ORIENTATION
(for Parents)

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OBJECTIVES

✓ High School versus SRU
✓ Your role in effective communication
✓ Tips to help your child succeed
✓ Accelerated Programs..Pros & Cons
✓ Learning Reconsidered (develop the individual)
High School  v.  SRU

✓ More responsibility shifted to student
✓ Different student-faculty relationships
✓ Growing expectations of PROFESSIONALISM
✓ No more Parent-Teacher conference
Communication

- Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
  - University personnel cannot disclose academic info

- Family or Medical Emergency – Notify Dean’s Office
  - (724) 738-4862

- Student initiated communication builds professionalism

- Face-to-Face is BEST

- Email is good for some things (public record)
Important Role for You
In Case of a Problem

✓ Listen completely
✓ Ask what your child can do to address the problem
✓ Strategize with them
✓ Be cautious of excess pressure
✓ Resist the temptation to intervene
  ✓ Resiliency
Student Success in Classes
(When things go bad)

- Visit instructor *and* advisor
- Drop/Add a class
- Withdraw from a class
- Repeat a class (max 3 times), (6 total repeats)
Student Success in Classes

(Resources)

- FYRST Seminar & Learning Clusters
- Faculty Office Hours
- Tutors and Lab Assistants
- **MUST** attend class
- Open Labs
- Online Practice Modules
Transformation to Professional

✓ Employers want *problem solvers*
✓ >60% of employers state...graduates lack

✓ Communication Skills
✓ Critical Thinking Skills
✓ Creativity & Problem Solving Skills

✓ A few innovative institutions focus on...

✓ Leadership
✓ Collaboration and teamwork
✓ Social and emotional intelligence
Accelerated Programs (SRU only)

✓ SRU Doctorate of Physical Therapy
  - 3 years undergrad major...3 years SRU DPT
  - Majors that offer 3+3:
    - Biology, Exercise Science, Health Care Administration & Management, Public Health, & Recreation Therapy

✓ SRU Masters of Physician Assistant Studies
  - 3 years undergrad major...2 years at SRU PA
  - Majors that offer 3+2:
    - Biology, Exercise Science, Health Care Administration & Management, Psychology and Public Health

✓ SRU Master of Science in Athletic Training
  - 3 years undergrad major...2 years SRU AT
  - Majors that offer 3+2:
    - Exercise Science

✓ Apply to SRU graduate program Junior Year
  - If accepted – 1st year of grad counts as last year of undergrad
  - If not accepted – complete undergrad
Accelerated Programs (other)

- YSU, WVU, Penn State, Pitt Engineering
  - Multiple Possibilities through SRU Physics Major
- Logan & Palmer Doctorate of Chiropractic
  - 3 years Biology...3 years Logan or Palmer
- LECOM Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine
  - 3 years Biology...4 years LECOM
- LECOM Doctorate of Pharmacy
  - 3 years Chemistry or 2 years Biology... 3y LECOM

LECOM = Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
Articulations (other)

✓ LECOM Doctorate of Dental Medicine
  - 4 years Biology...4 years LECOM

✓ West Virginia University Dental Medicine
  - 4 years Biology...4 years WVU

✓ Chatham University Physician Assistant
  - 2 seats reserved for qualified SRU grads
Lighten the Load

- Summer Courses at SRU or elsewhere
  - Recommend **AGAINST** taking science classes at CC
- Take online winter or summer classes through SRU
- Most will choose to sign out of accelerated program
  - Pros and Cons
Many Options

✓ 2nd Guessing is OK...
   Did we choose the right major?
   Avoid taking advice from other students

✓ Easy to change major

✓ Keep mind and options open
Many Opportunities

- Research
- Travel
- Meaningful work
- Clubs & Organizations
- Sports & Recreation
Educational Travel
Collaborative Research
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