

# SSS Student Support Services Newsletter



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## Salute to the 2006 Graduates

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### Important Dates

- \* **April 28th**– Re-sign up cards due
- \* **May 5**– Last day of Spring Semester
- \* **May 22**– Summer Semester begins
- \* **June 1**-Add/drop deadline for full term classes
- \* **August 1**– Last day of Summer Semester

Congratulations to the Spring 2006 graduates!

**Elsa Atcherley** will graduate with her A.A. degree and plans to attend UNC to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice.

**Yolanda Cervantes Arroyo** will graduate with her A.A. degree and plans to attend UNC and pursue a degree in Criminal Justice.

**Janet Chase** will graduate with her A.A. degree and plans to attend Arapahoe Community College to pursue her A.A.S. degree in Mortuary Science.

**Ann Courtney** will graduate this spring with her A.A. And plans to transfer to UNC.

**Debra Goldsworth** will graduate with her A.A. degree and plans to attend UNC to pursue a

degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

**Margaret Gutierrez** will graduate with her A.A. degree and plans to attend UNC to pursue a degree in Bilingual Education.

**Zach Johnson** will graduate with his A.A. degree and plans to attend UNC. He is considering studying Criminal Justice.

**Loretta Mann** will graduate with her A.A.S. degree in Accounting and plans to pursue her A.A. at Aims and transfer to UNC to major in Accounting.

**Steven Schaeffer** will graduate with his A.A.S. degree and plans to attend CSU to pursue a degree in Construction Management.



**Kelly Vasta** will graduate with her A.A.S. degree and plans to attend UNC to pursue a degree in Human Services.

We are so proud of your accomplishments! We wish you the very best as you continue to pursue your educational and career goals. Please keep us updated on how you are doing and feel free to stop by the office anytime!

## Pre-Tutoring

It may seem like Summer and Fall Semester classes are a long way off during this busy time of finals for Spring Semester, but they will begin before you know it!

As a participant in Student Support Services, you can receive tutoring from the very begin-

ning of the semester. This is a great option for those classes that you think may be extra challenging. Many students find that beginning tutoring early avoids a lot of stress while taking difficult classes.

If you would like to sign up for pre-tutoring for Summer or Fall

Semesters, please stop by the office and fill out a tutoring request form. Or call Andrea Wieland, at 970-339-6383, as soon as possible to arrange this type of assistance for your classes.



## End of the Year Reception

We had a wonderful celebration in honor of our first class of graduates and the first year of the Student Support Services program on the Aims campus.

The reception was held on April 20th at the Corporate Education Center. We shared hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and good conversation. There was a program where students, faculty, and staff were thanked for all of their hard work and contributions to the program



this year.. The graduates were then honored and given certificates in recognition of their accomplishments.

We were so glad to see so many students, faculty, and staff there. Thank you for celebrating with us! If you were unable to attend this time, we look forward to having you there next year!

## Exciting Class Options

Are you looking for another class to fill your Fall Semester schedule? Student Support Services has two late start courses that might fit right in! We will be offering two Psychology classes that are three credits each. PSY 110 will be a Career Exploration class and PSY 116 will be about Stress Management. Both of these courses will go over important information that you will find helpful if choosing a career or managing the stress in your life are concerns for you. Remember, Psychology classes do count for elective credit for those seeking A.A. degrees! If you are interested, please call the office and we can get you registered.

## Continuing Students

You should have recently received a letter from us asking you to re-sign up for the Student Support Services program. We would like to know if you will be continuing on with the program next year, so please fill out the postage paid postcard and mail it back to our office.

You will also find a program evaluation in the mailing. The evaluation will be anonymous, so please feel free to be hon-

est. We want to find out if you are receiving the services that are most helpful to you and get your ideas on things that you might like to see next year. The evalua-

**Let us know if you plan to be a part of the Student Support Services program next year!**

tion can be mailed to our office in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

If you did not receive this information in the mail, stop by our office and pick one up.

The continuing student forms will be due by **April 28th**, so please put them in the mail as soon as possible!

We look forward to having you in the

## FAFSA

Have you completed your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the 2006-2007 school year yet? You will need to complete the FAFSA in order to qualify for federal student aid. It's not too late, but be sure to finish it as soon as possible. The earlier it's done, the more likely it is that you will receive the most financial aid that you qualify for.

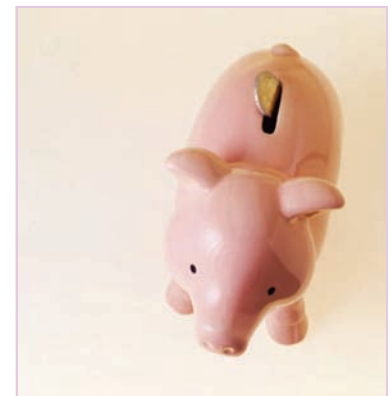
You can visit FAFSA on the web to apply online. The website is:

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

If you would like assistance with your FAFSA, you can attend a financial aid workshop on one of the following days:

April 19 or 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, or 31  
6:00-7:30p.m. in College Center room 764.

Please RSVP to Student Financial Assistance at (970)339-6458 if you are planning to attend.



## Summer and Fall Advising

Have you registered for your classes for Summer and Fall Semesters yet? Do you know what classes you should take? Are you worried about how to fit them all into your schedule?

If you would like to discuss your class schedule, but haven't met with your advisor yet, there is still time to stop by our office for advising. We can go over the requirements for your degree program and look at the Fall and Summer schedules to pick classes that work for you.

If you need to change your schedule, we can discuss other course options and answer any questions you may have.

If you would like to apply for summer financial aid, you will need to fill out a form requesting aid for Summer Semester. Stop by our office or Student Financial Assistance and pick up the form.



Registering and making changes online is quick and easy! If you haven't ever registered online and would like to learn how, please stop by the office and we would be happy to show you.

To schedule an appointment with your advisor, please call Frances Hernandez at (970)339-6372.

## New 25% Tuition Payment Policy

Beginning Summer Semester 2006, students will need to pay at least 25% of their tuition and fees BEFORE the first day of the semester or they will be dropped from ALL of their classes.

If you have some type of financial aid (grants, loans, scholarships) that covers at least 25% of your tuition bill, then you will **NOT** need to make a payment before the first day of classes.

Payment is due by Friday, May 19 in person (or Sunday, May 21 if paying online) for Summer Semester 2006, and Friday, August 25 in person (or Sunday, August 27 if paying online) for Fall Semester 2006.

If you want to know if your financial aid will cover 25% or what amount you will need to pay, you can call the Cashier at (970)339-6349. If you want to know your

financial aid status, you can call Student Financial Assistance at (970)339-6548.

If you have more questions, please ask us!

**Don't get dropped from your classes— know the new 25% tuition policy!**

## Summer Hours

Yes, Student Support Services will be here for you all summer long!

Whether you are taking summer classes or not, the Student Support Services staff will be here during Summer Semester to answer your questions, make changes to your Fall Semester schedule, or get you signed up for tutoring.



Our office hours are 8-5

Monday-Friday.

Feel free to make an appointment with your advisor or stop by the office

Remember, Summer Semester begins May 22nd and Fall Semester begins August 29th.

Please don't hesitate to call us or stop by if you have any questions or concerns about Summer or Fall Semesters! You can make an appointment by calling Frances Hernandez at (970)339-6372. We are looking forward to sunny days and warm weather and to hearing about how your summers are going!

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### We're on the web!

<http://www.aims.edu/student/>

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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