

"Advising: Our Passion. Your Success: Our Reward."

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Lions,

It's officially fall, and we're already in the second half of the semester. Don't lose momentum now - it's more important than ever to stay persistent.

In this edition of *CASAC Monthly*, you'll find tips to help you register for Spring and Summer 2026 plus a chance to get to know your college leadership (we think they're pretty great).

We hope you enjoy this issue. Remember, we're always here for you. You're Lions, so finish the semester strong!

-Your Friends in CASAC!



Happy fall

Are You Ready for Registration?

Hopefully by now you've been able to meet with your advisor and selected classes for the spring semester. What's the difference between advising and registration? Advising is when you meet with your advisor to plan your next semester. Registration is when you actually enroll in the planned courses and it's added to your academic record.



Know Your Registration Date/Time

This date/time should have been given to you in your advising appointment. If you don't remember, you can find it in Workday in your Academics Hub.



Have Your Academic Plan & Saved Schedule Ready

When you met with your advisor, you created an Academic Plan. If you did not create a Saved Schedule at that time, do it before registration from your Academic Plan in Workday.



Contact Your College Advisor If You Run Into Issues Registering

If you run into issues registering, don't panic! Take a screenshot of the error you're receiving and send it to your college advisor so they can troubleshoot with you.

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- November 10th: Certain Groups
- November 11th: 90+ Hours
- November 12th: 60+ Hours
- November 13th: 30+ Hours
- November 14th: 0-29 Hours
- November 17th: Non-Degree Seeking Students

Meet Your College Leadership: Dr. Steve Wilson

Associate Dean & Department Head of Criminal Justice

What are your top priorities for the college this academic year?

While we're pursuing several important initiatives, one of my top priorities for the college is fostering a strong sense of collaboration and team building. Despite the diversity of our fields, we share many common responsibilities that we can address more effectively through partnership rather than working in silos. Within the Department of Criminal Justice, we're actively developing processes to award academic credit for prior learning. This initiative is designed to recognize the valuable experience of criminal justice practitioners and adult learners, helping them earn credit for what they already know. By doing so, we aim to reduce the time and cost of earning a degree, ultimately helping students graduate sooner and move forward in their careers more efficiently.

What are you most excited about this semester or year?

The most exciting part of my job every year is attending commencement and watching our graduates walk across the stage. It's a powerful reminder of why we do what we do. This year, I'm especially looking forward to stepping into my new role as Associate Dean. I'm excited to get to know students, faculty, and staff from disciplines beyond my own, learn about their accomplishments, and support their future goals.

What was your own college experience like?

I had enormous support throughout my college journey. I started as a non-traditional, first-generation adult learner; working full-time and paying a mortgage while pursuing my degree. Despite the challenges, I went on to complete both my masters and doctoral programs with full funding through scholarships, research and teaching assistantships, and other financial awards. That support allowed me to fully focus on my studies. I had professors who pushed me to be better and challenged me academically, but they were also incredibly supportive. A few went out of their way to help me succeed, something I've never forgotten. Their impact inspires how I show up in my own classroom today, as I strive to provide the same kind of support and encouragement to my students.

What was the best piece of advice a mentor ever gave you?

I've had the privilege of working with many exceptional leaders throughout my career, each of whom has shaped my leadership style in meaningful ways. But the most impactful advice I've ever received came from my mother, my first mentor and greatest supporter. She once told me, **"Resist your ego; your purpose in life is to serve others, not yourself."** That guidance has stayed with me and continues to ground my approach. Since then, service to others has become the cornerstone of how I lead and work.

Will you share a favorite book or movie and why?

I'm going to date myself here, but my favorite movie is *The Bodyguard*, starring Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston. It's a story about protection, loyalty, and selfless service; values that deeply resonate with me. I've always felt drawn to roles that center on supporting and safeguarding others. That theme of service is what connects the movie to my own personal and professional journey.



UPCOMING DATES

Last Day to Drop Undergrad. Course w/ 'W'.....	November 7
Payment Plans for Spring 2026 Open.....	November 10
Registration for Spring/Summer 2026 Begins.....	November 10
Thanksgiving Break, No Classes.....	November 24-28
Last Day to Drop a Second 8-Week Course w/ 'W'.....	November 21
Last Day of Fall 2025 Classes.....	December 4

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!

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