Welcome Back to Regis!

On behalf of the Office of Graduate Affairs, welcome back to campus! Whether you are a returning grad student coming back for your final semester or a new student still finding your way around, we’re glad you are here! In this first edition of Gradwire for the new academic year you will find:
• Exciting events for the Fall Semester
• Some logistical tasks that will help you get your semester off to a smooth start.
• Updates from offices around campus.
• Graduate Student Government Elections
• And Much More!

The mission of Regis College is strongly rooted in the history and values of our founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston. The four core values of the Sisters of St. Joseph include:
• Gracious hospitality
• Love and service of the dear neighbor without distinction
• Peaceful resolution of conflict
• Care for all God’s creatures

Regardless of your academic program, these values can be a helpful compass for you in your academic, personal and professional life. We hope you will find your dear neighbor in the patients you treat, the children you teach, the colleagues you work with everyday and your family and friends.

To help acknowledge the Sisters of St. Joseph and their values, Regis will be holding a day-long Founders’ Day Celebration on Thursday, September 29th. Classes will be suspended until 2:00pm on September 29th so that faculty, staff and students—grad and undergrad—can participate in a variety of planned activities.

After a community gathering at our newly refurbished grotto, members of the Regis Community will be participating in a variety of service opportunities, both on and off-campus. These service opportunities will provide a visible display of our values, as we actively love and serve our dear neighbors in the community.

In addition to the service opportunities, there will also be a day-long blood drive on campus to give Regis community members another opportunity to live the values of the Sisters.

Graduate students are strongly encouraged to participate actively in Founders Day in whatever ways their schedule will allow. We are particularly interested in engaging interested grad students in the blood drive and service opportunities.

More information on Founders Day will be coming out in the coming days. In the meantime, if you have any questions or want to get involved, contact Evan Maloney (evan.maloney@regiscollege.edu) and he will give you more information on the various service projects as well as the day as a whole.
If you have a question for Lynne Man, ACE’s Grad Student Support Specialist, be sure to let her know...it may end up in a future issue of GRADWIRE!

If you have a question for Lynne Man, the Grad Student Support Specialist in ACE, is starting a “Question of the Month” column in Gradwire. She hopes you enjoy the first edition!

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I will start with the first question as an example, but I hope to hear from you with what you would really like to know about.

So here we go!

Question: What is the difference between qualitative and quantitative methods in research?

Answer: Quantitative methods involve the collection of numeric data, or data that can be categorized and assigned a number. These data are generally collected from large(ish) samples. For example, if you want to compare Regis students to see whether males and females tend to choose different majors, you could assign numbers to the various majors and to gender, and then perform a statistical analysis to identify trends. Similarly, you could follow students after graduation and collect data on income to determine if income over time varies by major. There are many software packages available to analyze quantitative data. At Regis, we mostly use Excel and SPSS.

Qualitative methods use contextual information, such as narratives collected in interviews or focus groups, pictures or photos, or reports, to gain a deep understanding of a phenomena. Qualitative data are coded by themes, often using software, to determine trends, as well as nuances and meaning that are unavailable through quantitative methods. From the example above, for instance, what if you wanted to know why some majors were more predominantly male or female? You would probably take a smaller sample and conduct interviews or focus groups to obtain more detail.

Both of these methods are valuable and serve different purposes. You may use quantitative methods to gain a preliminary understanding of your question, and subsequently use qualitative methods to gain depth. On the other hand, you may use qualitative methods as an exploratory technique to make decisions around what to include in a larger quantitative survey. In general, qualitative methods pertain to very specific groups, and care must be taken not to generalize broadly, while quantitative methods are easier to generalize to larger populations.

Do you want to know how this applies to your own area of research? Come see me and we’ll talk it through!

NOTE: Please remember, that although I am happy to discuss any topic with you, your faculty (from classroom, or committee) have the final say in your methods!

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Have a question for a future issue? Email Lynne at lynne.man@regiscollege.edu

Payment Plans

Here at Regis, we know that financing your graduate degree is a major investment, and we want to make it as easy as possible.

For example, did you know that there is a website that gives students the option to set-up a payment plan for their tuition?

The site can be found at: https://regiscollege.afford.com/

On the site, you can enroll in a payment plan, make a payment and access affordability counseling.

If you have any questions regarding the website or about setting up a payment plan, you can contact the Center for Student Services at 781-768-7270 or by visiting the Center on the 2nd Floor of College Hall.
This Year’s “Must Read?” Your Regis Email!

We know that as a graduate student you are a busy person with a lot on your plate. That’s why we want to make sure it is as easy as possible for you to get the information you need to be successful at Regis. With that in mind, we wanted to remind you that it is very important to check your Regis College email address on a regular basis!

Your Regis College email address is the primary way in which Regis faculty, staff and administrators will disseminate important information to students. This information will not be sent to your personal email addresses.

If you don’t check your Regis account, you will miss important information related to academic courses, deadlines and campus life—not to mention the monthly Grubware!

We know a lot of you have personal email addresses and it may be a hassle to check multiple accounts. If this is the case, we would encourage you to forward your Regis account to your personal email address. If you are unsure on how to do this, instructions for email forwarding are available on the Regis Help Desk’s website.

If you have questions, you can also always contact the IT Help Desk at 781-768-7177 or via email at helpdesk@regiscollege.edu

If you do choose to have your Regis email forwarded to another account, we would still encourage you to log-in to your Regis account on a periodic basis. If your Regis account reaches its capacity, any new messages will be bounced and lost, and you will not be able to send or receive any messages until you clean out your inbox.

Looking for your Regis ID?!?

It is important for you to have your Regis College ID when you come to campus. Your ID gives you access to the fitness center, library, and grad student lounge. If you do not have an ID, please refer to the instructions below in order to get one:

Returning Graduate Students:
If you have already been issued a Regis ID but need a new one because it has been lost/stolen/deactivated/etc., email ids@regiscollege.edu with your first and last name, ID number, and a description of what happened to your ID. If your ID was deactivated, bring the card with you to the Center for Student Services (CSS).

If you email by 12:00pm, your card will be available in CSS by 4:30. If you email after 12:00pm, your card will be available the following business day. Please note: there will be a $20 cash fee for replacing IDs.

New Graduate Students:
If you did not receive an ID at our new Grad Student Orientation, you should email ids@regiscollege.edu with your first and last name.

If you email before October 3rd, your ID will be available on the Regis Help Desk’s website. If you email after October 3rd, please email ids@regiscollege.edu with your first and last name.

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In your email, specify a time when you would be able to go to the Center for Student Services — located on the second floor of College Hall — to get your ID. The Center will reply to your email with a confirmed appointment time.

Welcome from Ministry and Service!

Over the summer, Regis was excited to welcome Dan Leahy as our new Director in the Center for Ministry and Service. Dan, who joins us from Boston College, is excited to engage graduate students in all of the Center’s offerings.

Don specifically wants to highlight three events that will be happening at the start of the semester:
• On Thursday, 9/8, The Center for Ministry and Service will host a welcome back BBQ on the lawn outside of their office, from 4:30PM – 7PM.
• Grad students are invited to join the community for Mass of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, September 11, at 5:45 PM in the Grotto adjacent to the Tower and Morrison House. They will have food and fellowship after the Mass... bring your family!
• Finally, they hope to see you at Convocation, Tuesday, September 13, beginning at 12:15 PM in the FAC.

In addition to these events—and all of their future offerings—you are always welcome to stop by the Center (located in St. Joseph Hall Room 4). The Center is a great place to study, relax or just say hello to one of their wonderful staff members!

Health Insurance

Massachusetts’ law requires that all students enrolled in at least 75% of full-time credits show proof of health insurance to their institution.

To ensure compliance, all Regis students need to either enroll in the on-campus plan or provide proof of comparable insurance before October 3rd.

Once on the page, click on “Student Enroll/Waive” and log-in to the system. Then select “I want to waive” and follow the instructions.
Grad Affairs is Moving!

Even though campus was quieter over the summer, it was a busy time for Graduate Affairs. The Office was sad to say goodbye to Associate Dean Claudia Pouravelis, who left Regis at the beginning of the summer. After Claudia’s departure, we welcome Kate Sutherland as our new Vice President of Graduate Student Affairs and Enrollment.

Evan Maloney was recently promoted to become Director of Graduate and Professional Student Affairs, and remains a resource for grad students. Kaitlynn Arvidson, our Graduate and Professional Career Planning Manager, is still available to assist with resume reviews, job searches and more!

We are also excited to announce that in a few weeks we will be moving into our new home in College Hall 215. We plan to be in our new space by the middle of the month...we hope you will stop by to say hello!

Please be aware that any student who does not complete the waiver by the October 3rd deadline will be responsible for the insurance fee for the entire policy year.

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Updates from the Academic Center for Excellence

It was a busy summer for the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE). Our new Dean of Academic Student Services, Dr. Marsha Glines, recently sent out a letter updating students on some changes:

Dear Regis College Graduate and Undergraduate Students,

Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable summer and that you are back refreshed and enthusiastic for the year ahead. This time of year is exciting and filled with energy as students reconnect with old classmates, meet new friends and renew commitments to goals.

I welcome you back, too, at an exciting time for me. My name is Dr. Marsha Glines and I joined Regis in July as the new Dean of Academic Student Services, which encompasses the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) as well as the Center for Student Services (CSS), Academic Advising, and the Library. It has been evident in my short time here that Regis has a wonderful student body and that so much great work has been done to create a strong learning community. I look forward to building upon the history and strength of Regis to continue to ensure that each student is given the opportunity to engage and participate in meaningful learning experiences.

As Fall 2016 begins, the start of the academic year always brings a number of new changes, and I want to take a moment to share some of those changes with you. Susan Erickson, Director of ACE, and Stephanie Venancio, Coordinator of ACE's Writing Center, have left Regis to explore new opportunities. They have made significant contributions to enhancing ACE academic support services for our graduate and undergraduate students and will be missed. We wish Susan and Stephanie the best in their new endeavors.

We are thrilled that Chris Coffin has accepted the position as the new Associate Director of ACE, bringing with her more than 15 years' practice in the fields of education and management as well as extensive experience as Coordinator of ACE's quantitative support services. We are also pleased to share that Writing Support Services is now headed by the faculty Director of the Writing Program, Mr. Anthony D'Aries, and services have been expanded to include personalized diagnostic work in the areas of reading and learning strategies related to metacognition (teaching students to understand how they learn). All of ACE services are available to support you as a college student and as a lifelong learner, and include individual and group subject tutoring, math and health science support, as well as academic coaching—just to name a few. All of the academic support services offered through ACE are free of cost.

I look forward to meeting each of you and am excited to see what we will accomplish together this year.

Sincerely,

Marsha A. Glines, PhD.
Dean, Academic Support Services
On behalf of the ACE administration, coaches and tutors

As always, the services provided in ACE are available to graduate students from all programs. Lynne Man, the Graduate Student Support Specialist in ACE, provides academic coaching for graduate students. Lynne has a particularly strong focus in the area of research methods.

Lynne is available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am-5:00pm, and by appointment. Her office is located in College Hall 381B, and she can be reached at lynne.man@regiscollege.edu.

Throughout the year, Lynne will have a "Question of the Month" column in every issue of Gradwire. The first column can be found on page 2 of this issue. Be sure to send your questions to Lynne if you would like them to be included in future issues!
Director of Diversity and Inclusion

At the end of last semester, Regis was excited to welcome Sarah Galenberg Maloney to campus as our new Director of Diversity and Inclusion. Sarah comes to us from Boston College, where she was a staff member in the Thea Bowman AHANA and Intercultural center.

In this new role, Sarah will work with students, faculty and staff on campus to create a more welcoming and inclusive environment for all Regis community members in support of our CSJ values of unity, reconciliation and mutual respect.

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There will be many opportunities for grad students to interact with Sarah throughout the fall. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns for Sarah or if you just want to stop by and meet her, her office is located in the Center for Ministry and Service (St. Joseph Hall Room 4). She can also be reached at 781-768-8061 or via email at sarah.maloney@regiscollege.edu. One of her first initiatives at Regis will be a mentor program. This opportunity will allow graduate students to be paired with one or two undergraduates who identify as high financial need, first generation, underrepresented and/or students of color.

This program is open to any graduate student in any program. The commitment will be from October 2016-April 2017 and includes a two-hour training session and a monthly meeting with your mentee. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please fill out the application: https://goo.gl/forms/jZyo26WbZK.

If you have any questions regarding the mentoring program, please feel free to contact Sarah directly.

New Parking Regulations

Regis Campus Police Department has made a number of changes to parking regulations on campus. One of the major goals of these changes was to make sure that graduate students have ample parking when they come to campus.

The map below indicates the new parking regulations. As you can see, graduate students who are here during the day can park in lots A, B & F. Grad students who are here in the evening (beginning at 4:00pm) may also park in lots C, D & E.

If you have not already done so, you should register your car using the following steps:

1. Click the link below that will take you to the Regis College Campus Police website.
   http://www.regiscollege.edu/about/public-safety.cfm
2. On the right hand side of the screen click on "Parking Registration Form". This will generate a new website window where you will be able to register your vehicle.

3. After filling out the Registration form online, please print the form and bring it with you, along with the other required materials (Drivers License, Regis College ID, and vehicle registration) to the designated decal pick up time.

4. Pick up your parking decal on Wednesday, September 7th 2016 between 3:00 pm - 10:00 pm.

If you are unable to come to campus on Wednesday to pick-up your permit, please contact parking@regiscollege.edu to arrange an alternative pick-up time.

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A message from the Director of Graduate and Professional Student Affairs

In late September, elections will be held for Graduate Student Government! Roles of the group include:

• Serving as a unifying voice for and advocating for the needs of all Regis Graduate Students.
• Planning programs for Graduate Students (in the past, many of you have joined Grad Government for on-campus "coffee breaks" and other events).
• Serving as a student leader/ambassador within the Graduate Student community.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, contact me for more information (my contact information can be found in the box to the left). The group will not be a huge time commitment for you, but it can have a huge positive impact on the experience of Regis grad students!

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iPad Pick-up

Any student who is eligible for the “iPads for Grads” program and has not yet picked-up their iPad can do so in the IT Office (College Hall 132) during the Help Desk’s normal hours:

- Monday-Thursday: 8am-8pm
- Friday-Sunday: 8am-5pm

To be eligible for the program, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a fully or provisionally accepted student (received an acceptance letter to a Regis Graduate/Professional Program).
- Be enrolled in at least one class for Fall 2016

All graduate students picking up iPads will be signing a document indicating proof of pick up. Please bring a valid student ID or license when picking up your iPad. Please note: there will be a delay of at least 48 hours after registering for courses before your iPad is available.

If you are not eligible for an iPad but find that you need one for class, we can arrange for you to receive a loaner iPad to use for the semester. To receive a loaner, you will need to provide a syllabus and/or note from a faculty member that indicates that the iPad is necessary for your class.