

# ONE HOP SHOP

A monthly newsletter brought to you by the SUNY Canton Student Service Center.

## Who's in the One Hop Shop?

- ⇒ Financial Aid
- ⇒ Meal Plans & ID Cards
- ⇒ Registrar
- ⇒ Student Accounts

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## Important Dates!

Now it's time for midterms, take a nice little spring break, and start thinking about next year.

**Remember to always monitor your UCanWeb account and SUNY Canton email for important notices!**

- Tuesday, March 1 • 2016-17: Recommended Deadline to File 2016-17 FAFSA
- Saturday, March 5 • Spring Break Begins – No Classes!
- Monday, March 7 • 2016-17: Summer 2016 Advising & Registration Period Begins.
- Tuesday, March 8 • Disbursement of Single Semester Loans.
- Monday, March 14 • Spring Break Ends - Classes Resume
  - Second Seven-Week Courses Begin
  - 2016-17: Room Reservation Week for Fall 2016 in Residence Halls
- Tuesday, March 15 • Midterm Grades Available for Students Online (NOON)
- Wednesday, March 21 • 2016-17: Housing Lottery: Kennedy Hall (5-9 PM)
- Thursday, March 22 • 2016-17: Housing Lottery: All others (5-9 PM)
- Monday, March 28 • 2016-17: Advising Period Begins for Fall 2016

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## Interested in attending this summer?

Now is the time to meet with your academic advisor to plan out what coursework you need to graduate and which of those classes you will register for in the Summer 2016 and/or Fall 2016 semesters. Keep in mind that issues concerning financial aid eligibility can arise if you are repeating any course or taking courses that do not apply toward your current degree program. If there is any question, please consult the One Hop Shop. There are different requirements for different types of financial aid programs.

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## Refunds are being issued

Refunds of spring federal aid began on Friday, February 5, 2016. Refunds of spring New York State financial aid begin in March as we start receiving the payment rosters from the state. More information on the refund process can be found at [www.canton.edu/refund](http://www.canton.edu/refund). Be sure to set up your account with HigherOne to avoid delays in your refund.

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## Are you thinking about withdrawing?

**Withdrawing from any or all courses may impact your eligibility for financial aid in current or future semesters.** Be sure to ask questions before submitting any paperwork. When dropping individual courses you will be charge a \$20 fee. If you are considering withdrawing from all coursework, please view the basic information on the withdrawal process and our brochure at [http://www.canton.edu/student\\_accounts/withdraw.html](http://www.canton.edu/student_accounts/withdraw.html). It is highly recommended that you sit down and discuss your options with both your Academic Advisor and your Financial Aid Advisor prior to withdrawing to fully understand the impact on your student record. It may also impact your eligibility at another school should you decide to transfer.

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## The Housing Lottery

If you plan to live on-campus next academic year, then you will need to reserve your room. To reserve your room you must pay a housing deposit and attend the housing lottery. Housing deposits will be accepted in the One Hop Shop until 4:30 pm on the day of the housing lottery. The Kennedy Hall lottery will be held from 5-9 pm on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. All the other residences will have a lottery on Thursday, March 22 from 5-9pm. See the Residence Life Office with any questions.

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## Time to start thinking about next school year! (2016-2017)

We expect to begin sending out financial aid award offers for the 2016-2017 academic year this month.

### **Reminder 1: Know your FSA ID**

Make sure to keep your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID information in a safe place for future use. For those of you who have not accessed your federal student aid account since last year, you will find that the FSA PIN number you used is no longer being accepted. You will need to create an FSA ID. When attempting to sign in to any of the federal websites you will be directed to create an FSA ID username and password if you have not already done so. Don't worry it's very easy!

### **Reminder 2: Get the FAFSA done**

Our recommended filing deadline to be considered for some limited campus based aid funds is March 1, 2016. If you haven't already done so, please go to [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) and login with your FSA ID to complete the application today. Be sure to do your New York State application as well, you will be prompted with an online link at the end of the FAFSA application (you'll also receive an email reminder directly from New York State).

### **Reminder 3: Apply for a Scholarship!**

Review of applications has begun but it's not too late to apply. Visit <https://canton.academicworks.com/> to submit a general merit based scholarship application. This application will automatically match you with opportunities that you qualify for (please don't apply for each opportunity individually). After submitting your scholarship application, please return to the scholarship link and log in to check the status of your application and to see if you have been granted an award. If awarded, you will also be notified via your SUNY Canton email address as well as by mail. Direct any questions regarding the scholarship application to the Foundation Office at [foundation@canton.edu](mailto:foundation@canton.edu) or (315) 386-7082.

### **Reminder 4: File Your Taxes!**

If you need assistance filing your taxes (due on April 15) for the 2015 year, then you may want to seek the assistance of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Free tax assistance is available by appointment through April 14 at SUNY Canton's Accounting, Business and Finance Center in Cook Hall Room 100. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Assistant Professor Brian R. Trill by phone at (315) 379-3916 or by email [trillb@canton.edu](mailto:trillb@canton.edu). This is a free service.

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**Satisfaction Survey:** Please take the time to complete our [short online customer satisfaction survey](#) for the One Hop Shop based on your recent experience. [Click here](#) for more information on the One Hop Shop and to view previous issues of this newsletter.

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