When people discuss education and its benefits, there seems to be two schools of thought; those that feel education can take you further in your endeavors and those that feel it is not worth the effort. Many feel they can pick up an education later when they have the time, money, or both. They say to themselves, I have a good job; I am doing alright providing for my family, why put out the effort now? For these procrastinators, I would like to remind them of the Aesop’s Fable, *The Ant and the Grasshopper.* The ant works hard to store up for the winter, when life is good, while the grasshopper lays back laughing at the ant putting out the “effort”. Well, we all know what happens. The ant gets the last laugh. Putting off your education can land you in the grasshopper’s shoes.

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So in your next discussion with someone thinking that the effort of an education is not worth the pay off, remind them that just because you have it good now doesn’t mean we should not be preparing for even a brighter tomorrow.

### Higher Education Statistics

**Employment Rate of College Graduates**

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<td>46.6</td>
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This pattern of Higher Employment Rate for higher level of education was also the Case for ages 25-64.

**Recession Hits harder Those Without Higher Education. 2000-2013 Decrease in Full-time Year Round employment.**

- No High School 59%-53%
- High School Diploma 67%-62%
- Degree—Unchanged

**Median Earnings 25-34**

- Master’s Degree 59,900
- BA Degree 48,500
- High School Diploma 30,000
- No High School Dipl. 23,900

Pattern true for both male/female and Race/Ethnic group.


**Annual Earning of Young Adults.**

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  - High School Diploma 30,000
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**Education: Always a Good Buy**

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**Fritz Reminders**

**Fall 1**

- Begins - August 24
- Last day to Drop - August 31
- Withdraw Period
  - Sept 1—Oct 5
  - Term Ends - Oct 18

**Fall 2**

- Begins - Oct 19
- Last day to Drop - October 26
- Withdraw Period
  - Oct 27—Nov 30
  - Term Ends - Dec 13

**Spring 1**

- Begins - Jan 11
- Last day to Drop - January 18
- Withdraw Period
  - Jan 19 — Feb 22
  - Term Ends - Mar 6

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**Special points of interest:**

- Education Statistics
- Walk to End Alzheimer’s
- Criminal Justice Seminar See Calendar of Events
- The Write Way Notes
GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Right: Saint Leo University Gwinnett Center and Human Services club join forces to help out with the Grayson Children’s Fund and Partnership Against Domestic Violence. Together they donated school supplies for needy children and 100 backpacks.

We foster a spirit of belonging, unity, and interdependence based on mutual trust and respect to create socially responsible environments that challenge all of us to listen, to learn, to change, and to serve.

Saint Leo University’s Core Value of Community

For all of those that pledge: GET YOUR POST CREDITS HERE!!

Join us for the next Criminal Justice Seminar.

OCTOBER 18, 2015
8:00 AM—12:00 PM
RSVP: 678-380-4005
By October 15, 2015

Upcoming Community Event

Aug 31-Sept 3
Ice Cream Social
$1.00 per scoop

Sept 8-10/12
50/50 Raffle
$1.00 per ticket/6 for

September 14-19
Jail your Instructor
.25 per vote. 5 votes $1.00

September 21-26
Photo Booth
$3.00 per sitting

September 26
Pancake Breakfast
$3.00 All u can eat

Free t-shirts for all participants.

Participate with the Gwinnett Center for a donation of $10 or more.

Register at Saint Leo University Gwinnett Education Center to participate.

Freshman Essentials

It is difficult when you are out of your comfort zone. As a freshman this is a constant. Learning how to use Saint Leo technologies is high on the list of to do’s as a new Saint Leo student.

We encourage you to get acquainted with these new technologies through our orientation classes given at various times each term. These classes will help give you insights on the technology and an overview of how to use it inside and outside the classroom.

Our most widely used communications technology is called E-lion. Through E-lion you are able to keep current by retrieving e-mail, scheduling your classes, and looking up your class schedule. E-lion gives you the ability to look at your grade postings, along with your class listings for your program. It is also a convenient way to keep track of your financial accounts and billing statements. This feature helps when you are looking to find out if your financial aid has posted.

If you are interested in registering for a New Student Orientation, please call the Gwinnett Education Center for the next orientation class schedule.
Advisor Corner:

Did you know:
Early registration helps us determine the number of students we have in classes. Classes that do not make the required number by the seventh week will be cancelled.

Encourage your fellow students to register early so your class will not be cancelled because of lack of enrollments.

Enroll now for Fall 2 and Spring 1 terms.

Graduate Students:
BE AWARE: The LAST DAY to enroll for class is the Thursday before the term starts. You can drop in the first week, but you cannot ADD. This is for both on ground and online classes.

Undergraduate Students:
CALLING ALL SENIORS!!
Please stop by and ensure you are on track for graduation. Please do not wait until your last term.
All applications for graduation are completed via your e-Lion.

Attention Veterans:
Please let your advisor know your veteran status and what education benefits you are receiving for tuition. This will assist us in getting your certification done correctly and in a timely manner.

Please contact a center advisor if you have any questions regarding your veterans benefits.

Thank you for your service.

Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, October 14, 2015

Criminal Justice Seminar
8:00 A.M. — Noon
POST Credits
Seating Limited
RSVP by October 12
RSVP: Gwinnett@saintleo.edu

Information Session

Please invite your family and friends to find out more about what Saint Leo University has to offer. The Gwinnett Center will hold information sessions on the following dates:
6:00 PM — 7:00 PM
Third Wednesday of the month.
Saint Leo University—Gwinnett
3555 Koger Blvd. Duluth, GA
Sept 16* Oct 14* Nov 18 Dec 16

HOLIDAYS
Labor Day Thanksgiving Christmas Break
September 7 November 26-27 Dec 16 - Jan 11

Join us at the festival!

Gwinnett Education Center will be represented at these upcoming festivals. Please stop by and say hello or bring by a friend that would like to know more about Saint Leo University.
Saint Leo University is a Catholic, liberal arts-based university serving people of all faiths. Saint Leo has grown from a peaceful campus in the rolling hills of Central Florida to an institution of international consequence—ranked one of the best regional universities in the South by U.S. News & World Report.

We understand life’s demands—balancing family and work while pursuing your degree. To meet those challenges, we are dedicated to providing you with highly personalized attention and flexible learning opportunities—while bringing the resources and benefits of our main campus to you, wherever you are.

Saint Leo University offers a practical, effective model for life and leadership in a challenging world; a model based on a steadfast moral consciousness that recognizes the dignity, value, and gifts of all people.

The “Write” Way Seminar

On August 18th The Write Way Seminar was given to new and existing students at Gwinnett Education Center. This seminar, given by our own Robin Rudd, was a refresher on APA format and library research. Those that attended were grateful for the exchange of ideas and information. As one seminar attendee, Patti DuMesestre stated, “Very entertaining, and we learned a lot! I will look forward to taking one of her classes later. She really made it fun and time flew by.” For those that did not attend, below are some highlights for your own review.

For help with any and all formatting and grammar questions, don’t just google around hoping to find the right answers. Instead, go straight to the Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab at owl.english.purdue.edu for all of your writing, formatting, and citation needs. It’s free, it’s user-friendly, and it has a search option and tons of examples and samples. If you’re more of an auditory learner or have some trouble making word processors format things as they should, the OWL also has a youtube channel at www.youtube.com/user/OWLpurdue with videos that walk you through formatting, step by step.

Another great resource is Grammarly, an online grammar-checking service. Normally, you’d have to pay for access, but you have free access through your Saint Leo account. Once on Grammarly, you can upload or paste an entire essay into a form, and it will check for grammar and spelling errors, suggest vocabulary changes, and give writing tips about things like wordiness and clarity. It’s not perfect, but it’s better than your word processor’s grammar checker! Find this resource at www.grammarly.com.

That takes care of grammar and formatting, but what about all that research? The best place you can go to research is the online Saint Leo library, which you have access to through your Saint Leo account. Use the advanced search option to narrow your topic, and you’ll find tons of peer-reviewed, reliable articles on your subject, as well as quick citation tools and lots of ways to save your research as you go. Spend some time getting to know the site. It takes a little time to get used to the system and how it works, but you’ll be glad you went to the effort for all the time it saves you from searching aimlessly on the internet for reliable source material.

Best of luck on your writing endeavors and in the Fall 2 term!