



# The SSS Newsletter

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## Student Support Services

## Mentoring for Summer and Fall 2006

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### Mentor Information Meetings

Are you interested in having a mentor during the summer or fall semester 2006? Mentoring became apart of the Student Support Services program spring of 2006, and we are ready to look for the next group of mentees and mentors. If you have ever considered having a mentor, or would like someone to talk with and receive support from, please contact the Student Support Services Office.

What is Mentoring? Mentoring is where you can get together with someone who is either in school a few years a head of you, or with

someone who is already in their career field. A mentor is someone that you can get together with each month to discuss ideas, ask questions and learn about resources you might not know about.

Applications can be found on our website at [www.aims.edu/student/support](http://www.aims.edu/student/support) go to the mentoring section to find the application.

If you are interested in having a mentor in the summer or fall semester 2006 please sign up for an information meeting to be held March 28, 2006, from 12-1 and April 3, 2006, from 3-4 p.m. in the Student Support Services of-



frances. Please RSVP to Frances at 970-339-6372 if you plan to attend.

You need to attend one of these mentoring meetings if you are interested in participating in mentoring. Please call Andrea if you have any additional questions or can not attend at one of the scheduled meetings at (970) 339-6383.

### Important Dates:

**March 13-17**– Spring Break

**March 15** –Priority deadline to submit FAFSA and scholarship application due to Aims Foundation.

**March 27**—Registration for fall and summer begins for returning students.

**March 28**– Information meeting for mentoring program.

## Registration and Advising for Fall Classes

Registration for fall and summer classes begins on Monday, March 27. Schedule your appointment now for advising with the Student Support Services Program. Therese and Andrea will be meeting with students beginning March 20

to select classes for fall semester. During the appointment, we will also assist students planning to attend Aims this summer. To schedule an appointment, stop by our office in Horizon Hall #344 or call Frances at 970-339-6372.



## Welcome New Advisor

The Student Support Services Program is pleased to welcome Natalie Nelson as our new academic advisor. Natalie's past experience includes Regional Coordinator for Colorado GEAR UP and Counselor for Educational Talent Search. She serves as the Secretary and Executive Board member for ASPIRE, the regional organization for TRIO students and professionals. Natalie will be responsible for providing academic advising to students in our program. Her first day in our office will be Tuesday, March 7. Join us in welcoming Natalie!

## Summer Aid

Students interested in applying for financial aid for summer must complete the Supplemental Financial Aid form, which is now available through our office in Horizon Hall #344 or Student Financial Assistance, located in General Services #241. Please note that part time work study positions will not be available for summer 2006.

Complete this form as soon as possible in order to allow time for the processing of your form. Submit completed form to Student Financial Assistance in General Services #241.

## Test Anxiety?

Wondering if you have test anxiety? Looking for strategies to help? Student Support Services is sponsoring a workshop on Wednesday, April 5 from 1:10 to 2:00 in Room #304 in Horizon Hall. Wendy Kilker Wright, instructor in Psychology, will be giving an overview of the symptoms of test anxiety and some strategies to help. Please note this workshop is designed to give an overview of the topic only. If you have severe test anxiety, Wendy will offer options to receive help. To attend, please RSVP to Frances at 339-6372 or stop our office.

## Financial Aid and Foundation Deadline

Remember to submit your FAFSA for fall semester by the priority deadline of Wednesday, March 15, 2006. Student Financial Assistance has several workshops remaining to help you complete your FAFSA. Workshops are scheduled for March 1, 8, 15, 22 or 29 from 6 to 7:30 pm in the College Center, Room 764. Please RSVP to Student Financial Assistance at 970-339-6548 if you plan to attend.

The deadline to apply for scholarships through the Aims Foundation is Wednesday, March 15. If you are interested in more information about scholarships available through the Aims Foundation, visit their web site at [www.aims.edu/scholarships/scholarships.http](http://www.aims.edu/scholarships/scholarships.http).

## Wanted: Students!

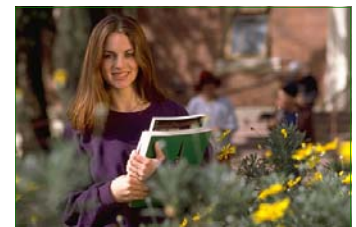
The Student Support Services Programs continues to accept students eligible to participate in our program! To meet the requirements of our grant, we are looking for 30 more students interested in receiving additional academic support. To participate in our program, students must meet a minimum of one eligibility requirement: be a first generation college student, be eligible to receive a Pell Grant or have a documented disability.

## Update Information Scholarship Opportunity

Made a move lately? Got a new phone number? Please stop by our office so we have your most current information. This information is also critical for Aims to have on file. Updating your address and phone number is easy through Aims web page at [www.aims.edu](http://www.aims.edu). You will need your user name and password in order to access the page to update address and phone number. Feel free to stop by Student Support Services for help!

The Sallie Mae Fund has several scholarship opportunities for students for the 2006-07 academic year. The deadlines for scholarships available vary from March 3– May 31, 2006. To see eligibility requirements for the scholarships visit Sallie Mae's web site at:

[http://www.thesalliemae.org/project/access/2006\\_scholarship\\_factsheet.pdf](http://www.thesalliemae.org/project/access/2006_scholarship_factsheet.pdf)



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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.**

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We're on the web:

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