



# SSS Student Support Services Newsletter



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## Important Dates

- \* November 3— Spring Semester Schedules out
- \* November 6— CSU Transfer Fair
- \* November 10— Spring Semester registration begins (for returning students)
- \* November 12— Withdrawal deadline (for full semester courses)
- \* November 14— Helping Hands Club Meeting
- \* November 20— Holiday Open House

## Student Highlight: Adriana Ramirez

“Wow. I’m here and I’m doing it,” Adriana Ramirez declares while reflecting on her experience this fall at the University of Northern Colorado. Adriana was a part of Student Support Services and graduated from Aims with an Associate of Arts degree in Spring 2008. She transferred to UNC and is pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology.

Adriana is a part of the Stryker Institute for Leadership Development. She was awarded this competitive scholarship for non-traditional women which covers tuition and a new laptop. Most importantly, being a part of this program means participating in a great community committed to building leadership skills. Adriana said she has found a great deal of support and encouragement from the women in this group and has already learned a lot about herself as a leader. “Everyone

wants to see you succeed,” she says, which has made a big difference for her this semester.

Adriana is also working at Northrange Behavioral Health

on-one appointments with clients. She said her Associate’s Degree from Aims is what enabled her to get this wonderful job. The meaningful work she is now doing in her field will give her related experience for her future career.

Since arriving at UNC, Adriana has connected with former Aims students as well. They have continued the excellent academic habits they formed at Aims and study in groups together. They also support one another since they are encountering similar experiences. She said this has made studying a much more enjoyable experience.

Adriana’s future plans include attending graduate school in counseling psychology after she has finished her Bachelor’s degree.

In some ways, UNC is a lot like Aims for Adriana as she continues to juggle family, school, work, and homework. She keeps it all in balance and we know she will continue to excel as she pursues her career goals.

in the Acute Treatment Unit. She is a mental health worker and enjoys her job of leading groups and conducting one-



## Fall Semester Advising News

### Advising Appointments

Registration for Spring Semester 2009 will be here before you know it! Returning students can start registering on Monday, **November 10, 2008**.

Have you made an appointment with your advisor to talk about your spring semester schedule? While meeting with your advisor about your schedule, you can also discuss a plan for future semesters and look at possible graduation dates.

We ask that students meet with their advisor at least three times throughout the semester, so call today for your appointment!

### Grant Eligibility

As the fall semester comes to a close, check to make sure you have fulfilled requirements to be eligible for the Student Support Services grant funds.

Some requirements for receiving the grant include being Pell eligible, completing

12 credits, and having at least a 2.4 GPA. In addition, students must complete 2 activities and attend at least 2 advising sessions. The remaining activities this semester that qualify are the iFocus workshops, transfer fair, and Strengths Quest workshops hosted by Therese Lask on November 7 and 14. If you are interested in attending the Strengths sessions, contact Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372 or frances.hernandez@aims.edu.

## iFocus Workshops

There are only three iFocus workshops left for fall semester, so mark your calendars and attend one of these great sessions!

**Is Time Chasing You?** is a wonderful workshop that discusses organizing and controlling your time. Get a free 30-day planner and learn ways to gain two more hours a week! Come to this workshop on **Tuesday, November 4 at 1:35-2:50pm** in the College Center room 727.

Wondering what kinds of jobs match your interests? Start on the path to your career and attend **What Can I Do With a Ma-**

**job In...???** On **Thursday, November 13 at 11:00am-12:00pm** in the College Center room 727.

Are you thinking about the upcoming holiday spending season? Worried about the economy?

Come to **Money**

**Sense for College Students** and learn some tips for saving money, using credit wisely, and making good financial deci-

sions. This workshop will be offered on **Thursday, November 20 at 1:30-**

**2:30pm** in the College Center room 727. There will also be free lunch and a drawing for a bookstore gift certificate at this workshop!



**iFocus!**

Educational Workshops Brought to you by STAR, TRIO and ASACC.

Remember, all iFocus workshops count toward the two activities you need to be eligible for the Student Support Services grant.

## Free Thanksgiving Dinners

With the high cost of food cutting into our budgets these days, we thought we would pass along some information for a free Thanksgiving Dinner.

The First Assembly of God church would like to invite you to be their guest for a free Thanksgiving meal. They will



be giving out one bag of Thanksgiving groceries per family on Wednesday, November 26 from 3:00-7:00 pm.

People are invited to pick up the groceries at 3000 W. 16th St. or transportation will be provided to the church and back every 15 minutes starting at 3:00 pm and ending at 6:30 pm from

these locations:

Jerry's Market

Lincoln Park

Anna Gimmestad Park

In addition, they will have one coat per person to take home.

Everyone is welcome!

Questions? Call 352-2600.

## Tutoring Corner

### ARC Fall Semester Hours

Have you been to the Academic Resource Center (ARC) yet this semester? Be sure to stop in and take advantage of the wonderful writing and math drop-in tutoring where you can ask questions and get feedback on assignments.

*Greeley Tutoring Center Hours* (Room 305 & 306):

Math, Science, Accounting/Writing:  
Monday -Thursday, 8:00am- 8:00pm  
Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm  
Sunday, 2 –6:00pm

*Downtown Tutoring Center Hours* (Room 214):

Math/Writing (Room 214):  
Monday -Wednesday, 11:00am-2:00pm

*Loveland Tutoring Center Hours:*

Math:  
Monday & Wednesday, 1-5:00pm  
Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00am-12:30pm  
and 2:30-6:30pm  
Writing:  
Monday through Thursday, 9 a.n. to 2 p.m.  
Monday through Wednesday, 4 to 7:30 p.m.

*Ft. Lupton Tutoring Hours:*

Math:  
Monday & Wednesday, 11:00am- 2:00pm  
Tuesday & Thursday, 3-6:00 pm  
Writing:  
Monday & Wednesday, 3-6:00 pm

Need to use a computer? Check out the Computer lab in Horizon 301!.

*Computer Lab Hours:*

Monday-Thursday, 7:30a.m.-11:00p.m.  
Friday, 9:00am-1:00pm  
Saturday, Closed  
Sunday, 2:00-8:00pm

Remember, if you would like a one-on-one tutor, stop by the office and fill out a request.

## Holiday Open House

It's time for the annual Student Support Services Holiday Open House! It's a wonderful time of year to celebrate all the fantastic accomplishments of SSS Students as fall semester comes to a close!

Join us for delicious des-



serts and scrumptious snacks on **Thursday, November 20 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm** at the Student Support Services Office in Horizon Hall 344.

## CSU Transfer Fair

Attend the CSU Transfer Fair on Thursday, November 6, 2008 from 10:00am-2:00pm in College Center 727. Don't miss this great opportunity to find out everything you need to know about transferring to CSU and meet representatives from many departments. You do not need to register to attend, but if you would like a transcript ready for you, use CRN 70558.



## Bravo!

Congratulations to all Student Support Services students who were recently inducted into the Beta Kappa Lambda chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the Two-Year College, on Friday, October 24, 2008.

Brenda Carlson  
Jennifer Carr  
Tammy Hegwood  
Stacey Ivie

Maloria McAteer

Velia Moreno

Michele Winter

Beta Kappa Lambda serves to recognize and encourage the academic accomplishments of two-year college students.

Congratulations on your special achievement!

# Student Support Services Helping Hands Club Page

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## Fall Community Service Project

Wondering what the festive bag by the Helping Hands Club bulletin board is for? Helping Hands Club is collecting donations for A Kid's Place in Greeley.

A Kid's Place is always in need of donations, and especially now after their building was flooded and the children they



serve need to be housed in other locations.

The supplies they are in most need of are:

*New/gently used stuffed animals*

*Crayons*

*New children's books*

*Photocopy paper*

*Bottled water*

*Paper towels*

*First Aid Kit materials*

If you would like to donate any of these items, please drop them off in the bag in the Student Support Services Office (Horizon 344). Helping Hands Club will also be purchasing items from this list and delivering them to A Kid's Place, so please let us know if you are interested in helping out with this part of the project.

Would you like to do more for A Kid's Place? The Aims Volunteer Project will be helping them paint and move into their new building this month, so look for more information about that opportunity posted around campus!

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## Thank You, Volunteers!

Thank you to all students who helped out at the first Trunk-or-Treat event on October 20, 2008.

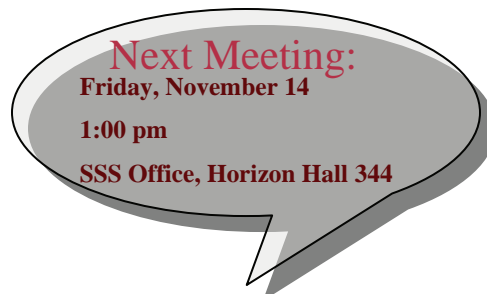
This event hosted one thousand kids and their families on the Aims campus. The warm weather and welcoming

Aims community helped make this a wonderful event.

By volunteering at this event, Helping Hands Club continues its mission of service. In addition, volunteering enables the club to secure more funds

from student government in order to continue working on more community projects.

Thanks again for a wonderful event and for supporting the Helping Hands Club and Aims!



## 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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