighted about your interest in Fisk University, one of the best small liberal arts institutions in the nation. At Fisk, we are *cultivating scholars and leaders one by one*.



AESP's mission is to oversee, coordinate, and manage the university-wide initiative to impact student retention, persistence, and graduation rates.

AESP provides: academic advisement to students who have not declared their majors and those experiencing academic challenges, services for differently-abled students, academic skills workshops, tutoring, and other interventions to enhance student performance.

AESP maintains a working relationship with parents as needed for their support of students' academic success.

### Student success is our #1 priority!

AESP helped to retain 90% of First Time Freshmen during AY2010-2011. AESP's focus on registration increased overall student retention to its current 77%.

Fall 2010, AESP began "Tip of the Week," a series of helpful tips to promote and encourage student success.

## Cultivating Scholars and Leaders One by One

### Leadership Enrichment and Academic Development (LEAD) Program

LEAD is a federally-funded TRIO program designed to promote academic achievement and increase the college graduation rates of first-generation and economically challenged students. LEAD provides grant-aid awards to qualified students; academic skills development workshops; tutoring; peer study and mentoring groups; financial aid resources exploration; cultural enrichment programs; graduate school preparation; and personal, academic, and career counseling. Contact: Crystal Owen, Acting Director., LEAD House, 615.340-3555, cowen@fisk.edu.

### Living Learning Centers (LLC)

Each Fisk residence hall houses an LLC to assist students in developing optimal competencies through tutorial services, structured study, discussion groups, and academic skills workshops and coaching. LLC coordinators keep AESP personnel fully apprised of students' progress to ensure that appropriate interventions are being implemented. Contact: Lizabeth Lowe, LLC Jubilee Hall, llowe@fisk.edu; Stewart Watts, LLC New Livingstone Hall, swatts@fisk.edu; and Danisha Williams, LLC Crosthwaite Hall, dwilliams@fisk.edu.

### Writing Center

Students are encouraged to visit the Writing Center and meet with a tutor at any stage of their writing process, from brainstorming a topic to making final revisions. Tutors can assist with determining research strategies, creative writing, and speeches as well as help students acquire skills to create, revise, and edit their own writing in a friendly pressure-free atmosphere. Contact: Dr. Holly Hamby, Director, Boyd Hours, hhamby@fisk.edu.

### Math Lab

Free tutorial services are available to assist students at their point of need to become more proficient in mathematical reasoning and problem-solving. Student groups are welcome to meet and discuss coursework among themselves or with their instructor in a welcoming, walk-in facility equipped with mathematical software packages and technology-based tutorials and videos. Location: Jubilee Hall, Basement. Varying operational hours to accommodate students, faculty, and staff.

## "GOT GPA?"

The mission of "GOT GPA?" (Graduating on Top) is to enhance Fisk University's overall culture and climate for students to excel academically, socially, and culturally. During AY2011-



2012, AESP co-hosted with the Office of Student Engagement several activities, such as a Faculty/Staff vs. Students Kickball Competition and "The Men of Fisk" and "For Girls Only" presentations and discussions.



### Discipline Dialogue

AESP and the Office of the Provost co-sponsor a yearly roundtable discussion between departmental faculty and Fisk students to:



- provide a forum to obtain information on programs for students who have not yet officially declared a major;
- address any questions, areas of concern, and opportunities for summer research;
- allow students to bond with their academic advisors/disciplines; and
- increase the approachability of faculty outside the classroom.