



# Student Support Services Newsletter



February 2007

## FAFSA Time Again

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### Important Dates

- \* February 7– McNair Workshop
- \* February 8– HACU Information Session
- \* February 8– Transfer Workshop
- \* February 14– Valentine's Day Potluck
- \* February 23– CSU Visit
- \* February 27 and 28– Scholarship Workshop
- \* March 15 — Priority deadline to submit FAFSA; scholarship application due for Aims Foundation



It's that time of year again. Time to welcome in the new year, change from writing '06 to '07, file your taxes, and submit your FAFSA.

Submitting your FAFSA for the 2007-2008 school year **by the priority deadline of March 15, 2007**, gives you a better chance to receive the most aid that you qualify for. You can apply on paper or online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

If you have done your FAFSA online before, you can access your account, enter in your 2006 information, and re-submit online.

You can estimate and submit your FAFSA if you have not done your taxes, but often you will have to verify the information later on. If possible,

try to get your taxes done before you fill out your FAFSA.

Student Financial Assistance has several workshops available to help you complete your FAFSA. Workshops are scheduled for February 1, 8, 15, and 22, and March 1, 8, and 15, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the College Center Room 764 (upstairs). Please RSVP to Student Financial Assistance at (970)339-6548 if you plan to attend. Student Support Services also plans to have Student Financial Assistance work on FAFSAs with



students. These times are *tentatively* planned for Friday afternoons in February, but we will send out an e-mail once these days and times are confirmed.

If you have any questions, please call your advisor or Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372.

## Aims Foundation Scholarships

Applications for Aims Foundation Scholarships are now available online. **The deadline to apply for these scholarships is Thursday, March 15, 2007.** The application can be found online on the Financial Aid page or at: <http://www.aims.edu/student/f>

[financial\\_aid/scholarships.htm](http://www.aims.edu/student/financial_aid/scholarships.htm). **"Show me the Money" Scholarship Workshops will be held on both Tuesday, February 27 and Wednesday, February 28 from 12:30 p.m. in College Center 727.** This workshop will

cover scholarship searching and the Aims Foundation application.

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

## Road Trip: CSU and UNC Visits

Whether you are considering transferring this year, sometime in the future, or aren't sure yet if you are interested in transferring at all, you are invited to visit CSU and UNC with Student Support Services. We will be hearing presentations by the



Admissions Office and touring campus.

This is a great chance to ask questions and look around these two campuses. We will provide transportation for both of these trips.

### Colorado State University

- Friday, February 23, 2007
- Leave at 8:00a.m. ( meet at Student Support Services office) and Return at 5:00 p.m.
- RSVP by February 9. 2007

### University of Northern Colorado

- Friday, March 2, 2007
- Leave at 8:00a.m. (meet at Student Support Services office) and Return at 2:00 p.m.
- RSVP by February 16, 2007

*\*\*Because we need to register for both of these events, you will need to RSVP by the dates noted in order to attend. We also will need to know your what major you intend to pursue.*

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

## Transfer Workshop

Aims will be holding their 8th annual Transfer Workshop on **Thursday, February 8 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. in College Center Room 727.**

This workshop is for all students whether you are considering transferring this year or sometime in the future.

There will be representatives from the University of Northern Colorado, Colorado State University, Franklin Univer-

sity, Colorado Christian University (Loveland campus), and Regis University (Fort Collins campus). This is a great opportunity to learn more about these schools and the transfer process.

**Thursday, February 8  
2:30-5:00  
College Center**

If you are interested in going, please RSVP to the Student Life Office at (970) 339-6450 or e-mail [shannon.mccasland@aims.edu](mailto:shannon.mccasland@aims.edu).

Please note that this event will be a program that lasts the entire afternoon, so please arrive at 2:30 and plan to stay until 5:30.

## February Birthday Celebration

Very Happy Birthday Wishes to all of the Student Support Services students born in February:

Shelley Pol, Samantha Norvelle, Tony Jasso, Stacy Derrera, Roxana Garman, Sandy Hanson, Jody Schump, Marc Sitzman, Margarita Carmona, and Kathy Robinson.

Stop by the office on **Thursday, February 22nd** for birthday treats beginning at noon!



## Grant Eligibility

Just a reminder that in order to be eligible to receive the Student Support Services Grant in Spring Semester 2008, you will need to meet the eligibility requirements during 2007. That means meeting with your advisor at least twice **each** semester you are attending and attending two activities total during Spring, Summer, or Fall Semesters 2007. Questions? Please feel free to call your advisor!

## McNair Workshop

If you are interested in going to graduate school, or just want to find out more about it, please attend the McNair workshop **on February 7 at 12:00-1:30 p.m. in Horizon Hall Room #342.**

The McNair program starts working with students in their Junior year, which when you would be transferring after completing you're A.A. or A.S. It's never too early to start thinking about graduate school!

The Director of the McNair program at UNC will be here to talk about graduate school, the requirements for the McNair

program, and answer any questions that you might have.

There are numerous McNair programs across the country, including at CSU, so please come and ask questions no matter where you are planning to go when you transfer.

Please RSVP for this workshop to Frances Hernandez

at (970) 339-6372.



## Valentine's Day Potluck

Please bring a delicious dish to share for the very sweet and delightful Student Support Services Valentine's Day Potluck **on Wednesday, February 14th from 11:00a.m.- 1:00p.m.**

Please still come even if you can't make it until later in the day. We



should still have food out!

Forget flowers for your sweetie and a dish for the potluck? We can't speak for your Valentine, but we will be glad to see you with or without a dish, so please stop by!

The potluck will be in the Student Support Services office in Horizon Hall 344. Please RSVP to Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372.

## Internship Opportunity

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) is accepting applications for summer and semester-long paid internships at federal agencies and private corporations in Washington, DC and other parts of the country.

To apply, you must have a 3.0 GPA and have completed your Freshman year of college. You can apply online at:

<http://www.hnip.net>.

The deadline for summer semester is February 23, and June 15 for fall semester.

Aims will be offering an information session on these internships on **Thursday, February 8 from 9:00-11:00a.m. in College Center Room 729.**

Please call Lori Ketelhut at (970) 339-6596 with any questions.



## SSS Student Support Services

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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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