The Office of Financial Aid is already working on a new year of processing and awarding student aid to Regis students for 2011-12. As a reminder, a student must apply for financial aid every year...by completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and providing documents that will verify the data on the FAFSA form. You and your student should gather your financial information (2010 tax returns, W-2s, etc.), go to the FAFSA on the Web website at www.fafsa.gov and complete the 2011–12 FAFSA. You and your student will both need your PIN (Personal Identification Number) which will be your electronic signature. If you have forgotten or misplaced your PIN, there will be instructions at the FAFSA website or you can go to the PIN site at www.pin.ed.gov for help.

In addition, if you have already completed your 2010 federal tax return, you will have the option of using your 2010 federal tax information directly from the IRS for your FAFSA. This is a voluntary option and will help you complete your 2011–12 FAFSA faster and more accurately. Because there is a time delay, if you want to use this option, you must have filed your 2010 federal tax return at least 2 weeks prior to completing your FAFSA or the data may not be available yet for use.

It’s important to know that as a returning student, your son or daughter will need to have his/her FAFSA processed by the federal processor and all supporting documents received by a priority deadline of April 15, 2011. Adhering to that deadline will enable the office of financial aid to get the best award that we can make to you from the College.

When you are completing the FAFSA, be sure that you receive a confirmation number and keep that confirmation number as it indicates that your FAFSA has been successfully sent to the FAFSA central processor. In addition, be sure to read your Student Aid Report (SAR) comments, follow any instructions and carefully check for any mistakes on the FAFSA/SAR. Update the incorrect information immediately to prevent any delays in receiving your 2011–12 financial aid award. Again, the priority deadline is April 15, 2011.

As a returning student, your son or daughter will also be sending the necessary supporting documents to a reputable and well-known organization, the College Board, who will scan the forms and send them directly to the Regis College Office of Financial Aid in electronic format. By now, your son or daughter should have received either an email or letter from the College Board providing him/her with information to access the IDOC (Institutional Documentation Service) cover sheet on-line. The cover sheet should be printed and mailed with tax forms et al directly to the Mt. Vernon, IL address on the cover sheet. (Do NOT send these forms to the Regis Office of Financial Aid.) The College has contracted with the College Board for this process. It is a safe, secure and confidential process but if you have any questions, you can visit their website at https://idoc.collegeboard.com or contact our office at finaid@regiscollege.edu.

The 2011–12 awarding process will begin as soon as final grades for the Spring semester are completed. Students will be notified via Regis email when the award letter is available to view and print using Regis Access.

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This 10 day intensive course will take place in London. It includes attendance at eight theatre productions at the city’s major theaters, and will be augmented by guided tours to the newly reconstructed Globe Theatre, and excursion to Stratford-upon-Avon, birthplace of William Shakespeare. Morning classes will include an overview of the London stage, in-depth study of the plays, and an examination of the related theatrical styles. Afternoons are set aside for study, sightseeing, and excursions; evenings for theatre attendance. The completion of theatrical critiques and other assignments will be required. Students will be housed, and morning classes will take place, at the majestic Regent’s College campus in Regent’s Park, London. This course will be part of the 2012 Spring Semester. The course will be taught and conducted by Prof. Frans Rijnbout, Associate Professor of Theatre at Regis College. Dr. Rijnbout led this Regis College London Course in 2001, 2005 & 2009.

Fee: $1,900—Price Includes:
- Roundtrip airfare Boston–London
- Roundtrip Bus Transport London Airport-Regent’s College
- Housing and meals at Regent’s College in London for 10 days
- Tickets to 8 Theatre Performances in London & Stratford-upon-Avon
- Excursion to Stratford-upon-Avon (Shakespeare’s Birthplace)
- A tour of the Globe Theatre in London
- London Underground travel for the duration of the trip

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:
$900: First Payment is due Monday, March 21, 2011
$1,000: Final Payment is due December 1, 2011

Lastly, the Office of Financial Aid has an Outside Scholarship book in the office where students can view and learn about available outside scholarships. In addition, using free online search engines are another good source of locating additional funds to help pay college expenses. Check out www.fastweb.com and www.finaid.org to find additional resources. Be aware that many of these outside scholarships have earlier deadlines or require additional application forms so check them out as soon as you can!

Again, if you have questions, please feel free to contact us at finaid@regiscollege.edu or at 781-768-7180. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm.
Even in the midst of snow flurries and sub-zero temperatures outside, it’s not too early for your son or daughter to consider taking one or more summer classes, either at Regis or a local college or university. There are a number of appropriate reasons for a student to pursue summer school:

- **Catching up on number of courses completed**—Summer school credits can move along a student who is deficient in a number of courses completed toward degree completion at the end of the spring 2011 semester.
- **Improving cumulative GPA**—Summer school courses applied toward a student’s Regis transcript are calculated into the student’s cumulative grade point average. An “A” or “B” in a summer school course can help boost that GPA!
- **Meeting outstanding Core Curriculum or Major requirements**
- **Learning Something New**—Summer courses are a fabulous way to keep a student’s academic momentum going.

I encourage you to discuss the option of summer school with your student if any of these reasons mesh well with his or her academic progress. Financial aid will usually not extend toward coverage of summer school courses, and most classes offered during summer sessions are in an extremely concentrated format—usually several hours per week over a 6-week period. **Students must also obtain approval from both their faculty advisor and class advisor prior to registering for any summer school course, regardless of whether it is taken at Regis, another 4-year college, or a community college.**

Most colleges, including Regis, post their summer school course offerings on their websites by March or April. For more information about summer school policies and procedures, students should contact their academic advisors or the Student Success Center.

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Academic Support Services
Public Health is the science of protecting the health of the community. This mission may be accomplished through educating, providing access to health care and protecting the public from exposures that could cause them harm. As an epidemiologist, I study diseases, what causes a disease and what populations of people are affected by the disease.

My research focuses on the prevention of cancer, one of the leading causes of death in the United States. Specifically, I concentrate on ways to reduce a woman’s risk of developing breast cancer. We know that there are a number of factors that can increase breast cancer risk; in some cases, these factors are intractable. There are however, lifestyle choices women make that can be modified to reduce risk. The goal of my research is to first identify those lifestyle factors, and second, identify choices women can make to reduce their breast cancer risk.

Currently, my research centers on the relationship between diet and breast cancer. Carotenoids are present in fruits and vegetables that are yellow or orange in color, as well as in dark green leafy vegetables. They are phytochemicals that have been shown to reduce the risk of cancer in animal studies and among certain groups of people. My research has focused on dietary intake of carotenoids (what you consume from food and drink, not from vitamins and supplements) and how such consumption reduces the risk of breast cancer in women. Building on this work, I am currently working with a Regis College student on a project analyzing data from a large study to potentially identify relationships between other dietary factors and breast cancer.