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## St. Paul Campus Parking Ramp Update

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All Metropolitan State University students have received several emails describing the new parking fees that are effective as of the fall 2015 semester. These fees, reviewed and approved by the Student Senate, will be charged to student accounts at \$12 per credit, per semester. This standard rate applies to all students, whether online, part time or full time, and involves all campus locations.

### GENERAL PARKING RAMP INFORMATION

The St. Paul Campus parking ramp is slated to be complete by late July to early August. Students can access the ramp using their ID cards two weeks prior to the start of the semester and one week after the semester ends. During the semester, parking will be available to the public daily, including semester breaks, except when campus is closed during holidays. Parking ramp hours are 6:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. on weekdays and 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Overnight parking is not allowed.

Parking ramp hours are based on the library's hours; since these hours often change, students should check the website for the most current hours.

Students, faculty and staff will use their ID cards to access the parking ramp. New Metro students will automatically receive an updated ID card during orientation. As of August, returning students who own old ID cards will be able to pick up a new ID, free of charge, in the Saint Paul Campus library.

Visitors, guests and the general public will also be able to park in the St. Paul Campus parking ramp for a \$5 daily fee. Those paying the daily fee, however, should plan their visit carefully. "The \$5 daily rate does not permit re-entrance on

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the same date," said the May email to students. "If visitors leave and return on the same date, they will pay another \$5 fee to enter the ramp."

### HOW WILL THESE CHANGES AFFECT STUDENTS?

Students must pay the \$12 per credit parking fee, even if they would prefer to park on the street or take the bus. For those who park at the Union Depot lot and take the shuttle to school, this shuttle will be discontinued upon parking ramp completion.

For all those wondering, the parking fee is here to stay, for legal reasons. "State law and MnSCU policy requires that users are charged for parking," said Anne Sonnee, Metro's interim vice president. However, the parking ramp brings positive changes to the St. Paul community. "The parking ramp will provide a convenient and safe place to park, [so] we encourage everyone [to be a good neighbor and] use the ramp to reduce the parking on the local streets," Sonnee added.

Many students, like the author of this article, have

used or continue to use the bus to commute to campus. While these students are required to pay the \$12 per credit fee, Metro will still provide students with first come, first served semester bus passes. These passes will be available starting two weeks before the semester begins. It is currently unclear whether or not bus passes will be discounted or sold at a normal rate of \$140 per pass.

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Those looking forward to the opening of the Student Center don't have to wait much longer! The Center, complete with its various student-oriented facilities, is slated to be complete late October to early November. The Science Education Center is scheduled to open for classes as of the spring 2016 semester.

Further communication on these buildings will be sent to students throughout the fall semester via their school email accounts.

## Coffee Shop Coming to 'the Living Room of the University'?

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On June 18, a curious survey was emailed to Metropolitan State University students by the interim Director of Student Development Philip Fuehrer. The market research survey asked participants to share their favorite coffee beverage, rank their most crucial café ambiance factors and asked a number of other questions aimed at appreciating every student's java jive.

The survey was sent on behalf of a South Minneapolis Thai restaurant potentially interested in opening its second location in Metro's new Student Center. The restaurant backed out long before the survey or construction could be completed, but the questionnaire marked another shift of focus in the search for Metro's new Student Center's food service vendor.

Problems began early in construction. The plan was to build in phases. Phases one and two would build up to code compliance, while phase three would outfit the Student Center cafeteria with whatever kitchen equipment specifics the vendor required. But core soil samples taken before construction failed to reveal the depth of contamination, which would later be discovered and delay operations.

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said traffickers will often lure victims with promises of employment, education or love. She does not want to discourage the youth from travel or success, but, rather, she wants to equip them with the tools to

protect themselves. "I believe education is the key to prevention," she said.

The decision to focus on college students was deliberate. "The reason I have chosen this audience is that

"With the soil litigation and the contaminated soils out there, we had to put in what is called a sub-slab depressurization system—an SSDS—for over a quarter of a million dollars. That was a surprise," Fuehrer

## Metro Student Raise Human Trafficking Awareness In Nigeria

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Human trafficking destroys lives across the globe. From Nigeria to Brooklyn Park, the vulnerable are exploited for their money, labor and bodies. One student at Metropolitan State University is using her story to illustrate that fact and help those at risk. Her name is Bukola Oriola and she is founder of a local nonprofit called The Entian Story. She will be touring six universities in Nigeria to raise awareness about the dangers of human trafficking. The tour is called "Bringing the Story Back Home," and it will run from Sept. 10-Sept. 20, 2015.

Oriola is not only the founder of The Entian Story, she is also a survivor of human trafficking. She was raised in Nigeria, but fell victim to human trafficking while living in the north Metro

area. She said her experience inspired this tour. "Since I stepped out in 2007, from the first day I stepped out at Winnona State University to tell my story, the question I got was 'What are you doing to bring your story back to your home country?' she said. "I've been thinking about taking this back to Nigeria, and I've been planning it for three years. I'm glad it's becoming a reality."

"Bringing the Story Back Home" will be The Entian Story's first trip to Nigeria. While on this tour, Oriola will teach college-aged Nigerians about the risks of traveling abroad and about human trafficking in general. Oriola said many people in Nigeria dream of travelling abroad to find a better life. While the potential to flourish in another country exists, international travel can increase the risk of victimization. She

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## Jerry Cotton Memorial Golf Tournament

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difference on the individual and their families. Unfortunately, Cotton contracted hepatitis in 1987 while giving first aid to a victim. He died in 2006; thus, the annual Jerry Cotton memorial Golf tournament was organized in his honor.

The scholarship is available to students seeking a career in law enforcement. This scholarship was made to honor and support Jerry Cotton's vision of education. The tournament is organized by the Cotton family. Cotton's widow, Jan Cotton, is an avid organizer and promotor for the event. "Jerry was a very passionate person about education, so this scholarship program has been on very close to my heart," she said.

In addition to his work as a county sheriff, Cotton worked part time at Metropolitan Learning Alliance (MLA), a charter school in Bloomington. He believed that, by teaching and mentoring students, one could make the most

the scholarship has helped 12 students work toward their goals in criminal justice by awarding a total of \$7,600. The tournament helps fund the scholarships by taking in direct donations, hole sponsorships or donations and silent auction bids. The auction usually carries 120 items, with one special item for live auction.

Students are welcome to participate in the golf tournament. Single registration is \$100 and includes green fees, 18 holes of golf, a golf cart and dinner. All players this year will receive a sleeve of monogrammed golf balls and a flannel golf blanket.

During the tournament there are numerous ways to show your support:

1. You can donate to the foundation directly or donate a gift certificate, gift baskets etc. to the silent/

live auction. You can also sponsor a hole (\$100, \$250 or \$500+ levels).

2. If you would like to participate in golfing tournament registration, through Sept. 7, which is available for the first 144 golfers, visit [jerrycottongolf.com](http://jerrycottongolf.com) for more information and registration materials.

3. If you don't golf, please join in on the banquet and dinner after the tournament (separate registration required at [jerrycottongolf.com](http://jerrycottongolf.com)).

Tournament Location:  
Emerald Greens Golf  
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55033

The tournament is also available to the public.



Participants at the 2013 Jerry Cotton Memorial Golf Tournament.

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said. "That forced us to dip into the contingency money and [we weren't] sure [we'd] have all the money to do all of the phases up front." Among other aspects of construction, the contingency budget was meant to fund the Student Center's three-phase buildout.



Construction workers are continuing to build the Student Center.

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spective, you want to have some assurances, a good return on your investment, and I can see where a new building, combined with the lack of bigger vendor interest, seemed to have run the search into a dead end. "Not having a vendor in place makes [phase three] difficult," Fuehrer said. "Why equip a kitchen with a deep fryer if the vendor won't require one?"

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Instead of preparing for the unknown and risking sunken costs, Fuehrer re-focused. "We put all of phase three on a temporary hold,"

Fuehrer said. "We started making priority decisions on where we can cut. Let's not do a full buildout if we don't have a vendor in place," he said. Fuehrer began a shift to target a coffee, pastry, grab-and-go, prepared food approach.

That new target came with much lower overhead expenses which lent construction some flexibility.

"Furred cinder block walls were among the budget shifts," Fuehrer said. "Phasing the construction moved resources to a fireplace, more mats for the fitness center, rubber flooring in the fitness center, upgraded electronics . . . if Penta-ho, Lancer, Sodexo or some of the heavy hitters in the university market had RFP'd, different decisions would have been made and the full industrial kitchen would have been built," he continued.

Postponing the phase three development has also given Fuehrer's vendor search a new, scaled back, RFP for what he sees as the living room of the university. Fuehrer said that "We want

a sustainable vendor with fair pricing [that isn't too high]. Someone who has a pricing mechanism in place that the students don't balk at and say: 'This blows, I'm gonna go across the street'" (for a dollar coffee or sandwich from Burger King). "There's something in the middle," he added.

Leading candidates now include a cake designer, an Ethiopian/Somali restaurant looking to expand, and a few with industry experience who are looking to strike out on their own. Fuehrer says his hope is to narrow the field of interested contenders and be entering negotiations by mid-August.

With the Student Center scheduled to open in October 2015, Fuehrer is optimistic that whoever occupies the cafeteria space will be serving Metro students when classes begin in January 2016. Until then, the seemingly endless search for a vendor—like the construction—continues.

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## On Campus

# Tuition and Fees Increasing for Metro Students in Fall Semester

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**"We do not take the tuition increase lightly," said Metro interim President Devinder Malhotra. "Enhancing access to higher education is an important anchor of our mission and an important institutional goal."**

Tuition is increasing by 3.7 percent at Metropolitan State University in fiscal year 2016, effective fall 2015. Student fees will also be increased from \$22.43 per credit to a total of \$33.43 per credit.

Undergraduate students will pay an additional \$7.81 per credit, bringing the total per credit cost up from \$210.97 to \$218.78. Graduate students will see an increase of \$12.82 per credit, with totals rising from \$342.42 to \$359.24 per credit.

However, tuition for prior learning credits is decreasing by 40 percent, according to Amber Hamm, president of Student Senate. Web walk nursing credits have also seen a slight reduction.

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In 2013, Minnesota's State Legislature funded a two-year tuition freeze for every institution in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. MnSCU's Board of Trustees asked the Legislature to do the same this year. Their budget proposal asked Minnesota for an extra \$142 million to cover the cost of another freeze. They also said that tuition would likely be increased if the allocation was smaller than the requested \$142 million.

This May, the Legislature allocated \$100 million to MnSCU for tuition relief. As a result, the 24 colleges and tech schools in MnSCU will have their tuition frozen for another two years.

This is not the case for MnSCU's seven universities. On average, these four-year institutions will increase their tuition by 3.4 percent this fall. The universities will have their own tuition freeze enacted in fiscal year 2017, effective fall 2016.

Steven Rosenstone is the chancellor of MnSCU. "We are very grateful to Governor Dayton and the legislature for their support

of the critical role that our colleges and universities play in ensuring prosperity for all Minnesotans, and the funding they provided that makes this possible," he said in a written statement.

"Essentially, what we did was, we took last year's

Metro's administration also worked with student leaders to determine fee rates. "We provide all the relevant information to the student body," said Malhotra.

Brian Wermerskirchen, vice president of Student Senate at Metro, said the Student Center and parking ramp were paid for with revenue bonds, so the buildings are required to bring in revenue to pay off the bonds. At Metro, that revenue will come in the form of student fees. "[The fees] will be reevaluated every year," he said. "As enrollment goes up, the fees will go down, especially with the parking ramp. Once the parking ramp is paid for, it should be self-sufficient [not including operating costs]."

Fees, however, are set by an institution's Student Senate and approved by MnSCU's Board of Trustees. Where tuition pays for classes, fees pay for student services available on campus and other non-class expenses.

**Proposed Child Care?**

Student Senate proposed another \$2.00 increase to student fees that would be used to help bring child care to campus. However, MnSCU's Board of Trustees did not approve this proposal. "There is something in the MnSCU rules that says we can't charge everyone for child care services," said Wermerskirchen.

These projects have been on the student agenda for a significant amount of time, according to Wermerskirchen. "I've seen files that we have in our archives going back to the '90s," he said.

Malhotra said the administration agrees with the need for child care on campus but that more research needs to be done before finalizing a proposal to the Board of Trustees.

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Student fees are going to be used in part to cover the costs of a new parking ramp and Student Center.

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While tuition will be higher in fiscal year 2016, Metro will raise its scholarship budget in hopes of offsetting some of the student expenses. "It's a fine line between preserving the integrity and the quality of our program offerings and the educational experience of the students on one side, and affordability and accessibility on the other side," Malhotra said. "So in order to do that, as we increased [tuition] by 3.7 percent, we also added \$200,000 additional dollars for scholarships for incoming students."

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On-campus health care is required at all universities in MnSCU, per a head-of-office mandate. The fee for health care should not take effect until the program has started.

From an enrollment perspective, Metro is situated better than many institutions in MnSCU. As a system, MnSCU has reported declining enrollment rates since fiscal year 2012. Moreover, continued declines in enrollment are projected through fiscal year 2017.

### Fee Increase?

Student fees at Metro will rise from \$10.43 to \$33.43 per credit in fiscal year 2016. New fees include a \$12 parking fee, \$8.50 for the Student Center and \$2.50 for campus health care services. These fees were proposed by Metro's Student Senate and approved by MnSCU's Board of Trustees.

Even with the tuition increase, Metro's budget

will still not be balanced in fiscal year 2016. As a result, Metro is cutting 3.5 percent from its expenditures.

a \$2.00 activity fee, a \$2.00 Student Center fee, a \$6.00 computer fee and \$0.43 fee paid to the Minnesota State University Student Association (MSUSA). These fees will become part of the \$33.43 total in fall 2015.

### Tuition v. Fees?

In broad terms, tuition in the MnSCU system is set by the Board of Trustees. Malhotra said once the Board approves a proposed budget, institutions must stick to that budget the rest of the fiscal year. In other words, Metro's administration cannot charge any figure for tuition other than the amount approved by the Board of Trustees.

Wermerskirchen said the new buildings are something Metro has needed for a long time. The parking ramp, he said, was "a requirement from the city. Basically, they said 'if you want to expand your campus any more you have to figure out your parking situation,' so without that ramp we couldn't have the Science Center."

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## Community Faculty: Exploited?

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As a student at Metropolitan State University, chances are high that you've taken one or even a few classes taught by what Metro calls "community faculty." Many institutions of higher education call these professors "adjunct faculty." These professors are hired for part-time work and do not have tenure, unlike fully-ranked professors.

Well-trained and qualified to teach courses at Metro, community faculty members are offered no benefits, no job security and very little union representation. According to Dr. Anne Winkler, a community faculty member at Metro State for the past eight years,

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"the MnSCU faculty union (the Inter-Faculty Organization) does not put the needs of its most exploited members first. The union should not accept that the majority of the faculty it represents has no health care.

Our hours are minimized to make sure that we do not."

Community faculty members are

paid per course, unless it is an online course, and receive a very meager flat rate. Dr. Winkler, for example, receives a mere \$5,200 per offline course (online courses are paid depending upon the number of students enrolled, a number which is capped at 20), and, according to Metro's website, "Community faculty do not have offices on campus and in terms of the worth of those letters to the outside world when a faculty member doesn't work full time? How much do the students suffer when faculty members feel undervalued by Metro?"

however, one must stop to wonder how much time and energy a professor can dedicate to a course and its students if they are, in fact, employed elsewhere. Is the essential mentoring that's needed outside of class hours compromised?

And what about those professors who love to educate but do not encourage their students to follow in their footsteps because of a disappointing career outlook? With the recent tuition increase, it might be pertinent to know why the number of adjunct faculty keeps growing if such is not in the best interest of Metro students.

## You Are Not Alone – Project Save

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Anyone can become a victim of sexual assault, at any time or place. Surviving an assault and dealing with the stress of it is something that you don't have to do alone.

Thanks to the "Campus Save Act," recently passed by our government, "Project Save" has been created. Project Save is a program at Metropolitan State University that is used as a resource for the prevention and awareness of sexual assault and are always available for those seeking information on the matter. Project Save advocates are here to help guide you through the process if you or someone you know is wanting to proceed with legal action. Whether it's been a day or a year since the incident, advocates at Metro are here to listen.

Amber Hamm, a certified student advocate, said that Project Save's resources are always available, and the advocates will be there for anyone wanting help.

For those assaulted, the program offers access to SANE exams at no cost to the student. This service is available for 120 hours after the assault. It includes a forensic exam, evidence collection procedure and prophylaxes provided for STIs and pregnancy. The

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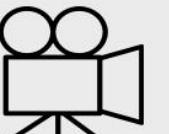
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# Arts and Community

## In the Spirit of the Game: CHS Field

It's the middle of summer, and how better to celebrate than with a local game of baseball?

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The state of Minnesota loves its baseball. That is easily assured considering Minneapolis is often ranked as one of professional baseball's premier cities. When the Twins go to the playoffs, people of all ages bring browned and wrinkled 1987, 1991 and beyond "homer hankies" to support their boys in red and white stripes. But, after over twenty years, the Twins aren't the only local focus of baseball this season.

The St. Paul Saints are stealing the spotlight from their Major League

neighbors. An inaugural season for a brand new stadium, the best-winning percentage in their entire league, and record-breaking attendance. "Fun is Good" may be the St. Paul Saints slogan, "...but so is winning" should be slapped at the end for good measure.

With a nearly 80 percent winning rate as of the 4th of July, the Saints are riding high as the number one team in the American Association.

stadium to fit within the workings of a city that has made recycling and green actions as some of its most prominent.

from five to twenty dollars a ticket. It's with this relentless focus on making sure things stay the same that we discover the more things

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Pair that with its partnerships with Metro State and Hamline University, and it remains to serve as example of a modern sports stadium meshing with an urban environment. Its modernity is only overshadowed by its traditional core: there is still a nun who gives free back massages, two pigs—one fit for a barn and the other for "Sesame Street"—matched with fun and affordability above all else, what with tickets running anywhere

change. There's something truly romantic about the Saints' new CHS Field. Being situated in the crest of Lowertown, I can't help but imagine a Brooklyn Dodgers game circa the 1940's. With an intimate crowd of less than 10,000, a baseball team playing purely for the love of the sport and an illuminated downtown St. Paul in the background, the team brings baseball back to a city that wholly deserves it.

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they are the youth and they are armor bearers in the community," she said in a press release. "They form the perfect niche to spread the message to the younger generation and also leverage it to the older folks in the community."

Oriola will visit six institutions of higher learning over a ten-day period. At each school, there will be events and speeches teaching the students about the dangers of human trafficking, ways to prevent it and ways to protect themselves.

During the tour's finale, Oriola will premiere a documentary produced by The Office for Victims of Crime called "The Faces of Human Trafficking." She will also be giving away copies of her book, "Imprisoned: The Travails of a Trafficked Victim."

Three other survivors of human trafficking will be featured alongside Oriola on a survivor panel.

The other panel members will be Shandra Woworuntu, Harold D'Souza and Evelyn Chumbow. They are a diverse group of people, all of whom were born in different countries and subjected to different forms of human trafficking. However, they share a common thread: all of these survivors were originally victimized in the United States. Oriola said the mix of individuals will show that human trafficking is not bound by national lines or a potential destination.

The tour will also aim to increase the Nigerian knowledge of human trafficking that occurs within its own borders. Sex trafficking, labor trafficking (particularly in children) and organ trafficking were issues Oriola mentioned. The State

Department's 2014 Trafficking in Persons report found Nigeria to be both a source and destination for victims of human trafficking. It reported women and girls being forced into domestic servitude and forced prostitution, and boys and men forced into labor ranging from mining or begging to the use of child soldiers by Boko Haram.

Oriola will be working with the U.S. Consulate and the National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) on the tour. NAPTIP is the Nigerian police force dedicated to fighting human trafficking. NAPTIP has founded school clubs where the youth can discuss human trafficking. Oriola said she hopes to incorporate these clubs into the tour. Likewise, they will be looking for other opportunities to partner and increase Nigerian awareness.

While this will be the first tour The Enitan Story has taken in Nigeria, Oriola plans to make these advocacy tours a regular event. This year, the tour's focus is awareness, but that will change for the next visit. She plans to use evaluation methods to see how much of her message the students have absorbed. Moreover, the evaluations will also be used to gauge student interest in this line of work. In future years, she said she will look for changing behaviors in Nigerian college and university students.

To donate or learn more about "Bringing the Story Back Home," visit: [bukolaoriola.com/bringingthestorybackhome/](http://bukolaoriola.com/bringingthestorybackhome/)

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tions and survivors toward social and psychological services, providing educational outreach programs, offering support to survivors and maintaining a community garden. The organization produces a public access television show called "Imprisoned Show," which was recognized by the Obama administration for its work last year. In 2015, the organization started a program that teaches sewing to low-income survivors of human trafficking as a means toward economic and psychological empowerment.

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### What is Human Trafficking?

- The United Nations broadly defines human trafficking as the "acquisition of people by improper means such as force, fraud or deception, with the aim of exploiting them."
- The forms of exploitation that victims are subject to include forced prostitution, forced labor, forced criminality and debt bondage. Illegal organ trafficking is also an issue. Child soldiers are considered victims of human trafficking.
- Human trafficking is often confused with human smuggling, a different crime that can sometimes be connected with human trafficking.

### By the numbers:

- The International Labor Organization estimates that 20.9 million people are trafficked annually.
- According to estimates by The Polaris Project, there are more people enslaved today than at the peak of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade.
- The Polaris Project estimates that there are several hundred thousand victims of human trafficking in the United States and that 100,000 of them are sexually exploited children.
- In 2014, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline received 21,431 calls and 1,279 text messages from victims in all 50 states.
- In 2003, the Federal Bureau of Investigation identified Minneapolis as one of 13 cities with a large concentration of child prostitution enterprises.
- A 2008 Wilder Foundation study found that 14–20 percent of homeless youth in Minnesota have engaged in survival sex or prostitution.
- Forty-four percent of homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) youth have been approached for prostitution, and 19 percent have engaged in survival sex.

# Technology Corner

## Wi-Fi Trouble? A Short FAQ.

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"I can't get on the Wi-Fi." How many times have I heard that phrase? Just about every day in class, often in the library and practically hourly at the help desk. To hear people tell it, you'd think our network was an unstable relic.

### 1. You're probably on the wrong network.

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available all online at [metrostate.edu/wireless](http://metrostate.edu/wireless)

or in print at the ITS front desk and the Metropolitan State University Library. Long hours of troubleshooting have taught me that most students are just making one of the following mistakes:

### 2. Doublecheck those checkboxes.

You followed the guide and it worked the first time, but coming back to campus later you're offline again. You probably missed a checkbox. This is most common on Windows laptops, but it's a problem for every device. Easy to fix!

### 3. Don't sit in a dead zone.

One of my favorite study spots is a small alcove in the basement of Founders Hall, near *The Metropolitan* office. Unfortunately, it happens to

be a Wi-Fi dead zone. There are routers all over campus, but they can't reach everywhere. If your connection drops in a particular spot, seek out a better one.

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### 3. When in doubt, wipe it out.

Don't hesitate to click "Forget this network," grab the guide and start from the top, because sometimes you just need a hard reset.

At the end of the day, Metro has a huge network used by thousands of students and faculty across four campus-



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# Student Voices

## Ready for Fall?

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Now that summer is in full swing, I've been asking myself whether I've made the best of my time off so far. And I have. That is, if lounging on my deck in a zero gravity chair (just \$45 from Amazon!), book in hand, for two months would be considered "doing it right." After having attended consecutive full-time semesters since the beginning of last summer, I finished this spring semester feeling extremely burned out, so I was totally ready for that relaxation.

Sadly, now it's time to focus on academics again. "But there's still another month before classes start!" you might say. True, classes won't begin for at least three weeks, but we responsible, high-achieving Metropolitan State University students don't wait until the last minute, do we? No! We must start planning now! Whether you want them or not, here are a few tips to help you gear up for the fall semester:

**1. Read your books.** If you're already registered for courses, visit Metro's bookstore website and see what textbooks are listed for each of your classes. If the book is listed as "required," then chances are your professor is actually going to "require" you to read it, so why not go ahead and either rent or buy the required books now (or look for used copies at Amazon or local used bookstores) so that you don't find yourself struggling to find a decent, affordable copy at the last minute? Okay, maybe you won't read every page this summer, but you can at least skim through the table of contents and find some chapters that in-

terest you, right? Some classes even assign books of fiction (or nonfiction) as textbooks, so why not throw them into your summer reading mix and get them out of the way? This always gives me a good head start for the fall semester, as getting some of that dreadful weekly reading out of

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the way is much easier to do when I have no other looming academic obligations.

**2. Get your syllabi.** Knowing in advance what your professors have up their sleeves can sometimes be crucial to the success of your semester. So why not send a brief email asking for a copy of the syllabus? If they say "no" or tell you it's not ready, just reply with the basic questions you need answered to begin with: "How many heavy writing assignments are there?" "Are there any presentations required?" "Will there be any tests?" When you know how much coursework will be involved in a single class, you'll have an easier time planning those assignments—and the work for other classes (not to mention your life)—without the usual frustration. I've encountered a couple of teachers who have seemed irritated by my request, but most professors

have been thrilled to share their plan for the semester. Some might even commend you for trying to plan responsibly.

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**3. Use your friends.** If there's one thing I've learned as a Metro student, it's that networking with other Metro students comes with many rewards, including honesty about faculty and staff. So why not use this tool to gain information about your upcoming classes? For example, if you weren't able to find any reviews of a particular professor at [ratemyprofessors.com](http://ratemyprofessors.com) now would be a good time to reach out to other Metro students to get the lowdown on that professor's attitude and level of helpfulness, clarity, and easiness. One of your contacts (or perhaps one of their contacts) is bound to have had experience with the professor in question. If the consensus is that a certain teacher is an asshole, well, then I suppose you'll know that it's time to leave your rebellion at home and start kissing some ass this fall if you want a good grade. Either way this turns out, obviously your friends can help.

**4. Mark your calendars.** You already know when midterms and finals usually happen; and if you've had an opportunity to either review your syllabi early or at least get some feedback from your professors, then you should have a good idea of when

big assignments will be due. Now it's time to create an easy-to-follow calendaring system that reflects those timeframes. This will come in handy when you're planning things like holiday events, family gatherings, and vacations. We all know that professors don't enjoy handing out extensions to their coursework deadlines, and the last thing you'd want is to plan your child's birthday party during the same weekend that you'll need to study for your organic chemistry midterm. Feel free to use your digital schedules if you want, but I prefer printing monthly calendars, hanging them on the wall near my desk at home, and using pens and highlighters to write in all the important deadlines. Without needing to sync, swipe, or scroll, printed calendars just feel safer and never let me lose sight of what's ahead.

I know what you're thinking: who wants to spend their academic break doing . . . academics. Wouldn't that be an oxymoron? Call me a nerd if you want, but earning good grades is important to me, so I like to stay ahead of the academic game whenever possible. As some of you may know, taking 12 credit hours per semester, while also caring for children, managing a house, and working a job—in addition to attending multiple meetings and events, planning holidays and parties, and trying to have a social life—is a LOT of work. So, if spending a few hours near the end of your summer break might help ease up the load of the upcoming semester, then why hesitate?