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Student Support Services

Learning Communities

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Thinking about your schedule for next semester? Student Support Services has several Learning Community links just for students in our program. Research has shown learning communities help students achieve higher grades and remain in school. Student Support Services Learning Communities offer:

- Best times of day for classes. Most will be held between 10:00am-12:00pm.
- Best instructors on campus.
- The coordination of subjects and assignments between two or more classes.
- The chance to get to know other Student

Support Services students. Learning Communities for summer and fall 2006 are:

Summer 2006

ANT 101 –Roger DeWitt

HUM 101-Paul Martin

Fall 2006

Link #1

ENG 121-Holly Hardwick

ANT 101-Roger DeWitt

Link #2

ENG 090-Ruth MacFarlane

PSY 101-Shawna Washam

Link #3

MATH 030-Jeanine Lewis

MATH 060-JeanineLewis

REA 060– Phyllis Gosch

ENG 060– Nickie Medina



Gilbert and Charlotte enjoy the snacks at our end of the semester party

Important Dates:

- * February 16– Aims Foundation Workshop
- * February 23-UNC Spring Job, Internship, and Criminal Justice Fair
- * March 15-Priority deadline to submit FASFA
- * March 15-Deadline to submit application for Aims Foundation

Class Beginning March 1

Are you in your first or second semester at Aims? Want some help exploring careers and majors? Need some tips on more effective ways to prepare and take tests? Student Support Services can help! Our office will be offering a

seven week class designed to help you with these issues. This class will be offered Wednesdays from 1:10—2:00 , March 1 to April 19. This class is free, since you will not receive credit for your participation.

To register for the class, call, e-mail or stop by and talk to Therese Lask at 339-6273 or therese.lask@aims.edu.

In order to reserve your spot in a link, stop by Student Support Services or e-mail Frances at frances.hernandez@aims.edu by March 31. We must have at least 10 students interested in the summer learning community in order for the classes to be offered.

Scholarship Workshop Additional Classes for Fall 2006

Scholarship Workshop

For students new to Student Support Services, as well as those unable to attend in November, our office will be offering the workshop "Applying for Scholarships through the Aims Foundation" on Thursday, February 23, from noon to 1:00 pm in the College Center #729. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Frances at 339-6372 or e-mail at frances.hernandez@aims.edu.

Additional Classes Offered

In addition to Learning Communities, Student Support Services will be offering three classes for fall semester 2006. These classes are available only to students in our program. If you are interested in any of the classes, reserve a spot by stopping by Student Support Services or e-mail Frances at frances.hernandez@aims.edu by March 31.

- PSY 116 – Richard Hanks (late start class)
- PSY 110—Allen Obert (late start class)
- Math 106—Jeanine Lewis



Office Computer Use Scholarships Available

Need a place to get some homework done? Come to the Student Support Services Office, located in Horizon Hall #344 on the Greeley campus. Three computers in our office are designated for student use during our business hours, 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. So if you need somewhere quiet to work, feel free to use the computers in our office.

The Griffin Foundation, located in Fort Collins, is accepting applications until March 1 for scholarships from community college transfer students who are planning to attend UNC, CSU, or University of Wyoming this fall. The scholarship is \$5000 per semester, renewable for 4 semesters. Students must have a 3.5 GPA or better, with at least 30 transferable credits at Aims and be eligible for in state

tuition at the participating universities.

Applications are available on line at www.thegriffinfoundation.org or call Peg at the Aims Foundation at 339-6511.

Career Fair Visit

On February 9, 2006, there was a workshop held on Resumes, and Career Fair Preparation. As a follow up to this workshop, Andrea will meet you at the UNC Spring Job and Internship and Criminal Justice Fair to be held at the University Center at UNC on February 23, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the corner of 20th St. and 10th Ave. The event is FREE and open to the public but will give students the opportunity to network

and meet people in career fields of their interest, in particular, there will be a large group of Criminal Justice fields represented as well as business. You are welcome to attend on your own, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., or meet Andrea outside the ballrooms at the UC between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Be aware that many of the companies leave after 2 p.m. Please let us know if you need assistance with transportation. As well, if you were

unable to attend the workshop and you need one on one assistance, please contact Andrea at 339-6383.



Student Support Services Eligibility Requirements Grant Funds

Grant funds awarded from the Department of Education for the Student Support Services Program are designated for financial assistance to be awarded annually to qualified students participating in the program. A total of \$400 will be awarded spring semester to the top 50 students in the program. This award will be available to students by check within the first two weeks of spring semester.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to receive the \$400 award, students participating in the Student Support Services Program must meet the following requirements:

- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.4.
- Have a fall semester grade point average of 2.4.
- Completed a minimum of 12 credits. Classes completed must be those required to complete Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science or Certificate Program. Classes below 100 level in ENG, REA, and MATH will be counted towards 12 credits.

- Must be enrolled and attend classes at Aims during the semester in which grant is awarded.
- Must be eligible for Pell Grant as deemed by federal guidelines.
- Must attend a minimum of two advising sessions with assigned academic advisor.
- Must complete Freshmen Seminar class, based on requirements outlined in syllabus. (Note: During Fall 2005, this requirement will be waived due to course availability. Special consideration in the will be given to students completing CSL 178 during fall 2005)
- Qualified students are eligible to receive this \$400 award twice (maximum of \$800).

Grant recipients must be in their first two years of college.

Process to Receive Financial Assistance

The following process will be used to award financial assistance:

All students admitted to the Student Support Services Program will be considered for the \$400 award.

- Once grades are posted for fall semester, Student Support Services staff will verify student has met outlined eligibility requirements.
- Once eligibility requirements are met, awards will be given to the 50 students achieving the highest cumulative grade point average.
- Qualified student will receive notification by mail, by the first week in January.
- Checks will be awarded to student within first two weeks of spring semester.

Please note: based on guidelines established to receive Financial Aid, if student has less than \$400 in unmet need, financial aid would be adjusted accordingly.

For more information contact:

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Valentines Day Potluck!



Please join us on the Greeley campus in Horizon Hall #344 for a Valentines Day Potluck on February, 14, 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are interested in bringing a dish to share, please contact Frances at 970-339-6372. We will provide drinks and utensils for the party. Take some time out of your busy schedule to relax! Please RSVP to Frances by February 10, 1006.

Tutoring information:

One-on-one tutoring:

Students requesting one-on-one tutoring are required to fill out a **"Tutoring Services Referral Form"** form for each hour of tutoring received for each class. Students requesting two hours of tutoring per week need to complete two "Tutor Request" forms. The instructor must complete a portion of the form. Completed forms must be taken to Anne Randall (Math and Science) or John Jordan in Horizon Hall #330 (English and Reading) on the Greeley Campus and the Loveland LRC/Yvonne Perches in room

#105, and in Fort Lupton to the LRC Coordinator in room #108. Students will be assigned tutors typically in less than a week. In the mean time, students must continue attending class. Students should consider utilizing drop-in tutoring or forming study groups while waiting for a tutor to be assigned.

Above and Beyond

The Student Support Services program has funding to assist students needing additional one-on-one tutoring for a class. Additional tutoring will be provided under the following circumstances:

1. Student has above a C- in class.
2. Student requests one-on-one tutoring at the beginning of the semester. Test or placement scores indicate one-on-one tutoring would be helpful.
3. Needs additional one-on-one tutoring beyond the 2 times per week signed off by the Instructor.
4. Limited to **3 total** sessions a week.

Drop-in Tutoring Hours

Do you need additional help in a class? If you need to schedule more tutoring, make sure to drop by the SSS office and get a tutoring form from Andrea. Otherwise, for temporary help or short term help, please use the drop in hours for tutoring. The following are the drop in hours for the Writing Center and the Math/Sciences Tutoring Center at Aims in Greeley, Fort Lupton and Loveland.

Greeley

Writing Center:

M-8:30a-6:00p

T-8:30a-6:00p

W-8:30a-6:00p

R-8:30a-6:00p

F-8:30a-2:30p

Math/Sciences:

M-8:30a-7:00p

T-8:30a-7:00p

W-8:30a-7:00p

R-8:30a-7:00p

F-8:30a-12:00p

Fort Lupton

Writing Center

M-10a-12p

T-11a-1p & 4:30p-6:30p

W-10a-1p & 4:30p to 6:30p

R-11a-1p

Math/Sciences:

M-6p-8:30p

T-1p-3p

W-8a-11a & 6p-8:30p

Loveland

Writing Center:

M-9a-12p

T-9a-1p & 5p-7p

W-9a-12p & 5p-7p

R-9a-1p

Math/Sciences:

MTW-9a-12p

M/T-2p-6p

R-3p-6p

S-10a-1p



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**Our primary goal is to retain
and graduate students**

The Student Support Services (SSS) program provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students towards the successful completion of their postsecondary education. The SSS program may also provide grant aid to eligible SSS participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants. The goal of SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants and facilitate the process of transition from one level of higher education to the next.

Services provided by the program include:

- Instruction in basic study skills
- Tutorial services
- Academic Advising
- Assistance in securing admission and financial aid for enrollment in four-year institutions
- Information about career options
- Mentoring

Direct financial assistance (grant aid) to eligible SSS participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants.

Your Student Support Services Staff:

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To be announced



We're on the web:

<http://www.aims.edu/student/support/index.htm>
