**Streamin’ Info your way...**

This is YOUR very first official Bachelor of Arts & Sciences Newsletter of the new 2008/09 academic year! WELCOME to the University Guelph! We are excited to welcome you into the Bachelor of Arts & Sciences program and to the larger Guelph community.

So you might be asking yourself, who is this random handsome asian man? Good question! I’m YOUR program counsellor. It’s my job to help you to succeed here at Guelph. How you define “success” is completely up to you. I’m just there to help you along the way. We’re in this together. If you have questions, I’m your guy. And if I don’t know the answers, I will know where to find them. And if not...well, we’ll learn together.

I graduated from the University of Guelph (when you were around Gr. 3 I think), worked in Ottawa and Toronto, and for the past 5 years, I’ve been back in Guelph. In fact, in my first year, I was enrolled in the Akademia program (a first year Arts & Science program). It’s where the BAS program eventually grew from.

“Baby BAS” if you will. So I really DO know what you’re going through, honest!

What else would you like to know? I love mini adventures and road trips. I like reading, films, theatre, music and FOOD! (did I mention I love chips?) Oh, and I should tell you right now...I’m not very good with names and faces. Actually, I’m pretty good at names OR faces...just not together. So don’t be offended if I don’t always know who you are right away. Just be patient please. It’s not you. It’s me.

**Drop me an email at bas@uoguelph.ca or call extension 56385. I have drop in hours Monday to Thursday from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and I also take appointments throughout the week. When you email me, you will get an auto-reply with all of this information.**

I know you may or may not be a little on the stressed and OVERWHELMED side of things right now...but no worries...you’re going to do fine. It’s like this for everyone...no matter how “together” the seem to have things.

I look forward to meeting all of you and getting to know you this year. Here’s to a great year everyone! Cheers!

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**BAS DAY!**

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<td>(MACN 129) BASSCA Scavenger Hunt! (Explore the campus with everyone!)</td>
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<td>(Bullring) BAS Program LUNCH (Free FOOD anyone?)</td>
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<td>(Boathouse) BASSCA goes off campus! (Free ICE CREAM anyone?)</td>
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<td>(Library 2nd floor) BASSCA Shows off! (take a ½hr survey and get prizes!)</td>
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Welcome to the University of Guelph and to the BAS Program. Each of you will learn a lot during your undergraduate degree, not just in terms of your classes, but about yourselves as adults. There are challenges in all aspects of learning, but each of you is more than ready and able to meet the challenges.

Orientation features a session which is called, “Profs are People.” It’s true: we are people with interests beyond research and teaching. I love reading mystery novels. A rainy Sunday afternoon when I can curl up on the couch with a pot of tea and a mystery is my idea of heaven. I love going to the theatre. My hot tip for theatre is Stratford’s production of Hamlet which is stunning. I saw it in August and I was on the edge of my seat throughout the show. And, I love cats. I have two Siamese cats, Nin (who is a seal point) and Nomie (who is a lilac point.) Neither is very well disciplined … they discipline me! (As you can tell, I don’t mind being the hand-maiden to “my boys.”)

That’s a little bit about me. In the coming weeks, I hope to have the opportunity to get to know each of you, not just as students but as people. Enjoy the semester. Drop by for a visit.

Ann

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Welcome to all our first year students!! And welcome back to all our returning students!! I’m the new secretary in the Arts and Social Sciences. I’m the first person you will see when you enter our office in MacKinnon 128, so drop by and say “Hi.” I’ve been with the University for many years, and have worked in many departments, so if you get lost or if you are looking for someone, we are here for you. I have two granddaughters, whom I’m hoping will someday attend this wonderful university. But, by that time I will officially be retired, and spending all my time gardening or coming up with different craft ideas!! So until then, I’m here for you.

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BAS Counselling Office

Ann, Piuccia and myself, are all here to support you. We love getting visitors into our office. Why? Because we are a lonely peoples. As well, there is a whole lot of useful information for you in the office. We have course waiver forms, declaring minor forms, add/drop forms...whatever you need, we have. We even have games and candy. What else could you ask for? Our office is open from 8:30am to 4:30pm (12noon to 1:00pm we’re closed for lunch). You are always welcome in our office. Stop by anytime! Well...anytime we’re open ☺ We look forward to seeing you!!
BASSA NOVA!!!!!

The Bachelor of Arts & Sciences STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION!

This is YOUR students’ association. Get to know them, get involved.

Have ideas for BASSA events? Email them to bassa@uoguelph.ca

BASSA where?...

Where can you find this wonderful association you ask? Sooo many places!!
You can check out their website at www.uoguelph.ca/~bassa or you can often find them in the BAS LOUNGE. Didn’t know we have our own lounge? Located in MacKinnon, the BAS lounge is the hot spot to go to study or just relax between classes. To get there enter the main MacKinnon doors across from the Library and follow the stream of students up the stairs. As soon as you’ve reached the top of the stairs go left and enter the door directly in front of you. You have just entered a study area, but it is not nearly as great as the BAS one. The BAS lounge is the second (and last) door on the left. Welcome to the greatest place to study on campus!!

BAS Students come out on TOP!!

During O-week librarians will be conducting for of the Standardized Assessment in Information Literacy Skills (SAILS) testing. The dates for drop in testing at Tuesday September 2 and Wednesday September 3rd between 2 and 5pm in the Library’s second floor computer pool area. We would like to invite ALL BAS students to give up ½ hour of their time that day to take the test.

SAILS is a knowledge test with multiple-choice questions targeting a variety of information literacy skills. More than 80 institutions and 42,000 students have participated in SAILS. In the winter semester of 2007 the University of Guelph administered the test. BAS students in their 1st and 4th years took the test. That report indicated that their scores ranked them higher than ALL other Institutional benchmarks. We want to see if that still rings true.

Students who take the test will all be give small gifts and be entered into a draw for a gift certificate of 100$.

http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/services/information_literacy_&_instruction/information_literacy_testing/
Question of the Week

What if I couldn’t get all of my classes picked during course selection? Or what if I need to change the classes that I registered for? Or what if the classes I wanted are full?

All very good questions. And to all of those questions I say...relax. Chill. It’s gonna be ok. The “Add Period” began at 7am on August 18th and goes until midnight on September 12th. During this time, it’s exactly like course selection for everyone, not just first years. This is your last chance to change your Fall 2008 schedule. If your classes were full, keep checking them regularly because people will be adding and dropping like it’s going out of style so there might be room for you in a class after all. Don’t believe me? Check out WebAdvisor now...people have already started dropping some classes, opening up space for others. If the class is still full, you can always try contacting the instructor and seeing if there’s a waiting list or if they’ll sign you into the full class. Have more questions. Send them my way!!!

Just so you know...

This is random (but important) info that you WILL find useful!...

- Did you know that even if you’re not in the BAS cluster, you can take part in some of their events?! Contact the BAS Cluster Leader Mia Callaghan for more details!

- The Hoover Dam was built to last 2,000 years. The concrete in it will not even be fully cured for another 500 years.

- When you drop a course, it may still show up on your blackboard. As long as it's not on WebAdvisor, you’re good to go!

- The left lung is smaller than the right lung to make room for the heart.

- Thinking about your minors already? Relax...take your first year to really figure out what you want to do.

- Armadillos, opossums, and sloth’s spend about 80% of their lives sleeping.

Taking a first year science course? CHECK OUT THIS WEBSITE!!

www.bsc.uoguelph.ca/getready

(seriously...if you want to do well...you HAVE to.. True story.)

KICK-ASCI SHOUT OUTS!

* Special thanx to the BASA exec for doing such a great job organizing O-Week activities!
* Congrats to everyone in residence for a smooth move in over the long weekend!
* Congrats to everyone living off-campus! You’ll be popular when we need to escape campus!!
* Thank yous to everyone who emailed/called me over the summer! It’s been great getting to know ya already!!
* Thank you for coming this morning!!

So hey...do you know anyone that deserves a KICK-ASCI shout out?! Lemme know and I will include it in the next newsletter!