**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Monday, December 14:**
Final Exam & Presentation Week

**Sat, Dec 19 - Sun, Jan 17:**
Christmas Break (non-LPN)

**Friday, January 1, 2016:**
FAFSA filing for the 2016-2017 school year begins

**Monday, January 4, 2016:**
LPN Classes Resume

**Friday, January 15, 2016:**
Spring 2016 Semester Bills Due

**Monday, January 18, 2016:**
Spring Semester Add/Drop Period Begins (non-LPN)

**Friday, January 29, 2016:**
Add/Drop Period Ends

**Mon, Feb 8 - Fri, Feb 19:**
Financial Aid Scholarship Fair

**Sat, Feb 20 - Sun, Feb 28:**
February Vacation

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**SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)**

For financial aid purposes, Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is the term used to describe a student’s successful completion of coursework toward a degree. To maintain SAP and be eligible for Federal Title IV Aid a student must meet the requirements.

Are you meeting the requirements?

- Cumulative GPA 2.0
- Overall course completion rate of 67% or higher
- Completing program within 150% maximum time frame

[Click here to read the SAP Policy.]

**SAP Monitoring**—At the end of each semester, an evaluation is done to determine if students meet the criteria. Students who have not met all three of the requirements above will be notified in writing that their aid eligibility has been terminated. These students lose eligibility for financial aid.

**SAP Appeals** — A student may appeal termination of aid eligibility if extenuating circumstances existed that prevented normal academic success. To appeal, the student must complete the SAP Appeal Form. The form must be signed by a counselor from the Center for Academic Success, your Academic Advisor or the Associate Academic Dean.

**Sap Financial Aid Probation** — Financial aid probation means you have one semester (or as specified by the Academic Reinstatement Plan) to meet SAP requirements in order to remain eligible for financial aid. Students on SAP Financial Aid Probation will be monitored for improvement and adherence to the terms of the Academic Reinstatement Plan.

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**INTERNATIONAL CORNER** - Check out what’s happening!

**Monday, December 14th:** Coffee, tea and dessert from around the world. Enjoy a study break at the Campus Center at 7:00pm with coffee, tea and desserts from around the world!

Contact Kathleen Mason, International Student Resource Coordinator at kmason2@vtc.edu or 728-1366 for questions.
UPCOMING EVENTS
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For Questions:
Contact Seth Warren at swarren@vtc.edu or 728-1319
Student Council meets weekly on Thursdays at 12:00pm in Morrill 130

Thursday, December 10:
The Winter Ball
A formal dance to celebrate the end of the Fall Semester. Come out and dance the night away! The dance begins at 8:00pm in the Campus Center and includes snacks and a cash bar.
*Student council is looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping set up the Winter Ball.

Monday, December 14:
Late Night Breakfast
Kick off finals week with a late night breakfast to fuel your studying!

Reminder!
The Basketball Team is still selling raffle tickets. Tickets are $10 dollars which goes back to help the Basketball team. There are multiple gift cards available to win through this including two $500 dollar gift cards. Please contact Alex Tyrell for more information at 712-209-2711 or atyrrell@vtc.edu

BOOKSTORE CHARGING - SPRING 2016 TERM
If your financial aid is more than your tuition & fees for the term, you have the option to use those excess financial aid funds to purchase books and supplies at the VTC Bookstore by charging them to your student account. Full-time students can begin charging their books 30 days prior to the start of the semester if you have a zero or credit balance on your account.

2016-2017 FAFSA APPLICATION
The 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available as of January 1, 2016.
Vermont Tech has a priority date of March 1st each year for consideration of all types of aid. This is not a deadline. Applications are accepted throughout the academic year, however, to be an on time applicant and maximize your eligibility for funds we have a priority deadline of March 1st.

You CAN become well versed in student Aid!
Check out this website for popular links and resources:

- Student Aid 101
- Managing Money
- The Language of Loans
- Your Responsibilities
- Repayment Plans
- Trouble Paying

Get a Jump on Scholarships for 2016-2017!
Now is a good time to start looking for scholarships for the next academic year. The VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION (VSAC) Scholarship Booklet is now available! Pick one up in the Financial Aid Office or access it online at: www.vsac.org.

Deadline for applying is MARCH 4th, 2016