How to reach us...

Here for you to clip and save is a telephone directory of several Ball State offices. Many of these offices can be reached using the university's toll-free number, 800-382-8540. Campus information is always available at www.bsu.edu.

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Health Center	765-285-8431
Housing and Residence Life	765-285-8000
Learning Center	765-285-1006
Multicultural Center	765-285-1344
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Police	765-285-1111
Registration and Academic Progress	765-285-1722
Scholarships and Financial Aid	765-285-5600
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Student Center Programs	765-285-1031
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FACILITIES: Wall Street comes to campus with new financial training center for business students

Business students are getting a taste of the frenzied environment of the nation's stock markets within the A. Umit Taftali Center for Capital Markets and Investing, a technology-centered classroom/laboratory inside the Whitinger Business Building. The facility enables students to be immersed in a real-world financial environment, providing opportunities for hands-on training in the workings of financial markets, financial modeling, and valuation.

The 1,300-square-foot facility is named for a Ball State alumnus and former

international banker. It features the latest technology including computer stations, large-screen televisions that will monitor business news networks, and ticker tape electronic message boards. The lab will allow students to gain familiarity with relevant trading applications and functionality.

"The center provides students a level of learning experience in finance and investment that is second to none," says Miller College of Business Dean Rajib Sanyal. "It will further enhance the ability of Ball State graduates to compete

successfully for the best jobs with the country's most prestigious financial services firms."

In addition to simulating a real-world environment, students will be able to work toward Bloomberg Certified credentials, a highly valued asset for finance professionals, says Srinivasan Sundaram, chair of the Department of Finance and Insurance. The center's computer stations are capable of accessing the Bloomberg Professional news feed, providing access to analytics, communications, charts, liquidity data, functionalities, and execution

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CAREER: New mentor network to facilitate student success

The many relationships established among students, parents, alumni, faculty, and staff are a lasting benefit of being a member of the Ball

State family.

In today's economy and the ever-changing world of work, relationships and networking are critical for students to be successful.



Mollie Fout

To facilitate relationship and network building, the Ball State Career Center has launched the Cardinal Career Link Mentor Network.

"As adults, most of us can point to someone special who provided advice and encouragement early in, as well as throughout, our careers," says Mollie Fout, director of the Ball State Career Center. "The Mentor Network will facilitate that type of relationship for students. Within the Ball State family is a rich treasure of career experiences—we invite the Ball State family to share this with our students."

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CAREER AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING LAB RESOURCES

The Career and Experiential Learning Lab in Lucina Hall, room 235, offers a wealth of resources on career exploration and the job search, both online and in print. Below are several that may be of interest to your student:

ONLINE

Quest

Ball State's online career assessment tool www.bsu.edu/careers/quest

Career Management Action Plan Ball State's four-step guide to career development

www.bsu.edu/careers/cmap

Cardinal Career Link Ball State's online job-search and career community

www.bsu.edu/careers (click "Cardinal Career Link")

Cardinal ViewJobs Ball State's listing of many on-campus, part-time student jobs

www.bsu.edu/careers/viewjobs

Links to Explore A list of career and job Web sites www.bsu.edu/careers (Click "Career and Experiential Learning Lab," then "Great Links to Explore.")

How to Find a Job on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, and Other Social Networks

150 Best Recession-Proof Jobs

50 Best Jobs for Your Personality

50 Best College Majors for a Secure **Future**

Do What You Are: Discover the Perfect Career for You through the Secrets of Personality Type

For more information about these and other resources, contact Larry Beck at 765-285-2424.

Dates to Remember

October 9, Saturday Homecoming

October 15–17, Friday–Sunday Family Weekend

October 18, Monday

Course request for spring semester begins

October 22–24, Friday–Sunday Fall break

University offices are open Friday

October 26, Tuesday

Course withdrawal for fall semester ends

November 23, Tuesday

"Freusday"—classes meet following a Friday schedule

November 24, Wednesday

Residence halls close at 8 a.m., university offices open

November 24–28, Wednesday–Sunday Thanksgiving break

November 28, Sunday

Residence halls open at 9 a.m.

December 13–17, Monday–Friday Final exam period

December 18, Saturday

December Commencement Residence halls close at 6 p.m.

December 19–January 9

Semester break

January 9, Sunday

Residence halls open at 9 a.m.

January 10, Monday

Spring semester classes begin

January 17, Monday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day—no classes, university offices closed



CONNECTIONS: Commuter students served through ambassador program

The transition from high school to college is an exciting and demanding

period of adjustment for all freshmen. Students who stay at home and commute to campus experience challenges unique to their situation. Through the Commuter Connections program, commuting students are



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in terms of academic,

interpersonal opportunity

-Mitch Isaacs, Freshman Connections

committee member and associate

professional, and

and growth."

director of student life

Mitch Isaacs

assisted with making the academic and social connections they need to be successful on campus.

Under the umbrella of Ball State's nationally recognized Freshman Connections program for first-year students, Commuter Connections helps commuters become familiar with university policies, procedures, and services; meet other freshmen, other commuters, and upperlevel students; and become

involved in campus events and organizations.

"Parents of commuter students play a particularly important role in the adjustment from high school to college," says Mitch Isaacs, a member of the Freshman Connections committee and associate director of student life. "Parents should urge their student to make contacts on campus and attend campuswide events.

"It is important for commuter students to become engaged in on-campus activities, form friendships with other students, and build other relationships on campus. Our vibrant campus community has much to offer each student in terms of academic, professional, and interpersonal opportunity and growth."

In Commuter Connections, freshmen team up with an upper-level students known as a commuter ambassador and a group of other commuters. Ambassadors answer questions, provide opportunities to hang out and meet other commuters, and hold special events during the semester.

Many Commuter Connections events will focus on helping students adjust to life

at Ball State. Educational sessions throughout the semester will include topics such as using Ball State resources from home, registering for classes, finding scholarships and financial aid, winterizing your vehicle, and addressing off-campus student issues. Each session will be held in the Student Center, and refreshments will be

provided. Also, Commuter Connections will have free breakfast food for commuters the first Monday and Tuesday of each month in tents set up in the commuter parking lots.

"The free breakfasts give us another opportunity to interact with commuter students and to share information about important campus events," Isaacs says. "We want them to feel appreciated and connected."

For more information or questions about Commuter Connections, contact Isaacs at 765-285-3476.

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services. Students will gain experience in the same technologies used nationwide by financial institutions in implementing financial strategies and further develop the skills and confidence necessary for career success, Sundaram added.

The center is named in recognition of Taftali's contributions and service to the university, including the lead gift for the cutting-edge facility. Taftali, who graduated from Ball State in 1985 with a degree in

finance, is also a member of the national committee for Ball State Bold, the university's current capital campaign with a goal of \$200 million. He is currently managing the Suna Koc-Kirac family office in his native Turkey after a career in international banking that spanned two decades. Taftali is scheduled to participate in the center's dedication November 18.

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The Mentor Network is an online career community where students connect with mentors who are willing to offer advice and information about choosing careers, selecting majors, finding relevant career-related experiences including job shadowing and internships, and managing the transition from college to career.

Mentors will select the types of advice they would like to provide, specify the number of students to mentor, and indicate their preferred communication method (e-mail or telephone). Mentors will provide information about their work experiences and careers which student may search by keyword.

The Cardinal Career Link Mentor Network was introduced to the Ball State Parents Advisory Council and received a unanimous endorsement. Cindy Johnson, a parent from Williamsburg, Indiana, said, "I am looking forward to helping in any way that I can. I can't wait to be involved!"

Mentors are being recruited now. The network will be available to students beginning October 4. Mentoring activities

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-- Mollie Fout, director, Career Center

will take place through Cardinal Career Link, Ball State's password-protected, secure Web site **www.bsu.edu/career**.

To become a mentor, go to "Mentor Network" on the Career Center site to complete a brief Mentor Network profile. Once registered, prospective mentors will receive information about how to be an effective mentor, a list of Ball State resources to use and share with students, and suggested topics and questions to discuss with students.

PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Members of the Parents Advisory Council serve as liaisons between all parents and the university. Their names and contact information are provided below for readers who may wish to contact them with questions or comments.

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NEWS BRIEFS

■ Don't miss the fun and festivities of Family Weekend, October 15–17

Join your student for Ball State's Family Weekend October 15–17.

From movie showings, a bingo and childrens fair, and football and volleyball games to brunch and a golf outing, this weekend's events will give you a feel for life on our vibrant campus.

For details, visit www.bsu.edu/ studentcenter/familyweekend or call 765-285-1031.

■ Parent Education Gateway (PEG)

In compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Ball State has developed a student-parent Web service called Parent Education Gateway (PEG). Through this service, current students have the ability to authorize up to four parents/family members to view their education records.

Depending on the level of access granted by the student, parents and other authorized family members could view academic major and advisor information, term grades and schedules, and overall academic standing (good, probation, disqualified).

A student may also choose to authorize a parent/family member to talk to the financial aid or bursar's office (information not currently available via the Web).

Getting started:

- 1. The first step in getting access to PEG is obtaining a valid Ball State passport account. Visit the Registration and Academic Progress Web site at www.bsu.edu/registration to watch a video demonstrating how to set up a passport account.
- After a passport account is set up, your student will need to grant permission to view his or her academic record. Students can find a step-by-step guide for granting permission to a parent/family member at www.bsu.edu/registration.
- 3. Once access has been granted by the student, an e-mail will be sent to the parent/family member who will then be able to access the site.