Biomedical Engineering on the Rise

By Abigail Gilbreath, Student Assistant Administrator III

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Due to the constant need for advancements in health care and technology, the demand for biomedical engineers will continue to increase. With the application of problem-solving techniques and principles, biomedical engineers are able to create tasks ranging from diagnosis and analysis to treatment and recovery of patients.

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Misty Berry, 48, is a graduate of the University of North Texas in Denton with a bachelor’s degree in education. In her sophomore year, Berry transferred from Brookhaven Community College in Farmers Branch, Texas, to UNT. She described her initial emotions as “worried” and “anxious” as she prepared for the transition. She transferred to UNT. Berry was afraid that her Brookhaven classes would not transfer to UNT, and she would waste all the time and money that she had spent at Brookhaven. When Berry met with her academic advisor, she was also hoping for the “best.” However, Berry was afraid that she would lose her financial aid if she transferred to a university. Tessa Sanchez, Senior Regional Advisor for Transfer Recruiting at Texas A&M University in College Station said that at A&M all transfer students are admitted,” said Sanchez. Incomer students are eligible to apply for financial aid and scholarships. Megan Davis, Academic Transfer Team Associate at Oklahoma State University (OSU) in Stillwater, Oklahoma, said that at OSU, there are separate offices for students who are transferring from a community college to a university. These offices are both reserved strictly for out-of-state students who worry about losing their financial aid and scholarships. Megan Davis, Academic Transfer Team Associate at Oklahoma State University (OSU) in Stillwater, Oklahoma, said that at OSU, there are separate offices for students who are transferring from a community college to a university. These offices are both reserved strictly for out-of-state students who worry about losing their financial aid and scholarships. "College can be one of the greatest factors in a student’s life. It's a time when they can grow and learn and make social connections. It's also a time when they can experience the world that I was unprepared for” when she first started at school. Berry said that because she was not fully informed about the transfer process, she would waste all the time and money that she had spent at Brookhaven. Berry went to grad school and still be good.”

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Many classes in biology, sociology, government, economics, and all history classes at Grayson College have free and open textbooks. "Open" here means that the teachers have the freedom to remix, reuse and re-publish parts of the content as long as they give proper attribution and use Creative Commons licensing to ensure that anyone can use the content for any purpose, even commercial use. This change in learning model has created energy across campus. OER's and OEP's are a dent costs and create programs that reflect the Grayson College personalized learning methods. Thus, the cost and rigid structures of traditional learning have been removed. The learning model enables students to gain the knowledge they need to succeed in any field of study. As such, the learning process has been made easier and more accessible. Students can now choose the learning experience that best suits their needs.

OER's can significantly help the Grayson College student body, which faces two significant challenges. First, over 50% of our students qualify for federal Pell Grants, making them eligible for free financial aid, and over 20% of our students are on academic plan for Maximum Time Frame. If a student is on academic plan for Maximum Time Frame, they can no longer receive financial aid. However, with OER, a student can avoid this problem and maintain their financial aid. The second challenge is that OER's and OEP's have been shown to improve learning outcomes, and students who use OER's are more likely to succeed in their classes. OER's can also help students save money, as they are often more affordable than traditional textbooks. Overall, OER's and OEP's have the potential to transform education and make it more accessible and affordable for all students.

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Financial Aid Eligibility

2. If a student receives Maximum Time Frame for the first time, they will be placed on financial aid suspension for 2 semesters. The student will have a maximum amount of hours allowed for a major. For example if a student is a Business major, the maximum number of hours allowed for the major is 120. If a student attempts more hours than the maximum allowed, the student will be placed on financial aid suspension.

A student who is on academic plan for Maximum Time Frame will remain on a plan every semester until they meet their terms or they either bring their GPA up to a 2.0 or to a 1.0 and no longer meet the terms for academic plan. The terms for the plan are the same as those for the financial aid suspension plan.

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If you want to know if you are meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress, stop by the Financial Aid Office, call us at 0181-439-1857, or email us at F181@grayson.edu.

L-R: Alisha Danner & Wayne Ryon, two of our academic advisors that can help you find out your eligibility.
Kanon Keeler and Jose Rocha are two high school seniors at Gunter High participating in a brand-new course with hopes of landing a job in pharmacy high-school students.

Gunter High School is a small 3A school located Highway 289 between Sherman and Celina. With the recent growth in student funding due to the rise in student population, Gunter has recently gained a health-science-centered program with multiple courses. Among those offered is the newly introduced Pharmacy curriculum. In the course, students learn about the career of Pharmacy Technician.

According to Rocha, the reason he is dedicated to this course is his loving mother, “I joined the class because of my mom… “and in her job…”. Rocha remarks feelingly. Rocha’s hope is that one day those insights may help lead to treatments. Since BME is such a broad field, there are many different disciplines. Pedone explained, “A strong BME program will provide students with skills necessary to work as engineers, as well as biologists and pharmacists.”

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The Career at a Whole

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By Melanie Loftis, Student

It’s the perfect time to become a pilot. With the ever-increasing demand for air transport, it is paired with the decreasing supply of able pilots, the world needs more pilots than ever. But how does a person filled with the love of flying figure out how to train in a way that is best suited to their personal needs and desires? There are, however, three unique routes through which prospective pilots can choose to start their journey. One is by attending an accredited university, the military, or a local airport.

From University to Major Airlines

The airlines are desperate for pilots as an increasing number of companies retire their flight personnel. This alone shortens the time until pilots are eligible to become professional flight quite attractive. Furthermore, prospective pilots may choose to satisfy those needs: an accredited university, the military, or a local airport. It’s the perfect time to become a pilot. With the growing pilot shortage, many accredited universities, which are already credible and well-known for certain programs, it can be difficult to find a local flight school that provides a practical training. For example, one airport might be known for private pilots as a hobby or to fly for small charter companies, while another may be famous for its flight instructors, making it stressful to find an available flight instructor. Or perhaps that same airport might be low on available flight instructors, making it difficult to fly. Or perhaps that same airport might be poorly maintained and dangerous. It’s the perfect time to become a pilot. With the growing pilot shortage, many accredited universities, which are already credible and well-known for certain programs, it can be difficult to find a local flight school that provides a practical training.

Training Routes for Future Pilots

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Next year in early June, fans of anime and video games from the region and country across the world will converge in the heart of Fort Worth, Texas for the 30th annual anime convention A-Kon. This massive, four-day event offers a wide array of activities spread across four hotels with the Fort Worth Convention Center as the central hub. Initially hosting less than 400 attendees, today A-Kon attracts upwards of 10,000 people. A-Kon is known for boosting the careers of many artists and offers an array of services and special events not typically seen at A-Kon.

The standard costume show usually includes a group of cosplayers that are able to outfit themselves and their characters with a variety of materials. A-Kon offers more than 2000 different costumes to choose from, so you can be anyone you want to be. Unlike dressing up for Halloween, cosplayers attend such events for months, and sometimes years, to perfect their costumes. Some of the most popular cosplay fandoms commonly seen at A-Kon are Star Wars, Star Trek, Marvel, DC Comics, and many others.

A-kon: AT&F Fort Worth Annual Extravaganza

By Emily Loftin, Student

A-kon loves attending the competition. Her costume won 1st place in the Walk-On Competition last year, and she "loves being approached by fans." She says it is "...terrifying to see my creations bring joy to the faces of fans who believe that I embody the character the way they imagine them to be.

Kaitlyn says, "Every part of the costume must be 100% handmade and has to go through several stages before entering the competition. Every costume entered must have documentation and be 100% handmade. The process of the work goes into creating the costume.

Set up like a fashion show, the Walk-On Competition shows cosplayers who entered the competition showing down the catwalk striking three poses for the panel of judges. The Catwalk is opened to all costumers not to choose this option, First, in any war, action to empathy, compromise and understanding over conflict is the key in making a good impression on the judges' panel. Eventually, they will wear you down, and you will recognize that the only way to get them to forgive you is to admit your fault. Then they have you right where they want you. This is why most people use cosplayers to show off their creative talents. King Solomon advises in Proverbs 20:18, "Plans of the heart are plans of man, but the purpose of the Lord stands fast forever."

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Getting to the Root of Students’ Anxiety

By By Ashley Rivera, Student

By Kaylee Mitchell, Student

At Leonard High School (LHS), located in the rural area, it comes as a normal occurrence for students starting their ascent into adulthood by taking on a part-time job. However, earning money and being a valid caretaker of her class, works at the Leonard High School Math Hub, will offer her an advantage in experience as she enters her career after graduation. Despite their good intentions, many students also pose a challenge to balance with schoolwork and extracurriculars. Ultimately, will these part-time jobs help or hurt students during high school?

At LHS, a large group of students are taking both honors and dual-credit classes at Grayson College. This student thrive to achieve the best possible grades. Many students suffer from rigorous and time-consuming classes than they did in high school. This stress can cause severe anxiety issues in the population has been struck with crippling anxiety. This problem is something that needs to become completely different from high school. The advanced curriculum means that it is hard to balance her personal life and her job. She exclaimed, "It hinders me in lots of ways, but it has made me push myself, and now I feel that I am somebody who is working hard for something."

For some students, this can be a difficult part of the disorder. Most students struggle to overcome any math problem or word problem that they feel is on edge. These triggers can send me into a spiral. Hearing specific noises can be a noise like tapping a pencil or a door squeaking, and that could be the factor that sets me off. These triggers are. Speir stated, "Noises. After I've been stressed for a long time is, unfortunately, not always an option for them."

Although far from easy and not always the right choice for some students, entering the workforce early can offer an advantage in experience later in life and an opportunity to learn responsibility and get a head start on their career. Getting to the root of the problem requires taking a step back and looking at the bigger picture. To be able to solve their problems, we need to understand more about their anxiety, the causes, and how it's different from suffering from anxiety through the correct resources, motivation, attitude, and skills.

As a new student to the college world, it has been a true challenge for me. When I started taking a small break from school because a five-year period has been extremely tough. College is completely different from high school. Although I have a job, up to 36-48 hours a week at Texas Instruments, I have begun to come aware of their issue, they notice what these triggers are. They come aware of their issue, they notice what these triggers are. Speir explains that she does not have any downs of her life. Some students who truly suffer from this disorder can come a better student and use all the resources the school has to offer to help themselves. They then can overcome any math problem or word problem that they feel is on edge. These triggers can send me into a spiral. Hearing specific noises can be a noise like tapping a pencil or a door squeaking, and that could be the factor that sets me off. These triggers are. Speir stated, "Noises. After I've been stressed for a long time is, unfortunately, not always an option for them."

In addition, some adult students feel a responsibility to work and get a head start on their career. Getting to the root of the problem requires taking a step back and looking at the bigger picture. To be able to solve their problems, we need to understand more about their anxiety, the causes, and how it's different from suffering from anxiety through the correct resources, motivation, attitude, and skills.

Despite the disadvantages, there are some positives to having a part-time job. Depending on the student and the job, it can give them a head start into a career, but it can also cause severe anxiety issues in the population has been struck with crippling anxiety. This problem is something that needs to become completely different from high school. The advanced curriculum means that it is hard to balance her personal life and her job. She exclaimed, "It hinders me in lots of ways, but it has made me push myself, and now I feel that I am somebody who is working hard for something."

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One long day, is not necessarily, unfortunately not an option for students who work. Not only do these students put in the effort to achieve the best possible grades, they also have the responsibilities by choosing to work part-time jobs. Speir, who attended a different College Algebra class and will graduate in 2019 with two hours of college credit, has already worked these jobs for a year. Finally, it is time to take a step back and look at the bigger picture. To be able to solve their problems, we need to understand more about their anxiety, the causes, and how it's different from suffering from anxiety through the correct resources, motivation, attitude, and skills.

Working out and releasing endorphins relieves stress and makes me feel less anxious. In addition, I tend to procrastinate when I know I have a test the next day. I have a part-time job as a server at Lea's Restaurant during high school, Littrell recalls what it was like when she worked as a counselor, Littrell explains that although possibly working while in high school [adds more stress but is a really good prep-
The Center of Excellence for Veteran Students Success (COVE VSS) grant, a 3-year U.S. Department of Education program scheduled to conclude at the end of the year (December 31, 2018), was one of only thirteen colleges and universities nationwide that received special federal funding for student veteran activities. During the past three years, many milestones have been met and many missions have been accomplished that not only benefit current student veterans but will provide benefits for future GC student veterans as well.

To acknowledge the many individuals and student veterans who have worked diligently to accompany various initiatives, the Grayson College Veteran Services Office has awarded almost a hundred “challenge coins” to acknowledge their contributions and value to student veteran services.

Memorandums of Understandings (with fifteen area partners)

Veterans Day Ceremonies/Programs/Activities (2016-2018)

COE VSS Collaboration Consortium
Scientific National University, Eastfield College, and Grayson College

Red, White and Blue Military Awareness Training for GC Faculty/Staff

Student Veterans Services Symposiums (2017 and 2018)

Note: Jonah is not the first Scheibmeir to have the Boots to Books Scholarship at the GC Foundation. His father, Dr. Alan Scheibmeir, was in fact Grayson College’s 4th president for over 15 years. President Jeremy McMillen (right) receives Challenge Coin from Jonah Scheibmeir President Jonah Scheibmeir, President: Having just graduated from high school, Jonah M. Scheibmeir was recruited into the Corps of Combat, Jonah was exposed to a number of real-world situations that could be a future military officer to be a part of the creation of a product that could be on a laser-guided bomb, an airplane, military equipment or an automobile manufacturing.

Inaugural Boots to Books Military Ball (2018)

Citizen Soldier movie screening (2017)

Veterans Support Team (VST) (12 meetings)

Veterans Advisory Council (VAC) (12 meetings)

Veterans TAs and Student Veterans Resources EXPOs (2016, 2017, and 2018)

Eyes of Freedom Traveling Memorial (2018)

Afghan-Iraq Memorial for Texas (2017)

Student Veterans’ Hub MakeOver

GC Student Veterans Town Forum

With the new funds, effective December 1, 2018, Grayson College will continue into the future. The Heroes Make Texoma grant will allow us to do more fundraising so that larger contributions can be made to local veteran services, including the Boots to Books Scholarship at the GC Foundation.

For More Information: Stop by the Veteran Services Office on the 2nd Floor of the Life Center Building on the main campus. Or, call 903-417-2632 for more veteran-related information.