

JETstream

*The Joint Enrollment Program at SPSU
May 1, 2003*

From the SPSU President:

Dear JET students:

I join the faculty, staff, and students here at Southern Polytechnic State University in welcoming you to the campus and in our classrooms, labs, studios, and seminars. We are all pleased that you have chosen to advance your education at Southern Polytechnic. We're proud of the quality and scope of our academic programs, and your decision to join us will enrich the educational experience for all of us.

The SPSU faculty have high expectations for all students, but the University also provides a wide variety of support for students. We're committed to your success; if there are ways in which we can help you in your academic goals, please let us know.

Education is a community effort, and your families and high school counselors and teachers are an important element in your success as well. I appreciate the support they show for Southern Polytechnic in supporting your educational work at this university.

Congratulations to you on the success you have already demonstrated -- and welcome to the Southern Polytechnic State University community! All of us look forward to working with you.

With very best wishes,

Dr. Lisa A. Rossbacher
President

Honors Program for JETs

JET students may now apply for the SPSU Honors Program. The SPSU University Honors Program provides academically talented students the opportunity to develop their talents and skills in an expanded and enriched curriculum. It features seminar-size classes that demand intellectual rigor.

The program also provides students with a community of peers and ample opportunity for social interaction within the peer group and with Honors faculty. Students work closely with faculty and have opportunities to expand their learning through independent study, special projects, and research.

Admission to the Honors Program begins with filling out an application. JET students with at least a 1200 SAT score or ACT equivalent and at least a 3.5 high school GPA will be admitted to the program. If students are close to meeting the admission requirements stated above, they can still submit an application and be reviewed for entrance. The Honors Program may call for references.

Applications for the Honors Program can be obtained from the Director of the University Honors Program, Dr. Nancy Reichert (770-528-3193), the Joint Enrollment Advisor, Jon Lindsay (770-528-7903), or online at www.spsu.edu/honors.

For questions and additional information about the University Honors Program, contact Dr. Reichert or visit the Honors Program website.

Becoming A Jet

Why become a Joint Enrollment (JET) student at SPSU? You should consider becoming a JET if you want to get a head start on your college career. Becoming a JET puts you in the fast lane, on the fast track to achieving your career goals. Instead of having to wait until after graduation from high school, you can move ahead now.

Coming to SPSU for joint enrollment will attach rocket motors to your academic career. First, you will be able to complete your high school requirements for graduation while earning college credits--credits that will count toward your degree. The credits you earn save you time and money. Since the credits count toward your degree, you will not have to take them again when you do enter SPSU full time--you will already have done them! Second, since the State of Georgia and SPSU will reimburse the cost of your tuition, you will save the cost of the courses you take (although you will still have to pay school fees and for books). If you take several courses, the savings to you could be significant.

Being a JET student also introduces you to the college way of life. You get to experience college campus life in all its freedoms and responsibilities. By being a JET student now, you prepare yourself for the college life so that when you do enter college as a full time student, you can make the transition easily. After being a JET student at SPSU you will be able to handle easily the demands of college.

So, what are the benefits of becoming a JET at SPSU? You get a head start on college, you save time, and you save money. If these benefits of becoming a JET appeal to you, apply.

Application Criteria

If you want to become a JET student, here is the criteria you need to meet:

- Be at least 16 years old
- Have an academic GPA of at least 3.0 in courses used to satisfy the 16 CPC requirements, excluding electives and weighted grades.
- Are a junior or senior on track to complete your college-prep diploma (in an accredited school recognized by the University System of Georgia).
- Must be registered full time (your counselor will determine what is full time; may be a combination of courses at your high school and SPSU).
- Have SAT scores of at least 500 Math and 500 Verbal (not composite). **To receive dual credit, you must have minimum scores of 530 Math and 530 Verbal, OR have equivalent ACT scores.**
- Have parents' permission
- Be up-to-date on immunizations.

Application deadlines are December 1 (Spring) and August 1 (Fall).

APPLYING TO SPSU

Applying to SPSU is easy. You can apply online at technology.spsu.edu or obtain an application from SPSU. You will need the following:

- \$20.00 non-refundable application fee
- official high school transcripts
- official SAT or ACT scores (scores officially entered on high school transcripts will suffice)
- proof of immunizations
- letter of permission from parents
- filled-out application

Submit all these materials to the Admissions Office. The Admissions Office will review

the application and materials and advise you whether or not you have been accepted.

You may submit the application online and provide other materials; you may also submit the materials by mail or hand-carry materials to:

Office of Admissions
1100 South Marietta Parkway
Marietta, GA 30060

For questions about the admissions process, call 770-528- 5505 or email admis@spsu.edu

JETS On the MOVE

Graduating in 2003, the following JETs have been accepted to:

Anthony Aksentis -- SPSU
Nick Gritz -- Georgia Tech
Megan Hilliard -- SPSU
Daniel Ivey -- UGA
Jane Lurie -- New York University
Matt Miro -- Georgia State
Dayli Owen -- Florida State University
Miloslava Ranglova -- SPSU
Stephanie Shields -- UGA

Congratulations !!!! Keep in touch! I'd like to start an email file for other JETs who may want to go to your new colleges. If you consent, I'd like to be able to have them contact you and have you act as a mentor. Please let me know if you would allow this.

Graduates: Let me know where you are going so I can include you in future newsletter editions.

Information and Articles

This newsletter is for and about JET students. Help me write it! Now that we have the ATTIC web page and the JET

Newsletter established, please feel free to submit to me any information that might be useful to others. Information about yourselves--your achievements, hobbies, and schools are welcome. If you would like to submit articles, talk to me about publishing them here.

Likewise, Counselors, if you would like to submit anything that may be helpful, please talk with me about how we can use your materials.

To make suggestions or submit information or articles for publication please contact Jon Lindsay at 770-528-7903 or jlindsay@spsu.edu.
