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FROM MY DESK TO YOURS

Seasons Greetings. The semester has ended, and I want to thank you for all your very positive contributions to the education of our students and to wish you a wonderful holiday season and a very happy new year. May your travel be safe and your visits with family and friends be joyful.

When we return from our long anticipated and much deserved holiday break, please be mindful of all the blessings we have received and the joy that comes from the important efforts we engage in as teachers, researchers and advisors. Someone helped us understand and appreciate the value of higher education; sharing that enthusiasm with our future leaders can be very satisfying and rewarding. My charge to each of you when we return is for you to become an active participant in our continuing efforts to ensure that Alcorn State University has a solid and prosperous future and that all our students are successful.

Again, happy holidays and thank you for your commitment to Alcorn. May the joy of the holiday season and everlasting peace be with you and your family throughout the new year.

Sincerely,

Richard Green
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
December 16, 2010

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ETS Visiting Scholars Program

Description

Each summer, visiting scholars from underrepresented groups spend four weeks at the ETS campus in Princeton, New Jersey, studying issues of test design and learning to develop test questions and related materials for a variety of assessment programs. Participants may also work on educational measurement and policy issues related to assessment equity, and attend seminars on fairness in testing, from question conception through test administration and research.

After scholars return to their institutions, they may continue to serve as links between ETS and the academic community by contributing test questions, reviewing test content, serving on committees and collaborating on projects.

Program Goal

The Visiting Scholars Program was established in 2000 to further ETS's commitment to creating a corporate environment that reflects the cultural diversity of its test takers. The program promotes that goal by increasing participation of underrepresented groups in the development of ETS products.

Important Date

December 17, 2010 — Deadline for submission of application packet

Program Duration

June 6–July 1, 2011

For more information about the ETS Visiting Scholars Program, send an e-mail to visitingscholars@ets.org or contact Lew Shumaker or Sydell Carlton.

2010 MACD Annual Meeting

The Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (MACD) will hold its annual meeting at the Hilton Jackson January 19-20, 2011. The association invites you to be apart of the annual meeting by offering booth space and/or sponsorship opportunities. If you would like to participate, please contact the Office of Academic Affairs for an application.

Please contact John Henry Anderson at jhanderson@mswcc.state.ms.us or 601-354-7645 with questions regarding exhibit spaces or sponsorship opportunities.

If you have information you would like to place in the Academic Affairs Newsletter, please forward your information to lekita@alcorn.edu for review by the Provost/VP for Academic Affairs.

ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY CALENDAR SPRING 2011

January	2	Dormitories Open
	5	Registration at Vicksburg **(Full Registration = Selection of Classes + Payment of Fees)**
	6	Registration at Natchez **(Full Registration = Selection of Classes + Payment of Fees)**
	6	Orientation for New and Transfer Students
	7	Registration at Main Campus (9:00 a.m.) **(Full Registration = Selection of Classes + Payment of Fees)**
	10	Drop Courses (Without Penalty)
	10	Classes Begin
	17	Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday)
	18-21	Classes Added with Approval from Academic Deans
	19	Attendance Verification Reporting
	21	Last Day for All Registration
	21	Last Day for Adding New Courses
	21	**Classes Purged for Non-Payment of Fees**
	21	**Classes Purged for Non-Attendance**
	24	Graduate English Proficiency Examination
	24	Drop Courses (With Penalty)
	31	Last Day for Submitting Application for Degree to Registrar's Office—Undergraduate Students (May 2011 Completion)
	31	Last Day for Submitting Application for Degree to Graduate Office—Graduate Students (May 2011 Completion)
February	4	Last Day to Drop a Course Without a Grade
	7	Grades of WP/WF in Effect
	21-25	Pre-Housing for Summer 2011 (Residence Halls Room Reservations)
March	7-11	Mid-Semester Examinations
	14	Mid-Semester Grade Reports Due (Report On-Line)
	14-18	Spring Vacation
	21	Classes Resume
	21	Registration for Summer 2011 Semester Begins **(Full Registration = Selection of Classes + Payment of Fees)**
	21-25	Pre-Housing for Fall 2011 (Residence Halls Room Reservations)
	TBA	Graduate CORE Examination
	25	Last Day to Drop a Course by Any Means; End WP/WF
April	1	Last Day to Place Orders for Cap & Gown in the Office of Academic Affairs (May 2011 Graduation)
	5	ETS Proficiency Profile (Formerly Mapp)
	18	Registration for Fall 2011 Begins **(Full Registration = Selection of Classes + Payment of Fees)**
	22	Holiday (Good Friday)
	25	University Clearance Begins
	29	Last Day to Withdraw from the University
May	2-6	Final Examinations
	7	Commencement
	9	Grades Posted On-Line by 12:00 Noon
	9	Semester Ends