

# SSS Student Support Services Newsletter



November 2007

## Student Highlight: Study Groups

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"It's more than a tutor because it's a way to help each other out," says Jeremiah Lujan of his guided study group for

great support system and has discovered that she is not the only one who has questions about math. She is happy to

tips for learning math concepts and solving problems, and encourages the group to keep going. Nike enjoys working with these groups and is excited about how much the groups have accomplished.



Ronda says with someone as "helpful and patient" as Nike, learning is a lot easier.

The beauty of a study group is that by teaching concepts to others, students are more likely to remember the information themselves. Jeremiah says that everyone is willing to trade ideas, so there is as much teaching as learning going on in the group. Ronda notes that since every person learns differently, working together as a group helps her understand the concepts better.

- Important Dates**
- \* November 6— CSU Transfer Fair
  - \* November 9— UNC Campus Visit
  - \* November 12— Spring Semester 2008 registration begins for returning students
  - \* November 16— Graduation Application Deadline
  - \* November 21-23 — Thanksgiving Holiday, Campus Closed

math. He and other Student Support Services students who joined groups this semester have found that they have taught each other, encouraged one another, and even learned some math along the way.

report that "something is clicking" when it comes to math and she glad to share her insights with the group.

Jeremiah and Ronda both say that without the study group, math would have been much more difficult to get through this semester.

Ronda Lopez calls the group a

Nike Rovero is the tutor who leads the group study sessions. She answers questions when everyone is stuck, gives great

## Interested in Study Groups?

Study groups are off to a great start and we look forward to continuing with them in Spring Semester 2008!

particular course section so you will be able to be in class with the same people as your study group.

spring semester, your advisor will sign you up for a study group and let you know which course is connected with that group. Space is limited in the groups, so call your advisor today!

There will be study groups set up with Nike Rovero for Math 090, 106, and 121. The times for all of these are already scheduled and correspond to a

If you are interested in joining one of these groups or continuing to be a part of one, let your advisor know. When you schedule your classes for



## Grant Aid Eligibility

The end of fall semester is quickly approaching and it's almost time for us to start awarding our Student Support Services grant!

To be eligible you must meet the following qualifications:

- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.4 and a fall semester GPA of 2.4
- Eligible to receive a Pell Grant
- Completed at least 12 credits
- Must be in your first two years of college (or have under 60 credits completed)
- Attend at least two advising sessions per semester with assigned academic advisor

- Complete a minimum of two of the following activities: AAA 101, Seven Habits of Highly Effective College Students class, Student Support Services sponsored workshops, iFocus workshops, Student Support Services Learning Community, mentoring program, or tutoring
- Can only receive grant aid twice

If you have not completed your two activities or your two advising appointments, it's time to put those on your calendar! Here are the remaining workshops that will count for grant eligibility:

- » Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Greeley, tour of UNC campus.

- » Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Greeley Campus, CCTR 727 – What Can I do With a Major in...??
- » Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:10 to 3:00 p.m. Greeley Campus, CCTR 727 – What Can I Do With a Major In...??
- » Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 12:10 to 1:00 p.m. Greeley Campus, CCTR 727 – Credit –Ed Workshop.

Ask your advisor if you have any questions! We look forward to seeing you at these events!

## Attention 2008 Graduates!

Planning to graduate from Aims in Spring Semester 2008? If so, you will need to make an appointment with your advisor to complete a graduation application.

All materials need to be turned in by **Friday, November 16th, 2007**. After this is completed, you will be sent a letter detailing



the classes you still need to complete to earn your degree, which should be the same classes you are registered for in Spring Semester.

*The graduation application must be turned in or you will not be able to graduate, so make your advising appointment today! Call your advisor*

with any questions.

Remember also to schedule an appointment with your advisor to talk about any transfer questions you may have. It's time to start filling out those applications for schools you would like to attend! Your advisor will have some helpful materials for you including a timeline of when things will be due!

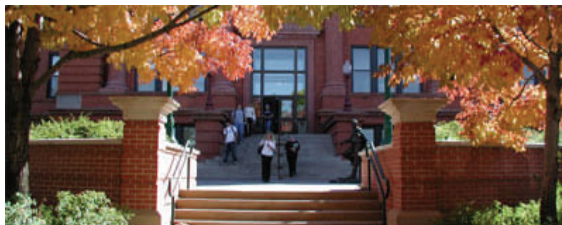
## Reminder: UNC Campus Visit

We will be visiting the **University of Northern Colorado** in Greeley on **Friday, November 9th** from **12:00-5:00 p.m.**

You will have the opportunity to eat lunch with staff from the UNC Student Support Services office, ask questions of the Admissions Office, and take a tour of the campus.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling Frances Her-

nandez at (970) 339-6372 or e-mail at [frances.hernandez@aims.edu](mailto:frances.hernandez@aims.edu).



## CSU Transfer Fair

Plan to attend the CSU Transfer Fair on Tuesday, November 6 if you would like to attend Colorado State University in Fort Collins after you have received your degree at Aims. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in College Center 727-728. To register, click on "Register, Add, or Drop Online" on the Student Tab and select the non-credit offering term rather than Fall 2007. The course number is 90945. If you sign up ahead of time, you will receive a copy of your current Aims transcript to look over with representatives from CSU.

## Tutoring Corner: Meet the New Tutors!

The staff in the Academic Resource Center (also known as the drop-in tutoring labs) has been working very hard to hire additional tutors. There are some new faces ready and willing to help you. Let me introduce you to a few of them:

**Sharlene Hart** is currently attending Aims and will complete her AA degree in the spring. She is a versatile tutor ready to help you with English, math and psychology. Sharlene is a swimmer who loves to read and recommends the classics, *1984* and *A Brave New World*.

**Levi Overbeck** is also attending Aims where he is taking 19 credit hours this semester and working part-time in addition to tutoring math. Organization is the key for Levi in his own studies and as a tutor. Everything in his giant backpack is neatly organized and accessible.

**Sandra Harmon** might be a familiar name to many of you as she is a Student Support Services alumnus. Sandra is attending UNC but comes back to tutor English for us and to act as a guest speaker. Sandra is another person who has learned the value of organization as a busy mother of three, student and tutor.

**Josh Wayne** is busy attending UNC, but through careful scheduling manages to tutor beginning French, math and some computer classes. Josh is also an avid

reader. He highly recommends using rhymes and mnemonics to aid memorization.

**Kit Ash** also attends UNC with a major in chemistry and a minor in biology. That makes it easy to guess what two subjects



Kit tutors –chemistry and biology. He recommends watching *The Princess Bride* for a fun break in between study sessions

**Raymon Brown** is also attending UNC where he's working on his Master of Arts in Educational Technology. Ray has a background in the military, electronics and in teaching middle school. He's al-

ways willing to help students work through their math questions.

**Jared Merk** can be found in the writing lab – a good location for a person who lists writing fiction as a favorite way to spend his time. Jared attended both UNC

and CSU so if you have questions about which school has what Jared is the one to ask.

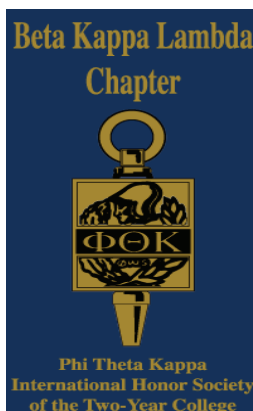
One thing every tutor had in common was the request that students please call as far in advance as possible if he/she won't be able to make a one-to-

one appointment. Now that you know how busy they all are you can understand why!

Next month we'll highlight the tutors who have been with us for multiple semesters.

## Congratulations Honor Society Inductees!

Congratulations to all Student Support Services students who are members of the Beta Kappa Lambda Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Aims! Special congratu-



lations go out to those students who were newly inducted to the honor society on Friday, October 26, 2007:

Deborah Andrews  
Robert Boston  
Diane Filipe  
Carol Frost,  
Amy Norton  
Brandon Sellers,

Corinthia Topping  
Angela Warwick  
Amanda Watkins

Beta Kappa Lambda serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievements of two-year college students. Congratulations on your special achievement!

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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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