

SSS Student Support Services Newsletter



Summer 2007

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Important Dates

- * May 29— Summer Semester Begins
- * July 12— Ice Cream Social
- * August 30—Student Support Services Retreat
- * September 4— Fall Semester Begins

Student Support Services Retreat

Let's all kick off the beginning of Fall Semester and the start of a new school year together!

We ask that all students attend the Student Support Services retreat in August to help start off the year with success!

We will begin the retreat with a breakfast served from 8:00-8:30 a.m.. Use this time to reconnect with your fellow students, relive some of your favorite summer adventures, and talk about what you are looking forward to this

fall.

The morning program will begin with a speaker at 8:30 a.m..

The speaker will be a Student



Support Services student who will share with you some ideas on how to be successful at Aims and beyond.

The workshop portion of the program will include such top-

ics as classroom success and how to get the most out of tutoring.

The remainder of the program will be information about financial aid with time set aside to ask your questions to the Student Financial Aid Office staff.

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

We will continue to send you information on this event, so look for more details to come!

If you have any questions or would like to RSVP to the retreat, please call Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372 or e-mail her at frances.hernandez@aims.edu.

Summer Semester Calendar

Make sure to mark these important dates for Summer Semester on your calendar:

May 29 — Summer Semester Classes Begin

June 7 — Add/Drop Deadline for full-term classes

June 22 — Second 25% Tuition and Fees Due

July 2-5 — Midterms

July 4 — Independence Day— College Closed

July 20 — Final Tuition and Fees Due

July 23 — Withdrawal Deadline

August 8 — End of Summer Semester

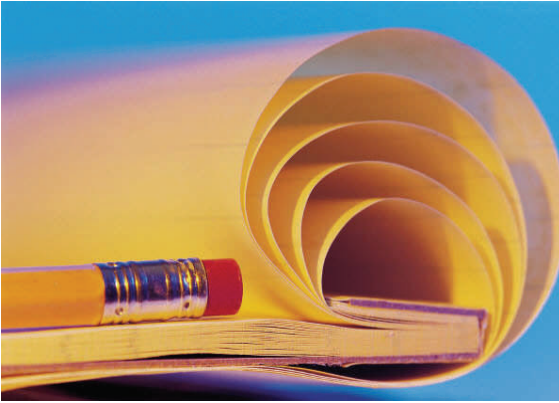
September 4 — Fall Semester Classes Begin



Now is the time for a summer tutor!

It's easy to let time slip away from us and before we know it classes will not only be started, but a week or two will have already passed by!

With a compressed summer semester, waiting two weeks to begin thinking about tutoring



and taking another week to wander in to sign up for one could be the difference between just squeaking by and doing well. *Now* is the time to request a tutor. Stop by the first week of classes. Be proactive.

For those of you taking the summer off and returning in the fall, you can fill out a request form

anytime during the summer.

I would strongly encourage you to stop by during the month of July to tell us how your summer is going and sign-up. The *Fantastic Summer Social* on July 12th is an event you won't want to miss and gives you a perfect opportunity to take care of the necessary paperwork.

Don't hesitate to call Kim Wallin at 339-6383 or e-mail at kim.wallin@aims.edu.

Mentoring: Why not?

A mentor is not extra work. A mentor is not another person telling you what to do. A mentor is not an opportunity to be overlooked!

A mentor *is* someone working in the career you are thinking of pursuing. A mentor can offer you a chance to shadow their day at work. A mentor can be a way to network and meet people who can potentially help your future career. A mentor

will share their experiences in college, work, and life. Who couldn't use another friend who is on our side and believes in

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us? Perhaps you're wondering why would anyone want to be a mentor, what's in it

for them? Mentors are people who believe they should give back to the community. Mentors often report that working with a student reminds them of why they chose their career field in the first place. Your determination, enthusiasm and questions reinvigorate and energize your mentor. There's nothing to lose and a lot to gain by having a mentor. Intrigued, interested, even slightly curious?

Ice Cream Social

Soon the weather will be warmer and summer will be in full swing. If you find that you need a way to cool down and take a break from the hectic summer schedule, we have an event for you!

Come celebrate summer with Student Support Services' Annual Ice Cream Social. We will have ice cream, toppings, good conversation, and plenty of fun to go around!

Please feel free to bring your family with you and join us even if you are not taking classes this summer!

This fun summer event will be on **Thurs-**



day, July 12th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The location is yet to be determined, but it will be on campus. We will e-mail out the location later this summer. You can also call us or just stop by the office that day and we will point you in the right direction. We'll see you there!

A Look Ahead to Fall

Although summer has barely begun, we wanted to give you a look ahead to Fall Semester with some events and things you should keep in mind.

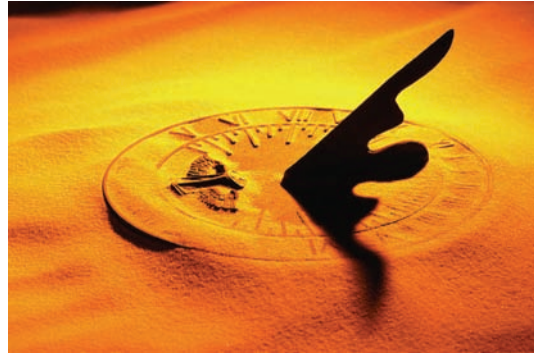
Retreat– As highlighted on the first page of this newsletter, we will be having a retreat on August 30.

Workshops– We will again be partnering with Student Life and STARS to present the iFocus workshop series. This fall there will be workshops on success in online classes, reading and note taking strategies, test anxiety, study skills, choosing a major, and credit vs. debt. Watch for an official list of what's to come in fall!

Financial Aid– It's the beginning of a new financial aid year (2007-2008), so make sure you have your FAFSA completed and any verification forms turned in early so your fall semester financial aid is not delayed.

Schedule– If you have not registered yet for Fall Semester, call your advisor this summer and register as soon as possible!

Advising Appointments– If you are not



attending summer semester, be sure to call your advisor and make an appointment for the first two weeks of fall semester.

Enjoy your summer! If you are not

taking classes, stop by and let us know how you are doing!

Schedule Advising Appointments

The first two weeks of class are the perfect time to schedule an appointment with your advisor!

During this time you can check-in to see how your classes are going so far, make any changes to your schedule, and sign up for a tutor if you have not already done so. You will also schedule a time



to meet around midterms where your advisor will share feedback forms from your instructors.

As a Student Support Services participant, we ask that you meet with your advisor three times each semester to make sure

that we provide you with the support that you need!

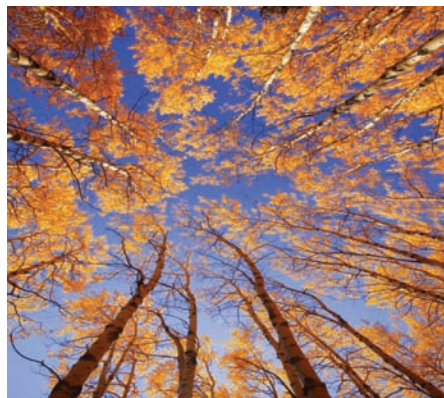
If you do not yet have an appointment with your advisor for the beginning of the semester, please call Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372 or e-mail her at frances.hernandez@aims.edu.

We look forward to seeing you!

Register for Fall Semester

Have you registered for Fall Semester yet? The sooner you register, the more likely it is that you will be able to get into the classes and the times that work best for you. Don't wait until the last minute or the classes you want might be full and your schedule will be much more difficult to put together!

The Student Support Services staff will be around all summer, so make an appointment with your advisor to go over your



fall schedule as soon as possible! Remember, our office will be open Monday-Thursday, 7:00a.m.-6:00p.m. this summer.

If you have any questions about your schedule or registration, please call your advisor! If you would like to make an appointment with your advisor, you can also call Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372 or e-mail her at frances.hernandez@aims.edu.

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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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