



Student Support Services Newsletter



January 2007

Spring Events

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Important Dates

- * January 5– 25% Tuition Due
- * January 11– Academic Honors Reception
- * January 16– Spring Semester begins
- * January 16-20— First Spring Semester Advising Appointments
- * January 25– Birthday Celebration
- * January 31— Add/Drop Deadline



We have some great opportunities coming up for Spring Semester!

Learning Styles: We will be taking assessments to find out what your learning style is and looking at study strategies that fit your style.

Greeley: Thursday, February 1, 12:00-1:30p.m. Horizon #342

Fort Lupton: Wednesday January 31, 12:00-1:30p.m., Room TBA (Tentative)

Loveland: Wednesday, February 7, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Student Lounge (Tentative)

McNair Program: This workshop will be an information session about the McNair's program at UNC that works with students interested in attending graduate school.

Greeley: Wednesday, February 7, 12:00-1:30p.m. Room TBA

FAFSA: Fill out your FAFSA for the 2007-08 school year!

This workshop will be in February, though dates have not been determined.

Scholarships: We will have this workshop when Aims Foundation scholarship applications become available.

Dates to be determined.

Seven Habits of Highly Effective College Students: This is a three week course that explores your goals and what's important to you, how to work in a team, and organization skills.

Wednesdays from February 21-March 7 at 1:00-3:00pm Room TBA

Freshman Seminar: This is a seven week course that focuses on study skills, time management, and career exploration.

Thursdays from February 15-April 5 (excluding Spring

Break week) at 12:10-1:00pm in Horizon #342.



CSU Campus Visit: We will visit the campus in Ft. Collins, hear a presentation from the Admissions office, and visit the Student Support Services and McNair offices there.

February 23

UNC Campus Visit: We will visit the campus for Transfer Preview Day.

March 7

If you have questions or would like to RSVP, please call Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372.

Farewell, Andrea!

We are very sad to announce that Andrea Wieland, our Tutoring and Mentoring Coordinator will be leaving Student Support Services at the end of January.

Andrea will be working for Career Services at Aims in the Student Success Center located in the General Services Build-

ing. She will be coordinating career fairs, giving presentations to classes and doing academic and career advising, focusing on assisting students with cover letters, resumes, and interview skills.

Andrea has done a lot of great things at Student Support Services including making the

mentoring program as wonderful as it is and getting students connected to tutors. We will definitely miss her!

Thanks, Andrea, for all of your hard work! We wish you the best in your new position!

Reminder: Reception and Retreat Coming Up

Just a reminder that we have two very special events coming up before classes start this January!

On **January 11, 2007**, we will be having an **Academic Honors Reception** for those students who receive the Student Support Services grant.



The reception will be held from 3:30-5:00 in the College Center room 727-728. You and your families are invited to attend.

We will be kicking off Spring Semester with the **2007 Student Support Ser-**

vices 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 also 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.

If you have any questions or need to RSVP, please call Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372.

Advising Appointments

Welcome back to Aims for Spring Semester! Your advisor will be contacting you soon to schedule your first Spring Semester 2007 advising appointment.

During this appointment we will be making sure that your schedule is working out, sign you up for tutoring if necessary, and let you know about all of the workshops and events we have coming up this year.

The first two weeks of school maybe busy in the office, so please call and make an appointment. You can call your advisor or Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372.

Please call your advisor to make your first Spring Semester 2007 advising appointment!

25% Tuition Due

25% of your tuition and fees bill for Spring Semester 2007 will be due on January 5, 2007 or you will be dropped from your classes . If you are on financial aid, you will not be dropped. If you do get dropped from any of your classes, please call your advisor as soon as possible so that you can re-register for Spring Semester. Questions? Call your advisor or Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372.

Celebrate December and January Birthdays!

Happy New Year and Happy Birthday to all Student Support Services students born in January:

Erika Garcia, Di Dart, Gilbert Marin, Karen Smith, Nancy Laws, Alesia Bohm, Gilbert Garcia, Jerimiah Lujan, Carlos Meza, Tyler Adams, Aaron Harris, Kim Willoughby, and Jessica Perez.

We will be celebrating all December and January birthdays this month, so we hope you can come celebrate with us on

Thursday, January 25.

We will have some birthday treats available beginning at noon and they will be out until they are gone!

Hope to see you there!



Financial Aid and Transferring

Are you transferring to a four year institution in Fall 2007? If you are planning on receiving financial aid, you will want to apply as soon as possible and make note of the financial aid deadlines of the school you are planning to attend. For most schools, you will want to have applied, be accepted, sent in your FAFSA, and applied for scholarships by March 1. If you have not applied yet, please call your advisor and set up an appointment to do so as soon as possible. Following are some deadlines for CSU and UNC:

Colorado State University:

- FAFSA priority deadline is March 1st

- CSU scholarships are available online January 1st and are due March 1st. To apply for all CSU scholarships, you only need to fill out one CSU Scholarship Application.

*Important information about scholarships: If you want to apply for scholarships for Fall Semester 2007, you need apply and be admitted to CSU before the March 1st scholarship deadline. Also note that for some need-based scholarships, your FAFSA will need to be *processed* by March 1st, which means you will need to do it as soon as possible. The first day the FAFSA is available is January 1st.

University of Northern Colorado:

- FAFSA priority deadline is March 1st.
- UNC scholarships are available online in December and are due on March 1st. To apply for all UNC scholarships, you only need to fill out one UNC Universal Scholarship Application.

*Important information about scholarships: As with CSU, if you want to apply for scholarships for Fall Semester 2007, you will need to be admitted before the March 1st scholarship deadline.

Time to fill out the FAFSA!

It's only January of 2007, but it's already time to start thinking about filling out your FAFSA in order to get financial aid for the 2007-2008 school year!

You can start to fill out your FAFSA anytime after January 1st. It is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You can estimate your income, but then usually you will need to verify it later when you have your 2006 taxes done. Once you receive your W-2s, get to work on your taxes right away so you

will be able to fill out the FAFSA accurately.

The earlier you submit your FAFSA the more financial aid you will qualify for. The priority deadline for Aims is March 15, which means that everyone who applies before then will be considered for the full amount of financial aid available and everyone who applies after will get what is left.

We will be having workshops to help you fill out your FAFSA if you need it, so look

for those coming up in February!

Questions? Call your advisor or Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372



Online Textbook Sources

There are many alternate sources to buy your textbooks in addition to bookstores. One popular place to buy your textbooks is online.

While buying your books online may be less expensive, there are some things to watch out for. Make sure that not only does the title and author match the book your instructor is asking for, but that



the edition is the same as well. Often times a book is published more than once in different years. If you have a different edition, you may be missing some material and the page numbers will not match.

Also make sure that the used book includes any software CDs that would be included in a new edition. If

that material is not included, the book is probably not a good deal.

Here are some online sites to buy textbooks from:

- www.half.com
- www.ebay.com
- www.amazon.com
- www.cheaptextbooks.com

Spring Semester 2007 Calendar

January

- 5· 25% Tuition and Fees due
- 11· Academic Honors Reception
- 12· Student Support Services Retreat
- 15· Campus Closed– Martin Luther King Day
- 16· Spring Semester 2007 begins
- 16-26· First Spring Semester Advising Appointments
- 25· December and January Birthday Celebration
- 31· Add/Drop Deadline for full term classes

March

- 1· Priority Deadline for FAFSA (CSU and UNC)
- 7· UNC Transfer Preview Day
- 5-9· Midterm Week
- 15· Priority Deadline for FAFSA (Aims)
- 19-23· Spring Break
- 26-April6· Second Spring Semester Advising Appointments

May

- 11· Last day of Spring Semester 2007
- 12· Graduation (tentative date)
- 29· Summer Semester 2007 begins

February

- 1· Learning Styles Workshop, Greeley Campus
- 7· McNair Workshop, Greeley Campus
- 14· Valentine's Day Party
- 23· CSU campus visit

April

- 9· Registration for Summer and Fall 2007 begins for returning students
- 13· Withdrawal Deadline
- 13· Graduation deadline for Summer 2007
- 16· Open registration for Summer and Fall 2007
- 20-May 11· Third Spring Semester Advising Appointments

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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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