Commuter Profile (A new feature!)

This month’s Commuter Profile is of Cletis “CJ” Nicklow. CJ, a Morgantown native and graduate of University High School, is a junior CPE/EE major.

This summer, CJ will be completing an internship with NASA IV&V. NASA IV&V facilities strive to improve software safety, quality and reliability of NASA programs and missions through effective applications of systems and software IV&V methods, practices and techniques. The facilities apply software engineering best practices to evaluate the correctness and quality of critical and complex software systems throughout the System Development Life Cycle. He will be working on coding and transferring data from one tool to another in XML using Java. CJ will be working on the JUNO project, which is focused on sending a satellite to Jupiter. It is scheduled to launch in 2011 and arrive in 2016.

He was encouraged to apply for the internship when he was helping someone load equipment who just happened to be part of the NASA program at WVU. Qualifications that helped him land the internship are the ability to learn quickly, prior programming knowledge, and the ability to learn and adapt to new coding languages.

In order to do well in his classes, CJ pays attention to lectures, enabling him to study very little. When he does study, it is in short durations, never going for more than three or four hours at a time. CJ also stops studying about an hour before the test so he can relax and reduce stress. In his spare time, CJ likes to lift, run and spend time with his friends.

On Wednesday, March 5, the Office of Student Life treated first-year commuters who earned a 4.0 grade point average to dinner at the Glasshouse Grille. Thanks to all those students who turned out for the event!

As March’s commuter community service event, Commuter Student Programs teamed with the American Red Cross. Brian and Tara were able to get commuters to donate nearly 50 pints of blood!
“Never, never, never, never give up.”
-Winston Churchill

Dinner N Bowling

Looking for something to do on a boring Monday night? Come out to Suburban Lanes on Monday, April 28th and join us for the last bowling outing of the semester! Suburban is located on Chestnut Ridge Road in the Suburban Plaza (by Kegler’s). Bowling starts at 9:00PM and lasts until approximately midnight. The lanes and shoes are on us. All you have to do is bring yourself and have fun! Dinner (which is on you) will be at 7:30 and the location changes monthly!

If you have any questions, e-mail me at Tara.Pletcher@mail.wvu.edu or check Facebook for updates. We look forward to seeing you at Suburban!

Community Service

For our community service project for the spring, the commuters are going to cook dinner for the people staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

On Wednesday, April 30th, we will be making tossed salad, bruschetta, lasagna and brownies, and we need your help!! It will be a fun afternoon and it's good community service! We will be meeting at the Ronald McDonald House on Country Club Drive (across the parking lot from Ruby Memorial Hospital) at 3:30PM and we will be done at approximately 7:00PM.

The Ronald McDonald House-Morgantown is part of a network of more than 275 Ronald McDonald Houses in 30 countries around the world designed specifically to give support to families of critically ill children receiving medical care of area hospitals.

Let Tara know as soon as possible if you’re interested at tara.pletcher@mail.wvu.edu. I need a definite commitment if you want to do this!