



Student Support Services Newsletter



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Important Dates

- * October 5— Trip to University of Colorado in Boulder
- * October 17— Study Skills Workshop
- * October 23-November 10— Second Fall Semester Advising Appointments
- * October 26— October Birthday Celebration
- * October 31— Halloween Potluck



Student Profile: Shannon Criswell

As we plan for upcoming scholarship workshops, we want to share a story of a student in Student Support Services who was successful in finding funding for school as she pursues her goals here at Aims and beyond.

Shannon Criswell starts talking about her time at Aims by saying, "Aims cares." She has connected with her instructors and found Aims to be a place that supports students. She is working on her Associate of Science degree and is interested in getting her pharmacy degree from University of Colorado or University of Wyoming. In order to get into this very competitive program, she needs to take numerous math and science classes, have a high GPA, and be involved with leadership activities.

Shannon is the Vice President for Leadership with Phi Theta Kappa, the Honor Society at Aims, and teaches Caribbean dance classes at the Aims Continuing Education building.

Last year, Shannon received an e-mail from Student Support Services informing her about a scholarship from USAA for \$1,500. She only had 3 days before the due date, but decided to fill out the application. Luckily she did! She said she cried when she read the letter informing her that she had received this award. Shannon also attended a Student Support Services workshop on scholarship searches. When she heard that employers and groups she was affiliated with may have funding, she thought of her time selling Avon. She reactivated her membership,



applied for the scholarship, and was awarded \$2,000 from Avon this year. Shannon received these two awards in addition to her Aims Foundation scholarships based on academics.

We look forward to assisting you with your scholarship searches and hearing about many more success stories like Shannon's!

Study Skills Workshop

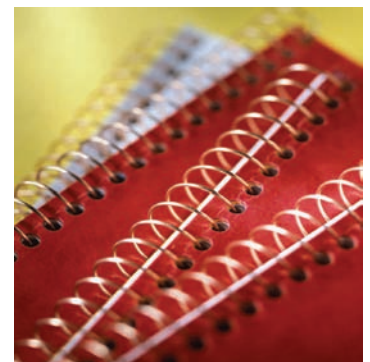
Are you having difficulty taking notes? Are you not sure how to study for a test? Please plan to attend the Study Skills Workshop on **Tuesday, October 17 from 12-1:30 p.m.** in the College Center. Lunch will be provided!

We will go over how to take effective notes, how to study

for tests, and how to create a positive study space.

This workshop will count toward your two activities needed to be eligible for the Student Support Services Grant.

Please RSVP with Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372.



Fall Semester Workshop Schedule

There are three more workshops opportunities available for fall semester. These workshops count toward the two activities you need in order to be eligible for the Student Support Services Grant. *Lunch will be provided at all of the following workshops!*

Study Skills

Tuesday, October 17, 12:00-1:30p.m., College Center

Details about this workshop on page 1 of the newsletter.

Scholarships

Fort Lupton: Tues-



day, November 7, 12:00-1:30p.m., Room 206

Loveland: Thursday, November 9, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Room to be announced
Greeley: Wednesday, November 15, 12:00-1:30p.m., College Center

Although the Aims Foundation will not have any new scholarships opening up for spring semester, there are other opportunities for scholarships. In this workshop we will focus on how to search for outside sources.

Consumer Credit Council

Wednesday, November 29, 12:00-1:30p.m., College Center

We will have a speaker from the Consumer Credit Council come to talk about healthy credit and how to budget.

If you would like to attend any of these sessions, please RSVP with Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372.

Remember, the **Freshman Seminar** and **7 Habits of Highly Effective College Students** classes are also beginning in October. Please send in your registration or stop by the office if you are interested!

Academic Progress Reports

Are you wondering how you are doing in your classes now that midterms are fast approaching? We will be sending Academic Progress Reports to all of your instructors in October to find out!

During your second fall semester advising appointment, we will share with you feedback from your instructors. Your second advising appointment will be scheduled between October 23 and November 10.

We hope these reports give you a clear idea of how you are doing in your classes and what you need in order to finish the semester successfully!

Please call your advisor to make your second fall semester advising appointment if you don't already have one!

Advising Appointments

It's already time to schedule your second of three Fall Semester advising appointment with your advisor! It's time to talk about academic progress reports, mentoring applications, upcoming events, and registering for Spring Semester. If you haven't made an appointment already, call your advisor or Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372. Remember, you need to meet at least twice with your advisor to be eligible for the Student Support Services Grant.

Celebrate October Birthdays With Us!

Student Support Services would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to all of our October birthdays:

Patricia Brown, Corina Lujan, Sandra Harmon, Lanie Dart, Rebeka McClure, Amy Norton, Greg Georgeson, Cindy Harding, Jan Rowe, Veronica DeLaCruz, Leticia Landeros, Robert Boston, Elida Ramirez, Shannon Pindell, Tonya Martens, Ronda Lopez, and Shelly Rusch.

All are invited to celebrate our October

birthdays, so please stop by the Student Support Services office on **Thursday, October 26** for some birthday treats. We will begin at noon and have treats out until we leave at 5:00 p.m. (or until they are gone!).

We will make this a monthly tradition, so look for future birthday celebration dates in upcoming newsletters!



Fall Semester Tutoring and Mentoring Update

The math guided study groups for Math 090 and 106 are in full swing this fall semester. Here is a schedule of when the groups are currently meeting:

- Math 106—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
- Math 090— Monday and Tuesday at 12-1:00p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday at 10-11:00a.m., Tuesday at 2-3:00p.m., and Wednesday and Friday at 8-9:00 a.m.

The groups generally meet in the College Center, though the rooms can change each week. Please check our office or your e-

mail to find out the most current room schedule and any cancellations.

If these days and times do not work for you, please let Andrea Wieland know!

If you have requested on-on-one tutoring for math and have not received a time yet, your request is being processed. Until you have a permanent tutor, consider attending one of the math guided study groups

If there are any other classes



that you would like tutoring for, please call Andrea Wieland at (970) 339-6383, call your advisor, or stop by the office to fill out a tutoring request.

Mentor requests for Spring Semester will be given to you during your second Fall Semester advising appointment (Oct. 23-Nov.10). If you have any questions, ask your advisor or call Andrea Wieland at (970) 339-6383.

Halloween Potluck Party

A Halloween Potluck Party is brewing at Student Support Services.

Creep, float, or crawl by our haunt in Horizon Hall on **Tuesday, October 31 from 11:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.** We will scare up some ghoulish concoctions for this monster of a party. Please bring a delicious treat of your own to share too!

If you dare to come, please RSVP to Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372.



Art Silent Auction

Eric Padilla, a student in Student Support Services, will have his art on display for a silent auction. The auction will be on October 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the Aims Campus in Greeley.

If you have any questions, please call (970) 388-1168.

Reminder: University of Colorado in Boulder Visit

Student Support Services will be visiting the University of Colorado in Boulder on **Thursday, October 5. Please meet in the Student Support Services office at 1:00p.m. We will return around 6:00p.m. Transportation will be provided and there is no cost.**

During this visit you will be able to hear more information about transferring, ask questions, and take a tour of the campus. Even if you are not sure if you want to transfer or where you may want to go,

please come and learn more about the transfer experience.

If you are interested in going, please RSVP to Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-



6372.

We will also be visiting other colleges this year. Keep your eye out for further announcements about these visits in future newsletters!

Drop-In Tutoring Schedule

Writing Center

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-9:00	Tami R.	Cathy H.	Jayleen G.	Cathy H.	
9:00-10:00	Cathy H., Jayleen G.	Cathy H., Joann V.	Jayleen G., Joann V.	Cathy H., Jayleen G.	Cathy H.
10:00-11:00	Cathy H., Jayleen G.	Cathy H., Joann V.	Jayleen G., Joann V.	Cathy H., Jayleen G.	Cathy H.
11:00-12:00	Tami R., Jayleen G.	Ruth M., Joann V.	Tami R., Joann V.	Ruth M., Carol K.	Cathy H.
12:00-1:00	Tami R., Ruth M.	Ruth M., Joann V.	Ruth M., Joann V.	Ruth M., Carol K.	Cathy H., Ruth M.
1:00-2:00		Evelyn G.	Ruth M.	Evelyn G.	Ruth M.
2:00-3:00		Evelyn G.	Joann V.	Evelyn G.	Ruth M.
3:00-4:00	Christina J.	Joann V.	Joann V.	Joann V.	
4:00-5:00	Christina J.	Joann V.	Joann V.	Joann V.	
5:00-6:00					
6:00-7:00					
7:00-8:00					

Accounting, Math, and Science

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-9:00	Bobbie	Bobbie, Judy G.	Judy G.	Bobbie	Judy G.
9:00-10:00	Bobbie, Carol	Bobbie, Carol, Judy G.	Judy G., Carol	Bobbie, Carol	Judy G.
10:00-11:00	Bobbie, Carol	Bobbie, Carol	Carol	Bobbie, Carol	Gary
11:00-12:00	Bobbie, Carol	Bobbie, Carol	Carol	Bobbie, Carol	Gary
12:00-1:00	Bobbie, Carol	Bobbie, Carol	Carol	Bobbie, Carol	Gary
1:00-2:00	Bobbie	Bobbie	Nike	Nike	Gary
2:00-3:00	Judy G.	Christina G.	Nike	Nike	
3:00-4:00	Judy G.	Christina G.	Nike	Nike	
4:00-5:00	John S.	Christina G. until 4:30	April	John S.	
5:00-6:00	Carol, John S.	Harlan	April, Mardy	Harlan, John S.	
6:00-7:00	Carol, John S.	Harlan	April, Mardy	Harlan, John S.	
7:00-8:00	Carol, John S.	Harlan	April, Mardy	Harlan, John S.	

Areas of Expertise

- Bobbie— All Math, except Calculus
- John S.— Math through 255, Statistics, Physics through 212
- Christina G.— Biology, Chemistry, Math
- Carol, Gary, Harlan, Mardy— Accounting, Business
- Judy G.— Math, Physics, Chemistry (Inorganic), no Statistics
- April— Math through 203, Physics 105, 111. 112. 211. & 212
- Nike— Chemistry, Math, Physics 105

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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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