



SSS Student Support Services Newsletter



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Important Dates

- * December 12— Holiday Party
- * December 15— Last day of class for Fall Semester
- * December 23-January 1— College Closed
- * January 11— Academic Reception
- * January 12— Student Support Services Retreat
- * January 15— College Closed
- * January 16— Classes begin for Spring Semester
- * January 25 — December and January Birthday Celebration
- * January 31— Add/Drop date for Spring Semester



January Events

Mark your calendars for some exciting events we have coming up in January!

On **January 11, 2007**, we will be having an **Academic Honors Reception** for those students who receive the Student Support Services grant or another academic honor. The reception will be held from 3:30-5:00 in the College Center room 727-728.

We will be kicking off Spring Semester with the **2007 Student Support Services Retreat on January 12, 2007**. We will start the day with a continental breakfast and a speaker. We will then have some workshops about how to be successful in college and you will have a chance to sign up for tutoring for Spring Semester. We will end the morning with an optional presentation by Financial

Aid. The event will be from 8:30a.m. until 12:00p.m. and will be held in the College Center room 727/728.

You will receive formal invitations in the mail for these two events, but if you have any questions, please call your advisor or Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372.

If you know that you can attend the retreat, please RSVP with Frances Hernandez.

We look forward to celebrating



your academic honors and kicking off Spring Semester 2007!

Spring Semester 2007 Registration



Have you registered yet for Spring Semester 2007? If you have not yet registered for classes or would like to make a change to

your schedule, please make an appointment with your advisor to talk about your Spring Semester 2007 schedule.

Registration is now open for all students, so make sure to get into the classes you want by registering now! Classes for Spring Semester will begin on January 16, 2007.

Academic Probation and Financial Aid Probation and Suspension

After grades are posted for Fall Semester, Academic Probation and Financial Aid Probation and Suspension notices will be sent to students who did not successfully complete the number of credits that they signed up for in the beginning of the semester. This would happen if you withdrew from a class and went below the registration status you were at in the beginning of the semester (full time, 3/4 time, or 1/2 time), or if your GPA is below a 2.0.

If you get below a 2.0 GPA, you will be notified that you are on Academic Probation. A hold will be put on your account

and you will not be able to register for classes. If you receive this notice, you will need to fill out an Academic Success Plan, which can be found online in the Advising section of the Aims website. Once you make an appointment with your advisor and go over the Academic Success Plan, your hold will be lifted.

If you are notified that you are on Financial Aid Probation, you will still receive your financial aid for Spring Semester. Although this is a warning, remember that if you do not successfully complete all of the credits you register for next semester, you will be put on Financial Aid Suspension.

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If you are notified that you are on Financial aid Suspension, you will not receive aid until you pay for some credits on your own. You also have the option to appeal suspension once while you are at Aims. *Appeals are due very quickly after grades come out, so call your advisor as soon as possible if you are put on suspension!* If granted an appeal, your financial aid will be reinstated for Spring Semester.

Please call Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372 to schedule an appointment with your advisor if you have any questions.

December Birthday Celebration in January



We want to wish a very Happy Birthday to all Student Support Services students born in December:

Charlotte Lujan, LaToya Perez, Michelle Chavez, Evelyn Thomas, Brocton Chase, and Laura Bautista.

We will not be having birthday treats in December since we are

having our Holiday Party at the end of the semester, but we will pick up again next year and celebrate December and January birthdays together on **January 25, 2007**. Treats will be out starting at 12:00p.m. until they are gone, so hurry in to get your afternoon sweets!

All students are invited to celebrate our December and January birthdays, so please stop by and celebrate with us!

Holiday Party

Come celebrate the upcoming holidays and the end of Fall Semester 2006 with Student Support Services!

Stop by the office on **December 12, 2006 from 1:00-5:00p.m.** for a Student Support Services Holiday Party. If you would like, please bring a yummy treat to



share with everyone. The staff will also be bringing some delicious food of our own and rumor has it that there might even be a chocolate fountain!

If you can make it, please RSVP to Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372. We hope to see you there!

Holiday Hours

Student Support Services will be open even when classes are over, so please call and make an appointment if you need something over the break! We will be open our normal hours from 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m. Monday-Friday even when classes are not in session. **Our office will not be open from December 23, 2006-January 1, 2007 and on January 15, 2007. The college will be closed on these dates as well.**

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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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