Of all the important things on your to-do list...

- go to practice tonight
- study for exams
- find an internship
- fill out & return 2010 census questionnaire!!!

This one will be easy.

The Census is coming: March and April 2010.

BE COUNTED.
Welcome to college, your new home! The coming academic year will be filled with many opportunities to get involved in your new community—one of which includes being counted in the 2010 Census!

Once every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau takes a snapshot of everyone residing in the United States, regardless of age, race, or immigration status. People should be counted where they live and sleep most of the year, so if you live at school—on or off campus—that is where you will receive your questionnaire.

Filling out the questionnaire is more important than you may realize. Census data affect and inform:

- College tuition grant and loan programs.
- Decisions about funding for critical services in your college, like transportation, public safety, medical care, and road repairs.
- Important research done by college faculty, students, librarians, and community leaders.
- Your voice in Congress and in the state and local community!

Being counted is easy. The 2010 Census questionnaire will be delivered to you at your dorm or apartment in March or April 2010. When it comes, BE COUNTED: Find it. Fill it out. Send it back.

Filling out the questionnaire is safe. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share the answers that respondents provide with anyone, including law enforcement and any other government agency or court.

We can’t move forward until you send it back, so be sure that you are counted in the 2010 Census.

Best of luck in the coming academic year!

Students: Did you know...?

$26,000 – Average amount that workers with a bachelor’s degree earn above what workers with a high school diploma earn.

20.8 million – The estimated number of students enrolled in the nation’s colleges and graduate schools (2007).

5.6 years – Average amount of time it takes people to complete bachelor’s degrees. It takes an average of 4.4 years to complete an associate’s degree.

1 in 3 – The number of women age 25-29 who have a bachelor’s degree or higher (2007).

More than 1 in 4 – The chance that the hot dogs and pork sausages consumed on the Fourth of July originated in Iowa. (Hey—you never know when you might need to know this!)