THE MICHAEL EURE SHOW: TAPPING INTO CAMPUS RESOURCES

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Damien Johson: Hello, hello, hello, hello everyone. Welcome back to the Michael Your Show. We are just some of your Cohosts here. My name is Damian Johnson. I'm a third semester student here at Wake tech. I'm also a START intern. I've also got Kevin, Marjorie, and Alaric here with me today. You guys can go ahead and introduce yourselves.

Kevin Reza Villa: Hi everyone. My name is Kevin Reza Villa, and as you said, I'm a START student here. I'm also a student ambassador, so I'm here to spread awareness about START.

Marjorie K. Chanakira: Hello everyone, I'm Marjorie. I am SGA Treasurer and I'm also part of NSBE, that's National Society for Black Engineers. I'm also working on the Honors program and today we're here to talk about everything that has to do with student resources that Wake Tech has to offer.

Alaric: Hi, my name is Alaric Ani and I'm a work study student at the ILC. I'm also a Wake Tech student ambassador and I'm here to spread awareness about the opportunities at the ILC and talk about my student ambassador experiences.

Damien Johson: Thank you guys so much. Now before we all start with you guys today, we've got two videos we want to show you. Jerry is

gonna pull up one for us right now. It's coming right from the care center.

Care Center promotional video playing: The Care Center is here to provide wrap around services for our students for when out of the classroom challenges arise. I'm Mike Coleman, Dean of Student Engagement, and Impact here at Wake Tech. My name is Magdalene Crist and I'm a student at Wake Tech in the Associate of Science Program. The Care Center at Wake Tech has been a great hub for resources such as food success coaching, technology support, brief, mental health counseling, emergency financial assistance, and transportation assistance. I've gotten a lot of great help with questions and just navigating with Tech. If I'm ever having a tough day or a tough time in class, the student success coaches are always there to help me whenever I need it. Students can connect with us by visiting one of our locations online, at our website or by e-mail. So, to my fellow students, if you ever need help with anything, the Care Center is your one stop shop and I highly recommend. And most importantly, we are here to support our students and make sure that they soar. (End of video)

Damien Johnson: And that looks like it's already for the care center. And just let you know, we're gonna talk about that much, much later on in the show. But we got one more video for you guys. It's coming right from the engineering department. Jerry, can you pull that up for us as well?

Engineering promotional video: It's no surprise that many leaders start their careers in engineering. Engineers are curious, creative, and

methodical. They're problem solvers and thinkers, and they work in biotechnology, construction, and everything in between. With an Associate and engineering degree from Wake Tech, you're on your way to a career in engineering, computer science, or other professional fields that count on a strong background in math and science. Our program is designed to be a practical start for students who are interested in furthering their education at one of the many four-year universities in North Carolina and beyond. We've developed advising tools that are personalized and specific so you can develop a plan that takes you from aspiration to achievement. With on-campus, online and hybrid programs available, it's never been easier to discover your future at Wake Tech. (end of video)

Damien Johnson: Thank you all. And I just wanna let you guys know that that link for the care center is gonna be put in the chat. We also have the fact that you can contact the care center by emailing them at care@waketech.edu. Once again, that is care@waketech.edu.

Marjorie K. Chanakira: Right. And they actually have an open house for the Scott Northern Wake campus that is going,

Damien Johnson: Oh yeah!

Marjorie K. Chanakira: Yeah, sometime in August, probably the end of it. Am I correct?

Damien Johnson: I believe that the care center Open House is going to be… let's see from I think it was 9:30 to one and…

Alaric: Yeah, I think it's next Tuesday.

Damien Johnson: Next Tuesday. Building B, Suite 134. So, anybody can come to that. They're gonna be talking about basically a tour of the care center, some of the useful resources that you can find in the care center and answering any questions. Let's see… Now as far as I guess before we even talk about the stuff, you guys should tell us a little bit more about yourselves. I don't wanna go first because I went first last time, but I'll let Alaric, Marjorie, Kevin speak if you guys wanna talk about anything that you're doing this semester, the care center itself or your success coach or anything like that.

Marjorie K. Chanakira: Alright, I'll start. OK Like I said before, I'm Marjorie and I am an engineering student, so I have my success coach who is Mr. Michael Eure. He is a great resource and I encourage everybody to… [reach out to him]. If you haven't seen, if you go to self-service, there is a part that will show your academic planning. There is probably going to be a contact there that shows who your student success coach is and who your academic advisor is. So, Mr. Michael has helped me ever since I was a freshman and this is my second year at Wake Tech, and … yeah, it's a great resource that I urge everybody to…[explore]. If you do not know who your success coach is, please do go and look for your success coach and you will be able to be helped in a lot of ways. Also, there is… Some other things that people might not know because they are new. So don't let that hold you back. That is why

we're having this show today to tell you guys what is going to be happening and what is there that we could have to go through. Kevin, you might want to tell people more about START.

Kevin Reza Villa: Uh, yes, actually, umm, so hi everyone again, my name is Kevin Reza Villa. And as I said before I'm actually a START ambassador and something I do want to announce is that the start internship applications are going to be open, are going to be opening on October 16th. So yeah, mark it on your calendar. For those of you who don't know what START is. It's basically STEM Academic Research and Training where you are paired with a mentor who you will create a project with. They'll help you design your project, execute your project and, at the end of the day, they can even help you publish the project. Which is great. It's a great way to stand out on college applications and a great way to stand up for your resumes. And it's a STEM-related internship so you don't have to necessarily be a STEM major, but as long as you're interested in STEM or wanna do STEM, we have a project for everyone.

Damien Johson: Yeah, of course. And if you guys have any questions about that, drop them in the chat or put them down in the comments. But speaking about START and so this is I think my second semester during START. Kevin, which semester is this for you?

Kevin Reza Villa: Oh, I've been here for a while. This is gonna be my 5th semester for start.

Damien Johson: See, Kevin's got a few. You got a few semesters of experience on me. But regardless, we, me and Kevin are practicing pretty much some of the same skills. Presenting, research, analyzing research papers, working in a lab. Really learning skills that you're going to be using in a lab type career or a STEM-based research career if you guys ever plan on getting into one. My experience with start has been absolutely amazing. The START semester for this fall is about to start. Actually, for me it's starting tomorrow which is going to be a really great day for me. I'm going to get to travel to NC State. We're going to get to go in the labs. Uhm, look at some of the tours, some of the buildings. And then I'm going to be partnered with some grad students and get to actually work on some work, solar cells, things like that. But it's not the only thing that you can do. They have tons of different projects from engineering to physics to chemistry to biology and math. You guys can pick any different major, any different aspect, anything that you like. And you'll be able to find some project within START that you guys can find. So, make sure you're on the lookout for that for its next opening and its next cycle for recruitment… Also, I want to talk a little bit about success coaches. I think we have a link; it is www.successcoach.waketech.edu. I wanna announce to you guys that everybody has a success coach and we're going to pull up the website right here. Thank you, Jerry. Yeah, so all of you guys have success coaches. They are particularly for your department. So Engineering, Associates of arts, Sociative Science, etc. All of us have one and they are basically here to help you succeed. They can help you from or at least Mr. Eure who's my success coach, he has helped me from getting computers to getting food to get… free money back when there was COVID out and the school was giving relief programs. They can't help you access centers like the care center, ILC tutoring. They are really good networking people and counselors for you guys to use and have.

So, thank you Jerry and… What else? I think moving on, we also have the ILC page that Jerry could open up for us… real quick.

Kevin Reza Villa: And also, I'd like to take advantage and, you know, talk about the mixer that recently went on. So, this Tuesday Michael Eure. My success coach mixer had a mixer for the engineering team, with the ILC, where we basically met in the ILC on North Campus. And we just got to be able, we got a little tour of the ILC. We got to see where the writing center is, where the map center is. We got to learn about the study school workshops and just got to know about all these amazing resources and on top of that it's a mixer, so we got to meet some amazing people, which was just great. Because you know, meeting, meeting the new coming, you know, being someone who is already on this campus and meeting people who are coming in, it's a great way to, you know, spread the knowledge, and tell them a lot of things that I wish I knew sooner.

Alaric: Hi everybody I'm I also want to talk about the ILC. I am actually a work study student at the ILC. I also met Kevin and Mr. Eure. He's also my success coach. He's the best success coach at Wake Tech. He hosted the mixer for the engineering students, and I was the one that led the tour around the ILC. Right now, the ILC is having a competition right… where they are giving away $1000 to students who can write the best story / play. So, if you could write a very good story, you could apply write a story, send it to them and stand the chance of winning $1000 The ILC is a very, very good resource for students. It's free tutoring to every Wake Tech student and students that have passed through Wake Tech, like Wake Tech Alumni. They have walk in appointments and normal appointments and they're walking times for the English center is

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and walking time for math (which I know a lot of people might use) is from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. And also, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.. The ILC also has tutors who specialize in different fields that they teach. Now you can find all the information on the ILC's website about the different tutors and the different services that they give. So, yeah…

Damien Johson: Also going along with the ILC and like Alaric said, it's gonna be put in the chat down there at the bottom for you.

Alaric: Yeah…

Damien Johson: So, you guys can get to it. But speaking next to them, you guys also have these STEM centers or really just our STEM centers, our labs, our real centers, our social science centers, speak center. All of these links and how to get to these centers and also what they're about are going to be put down in the chat. But you can also contact your success coach. Jerry started putting it up on the screen for us, where it talks about why you should visit the STEM Center. What is it? I know they have labs over there, I've been over there a few times, but they also have kind of like the ILC access for you guys to get STEM resources. Probably talk to what? It's an environment where students can work together, share ideas, and also support each other in STEM courses. So, make sure you guys check that out. We also want to talk about some of our academic success centers, which are some of the ones that we mentioned, and I believe we have one more video. I think this one's gonna be from the Career Center, which we're gonna talk to you guys about. And yes, like we've said before, the STEM Center is also online. You guys can talk about it. They have, I believe they have like, like

workshops. There we go. That's what I'm trying to think of. They have workshops that you guys can access. Where they can, um, talk about some of the Math courses that you take, uh, perhaps social development, career development, things like that. Go ahead Alaric.

Alaric: Yeah, sorry. I just want to mention that the ILC also offer services online, and also in person. So, you don't have to worry about if you can't make it to school and you can't make it to your appointment, you can also make appointments online. And I just want to say that the times I just said it was just for the Northern campus, that I'm not really sure about the other times for the Southern because like they do their own things differently, but I'm sure about this time for the Northern campus where I work at.

Damien Johson: Thank you. Thank you for that. As I've said, I think we have a Career Center video about to come up for you guys. Now that's gonna briefly talk about the Career Center and also why you guys need to go there. Because I know for a lot of us or sorry for career services, I know for a lot of us, especially engineering students and other majors as well, it's hard to decide what you want to do in the future, so let's talk about it.

Career Services promotional video: We can help you land the job you want and jump start your career. Here are 5 foolproof tips to help you get ready for your future. Tip #1: get your resume in shape. Wake Tech Career Specialist can help you make sure your resume is polished, professional, and up to date. Tip #2: practice your elevator speech. What's that? It's you, the Wikipedia version, that highlights your skills

and experience and leaves potential employers wanting to know more. Tip #3: prepare for your interview. Research the company and come up with relevant questions to show your interest, and that you've done your homework. Tip #4: attend a career fair. Take advantage of a wide net of employers and the opportunity to showcase your strengths. Check #5: wear professional, job appropriate attire and present your best self. Remember to smile, shake hands firmly and speak clearly. Get the latest info and more tips like these at careers.waketech.edu Discover Your Future. (End of video)

Damien Johson: Thank you so much for that, Jerry. Now between me, Kevin and all require, it seems that Marjorie has left us real quick. But between us, I want to talk to you guys. What are you guys? What was, what was your biggest thing when you were in high school, and you were looking to apply to a college or when you were in college you were looking to play for a job? Or anything like that. What was the biggest thing that they always told you? I know for me it was definitely go to career fairs. They're like if you want to get an internship, if you want to get any type of networking events, anything like that, go to your career fairs and the career service center can definitely, I'm sorry, career services can help you guys get into contact with those career fairs, tell you when they are. Where they are, what you should wear, how you should talk, how you can bring your resume or your CV and really just get a good chance to talk about some of the careers that you could possibly get.

Alaric: For me, when I was in high school and I was trying to find jobs, the thing that they always told me to do was to try going to career fairs and always look [for job opportunities]. So, I have to dress up well, I'll

make sure that I'm looking good. To be able to attract future employers and stuff.

Kevin Reza Villa: Yeah, I definitely agree. Oh yeah, yeah. So, for me, I guess, something that you have pointed out and that constantly stock with me was, working on your elevator speech. Your elevator speech is crucial. It's basically those one or two minutes of that first interaction where people get to know you, and honestly if you have a solid elevator speech, you can network so much easier.

Damien Johson: Yeah, definitely. And if you don't have one, that is exactly what Career Services is for. You guys can definitely go there. They have career coaches who are literally designed to help you practice things like your elevator pitch and elevator speech. But regardless, the link for that as well is going to be in the chat. Now we have one more thing we want to talk about to you guys. It is student life here at Wake Tech Community College. We have a Student Life page that you guys can access from the Wake Tech community website that Jerry is gonna pull up for us in just one second so you guys can all see it. But this is basically where we have some of our students' activities going on, the talks about our student government, our clubs like Math club, Nesby. Chess club, I mean it, it's a pretty large range. It's got athletics like our sports teams and also leadership opportunities that you guys can go around and go search for. I know we're all eventually looking to or at least most of us are looking to transfer and you know sometimes coming here looking at how you can volunteer, how you can get active in your community, how you can become a leader at your school, those are things that make you competitive and make you a much better applicant in the future. So, let's see what we got here.

We've got talks about parents and families, some global experiences. Let's go to student clubs, let's see what type of clubs you guys have. 40 plus clubs in athletic programs for when I saw that there earlier. We've got accounting clubs. I think that's the American Institute of Architecture for our architect students, Automotive Club athletics. Do you guys see anything up there that piques your interest? I kind of see automotive. Automotive Eagles sounds cool. Let's see what that's about. Here they talk about automotive Eagles. It tells you some club information, the meeting times, meeting location. Wow, that's a whole bunch of stuff, guys. Here and I look, I think there is something you could talk about in terms of our clubs as well.

Alaric: Um. I'm Student ambassador, so I could talk about Student ambassadorship program. So, the student ambassadorship program is a is a great opportunity for students to get experience with leadership and interacting with people and, trying to bring people to make tech. I just became a student Ambassador this Fall, and I hope. I get some great experiences and I'm also in the National Society of Black Engineers, which is also a very, very good society to be in. They have events, like every semester. Where they make people (black engineers all around the country) meet up together, talk about their similar interests and different other things.

Kevin Reza Villa: Something else that's pretty important to point out is that we don't only have clubs, we also have a lot of Sports that we offer. So, our athletics program has a lot of sports for woman's volleyball to men's soccer, woman's soccer, men's, and woman's basketball. Even an esports team which is honestly pretty solid. I also do wanna shout out the volleyball team who is currently playing at Ryan Community College

or Lenoir Community College right now. Hope you all win. And yeah, something else to that I also feel like is important to point out is also a lot of the global exchange that we offer here at Wake Tech, a lot of students have the opportunity to study abroad…

Damien Johson: Oh, yeah, that is true. Yeah, yeah. Me personally, as somebody who has studied abroad not from Wake Tech, but in general, it is a life changing experience that I think everybody definitely needs to have gone through at least once if you can. If you have the opportunity, it's extremely competitive, but if you have the chance, let's go check out those global experiences because they are truly life changing, I believe. I went to Kyrgyzstan, which is near China or something like that. It's pretty close to China. But I went over there to study Russian as one of my "global experiences". But here we have a study abroad, our travel abroad... Let's go to, I guess, study abroad or travel abroad. Doesn't matter. But this is probably just where you can go. Travel abroad, live abroad, maybe do a semester or study over there. I know Wake Tech has a huge campus. It's not just here, it's not just obviously Southern, and it's not just the Perry. But it is extremely… Most of our students are online and so that means you can study from almost anywhere in the world, probably. And if I'm taking it correctly, you could probably study from almost anywhere in the world so that studying from places like Italy, France, wherever you want to go… What else?... I know we've talked about study abroad athletics. I don't think I mentioned it earlier, but there is gonna be a Snacks & Facts coming up September 15th I believe on the North campus. I think I've already started seeing some posts about it, but this is one of our student activities that you guys can access. Where we talk about… I think this Snacks & Facts will be particularly about NSBE, but also, it'll be about many other clubs that we also have here. You guys can go, eat some snacks, get some

information, and decide on maybe you want to commit to one of our clubs… For instance, with NSBE which is the National Society of Black Engineers, we are a up starting chapter here at with Tech Community College and I believe, our closest chapter next to the RTP professional is the NC State chapter if you guys are looking to be an engineer or looking for anything in that STEM center. And just to let you guys know it is open to everyone. Of course, I know it does say National Society of Black Engineers, but it is open to absolutely everybody as long as they're engineer. But it's a really good organization where you guys can get access to professional networking, different careers and engineering, things like that, that I know would probably be pretty helpful. What other clubs do you guys know?

Kevin Reza Villa: Something that's also important to point out is that actually snacks & facts is also going to be held on southern campus. And Perry health campus as well. So yeah, it'll be on September 12th at 11 AM on South campus from 11 to 1. And September 19th, from 11 to 1 on Perry Health campus. So definitely look forward to that because you're gonna learn, you're gonna be able to learn from these club members, you know firsthand about all their experiences and everything the club has to offer.

Damien Johson: And here you have it pulled up. Thank you, Jerry, for finding that. We also want to… Is anybody here in the SGA?

Kevin Reza Villa: Yeah. We do have an easier yeah. So, I'm here and Marjorie here are SG members. So, I'm an SG senator. And essentially what that is basically… I do a lot of the groundwork. So, I help prepare

for a lot of events such as facts and snacks, the information fair that we held last week, the welcome week. We have helped with the drive-in movie theaters that are going to be held later this semester. And on top of that we'll see events like Strawberry festival that we might hold again this semester. And so yeah, if anyone 's interested in SGA, definitely look around the extra site (the Wake Tech Extra site) because it's a great opportunity for students to get involved and you know, just learn more about, you know, what to do. And so, something else that I also do want to talk about is, I guess, office hours, because a lot of people wonder what I do in office hours. And office hours… Everyone and every SGA member has officers, even Marjorie, who's on the executive board. But as a senator, I have one officer hour a week where I basically just help prepare for these events that are coming up. And it looks like Marjorie is coming back in a few. I think she would be amazing if she could talk more about her position on the executive board.

Damien Johson: Watch her out there in the sun. She looks awesome! Cool!

Marjorie K. Chanakira: OK, I just got here. Right, SGA. I am a treasurer like I said before and I am. I have three office hours. Like what Kevin was saying, senators have like one office hour, but then we treasure, well, executive board members have three office hours and it's very interesting. We get to do a lot of things like my office hours on Tuesday. We're recreating the boards that you guys are going to see in buildings D and E and probably in F which says “snacks & facts on Scott Northern Wake campus September 14th” ... And we also do a lot of stuff, if you go on Wake Tech extra like what everybody else was saying you're going to see different clubs and you're also going to see SGA there. We also have

different things that we do. We recently had training and then yesterday actually we had a general business meeting. So, everybody is invited to come to the general business meeting. If you're part of a club or if you just want to hear what's going on, at Wake Tech, you are free to come to the general business meeting and our President will be chairing that meeting. So, if you have student concerns, if you have anything that you would like to say, you can come to the general business meeting and bring that to the SGA and then we can look for a way forward. We also have different councils that are within the SGA. I know there's the DEI, that's diversity, equity, and inclusion. There is also the collaborative council and different other things that SGA is a part of. So, if you guys know. There are also student concerns. I feel like that's a very important one because students may have things that they want to bring across, but they don't know exactly which channels or who to talk to. So, you guys are free. You can send an e-mail to studentactivities@waketech.edu or, you can send an e-mail to either Kevin or me or any other SGA member that you feel like you need to talk to, and you will definitely get your answers.

Damien Johson: Thank you so much Marjorie. That was great. You guys just got a lot of information about SGA, so make sure you guys look out for it. But before we go, like we already said, if you guys have any questions, make sure you put them in the chat. But before we leave, I just want to give everybody I think we should all give everybody at least one tip for success this upcoming semester. My tip for success for you guys is going to be start early, start early with everything, start early with your work, start early with the office if you're gonna go to them, start early with your club, if you wanna do that, start early with as much as you can. Because you don't wanna ever fall behind.

Kevin Reza Villa: My tip would be to just get organized. Once you're organized and you'll be able to organize your personal life, your school life, and your, you know, extracurricular activities, everything comes easy, and it is so much more enjoyable here at Wake Tech.

Alaric: Um, my tip will be to talk to people, interact with people and get information about different resources and opportunities at Wake Tech. And also come to the ILC to get help with any class you need.

Marjorie K. Chanakira: Yeah, well my tip is that worry about your grade right now because it will be too late when you try to worry about that. And also enjoy. Make sure you do not get depressed. Visit the Wellness Center if you need counseling and just plan your time well. That's why they gave us planners during welcome week.

Damien Johson: Oh, yeah, pretty much, guys, just use your resources. I think that's what we're all trying to say. And Wake Tech has a lot of them. You guys can access them. There are links everywhere. And also, we talk about them. Just use your resources. Other than that, we hope you have a good one. Thank you. Thank you for listening.

Alaric: Bye. Thank you.

Kevin Reza Villa: Thank you, everyone.

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