



# SSS Student Support Services Newsletter



January 2010

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### Important Dates

- \* January 11— Spring Semester begins
- \* January 15— Helping Hands Club Meeting, 1:00 in SSS Office
- \* January 27— Add/Drop Deadline
- \* January 29— Strengths Workshop

## Academic Honors Reception

Congratulations to all students who received the Student Support Services grant for Spring Semester 2010!

Students receiving this grant had at least a 2.4 cumulative and fall semester GPA, are eligible for Pell Grants, attended at least two advising sessions each semester, and participated in activities in-

cluding tutoring, workshops, and the Helping Hands Club.

The 47 students receiving the award this year had an average GPA of 3.15. Seven had a fall semester GPA of 4.0 and three have a cumulative 4.0 GPA. Some students were just finishing their first semester and others we will soon be seeing at graduation

this year.

Students brought family and friends and enjoyed cake, conversation, and time to reconnect at a reception held on Friday, January 8.

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments!



## Welcome 2010!

Spring Semester 2010 is here, so get out your calendars and be sure to note these important dates.

**January 4** — First 25% of tuition and fees due (unless you are on financial aid) or you will be dropped from classes



**January 11** — Spring Semester Classes Begin

**January 18** — Martin Luther King Jr. Day, campus closed

**January 19** — Last day for refunds at the bookstore

**January 27** — Add/Drop Deadline for full-term classes

**January 29** — Strengths Workshop

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**February 11** — SSS Valentine's Day

Party

**March 1-5** — Midterms

**March 15** — Financial Aid Priority Deadline for 2010-2011 school year (*Watch for information about FAFSA workshops coming up in your e-mail and in the next newsletter!*)

**March 15-19** — Spring Break, no classes

**April 9** — Graduation Application deadline for Summer 2010

**April 12** — Withdrawal Deadline for full-term classes

**May 4-7** — Finals Week

**May 7** — End of Spring Semester

**May 7** — Graduation Ceremony

**May 24** — Summer Semester Classes Begin

**May 31** — Memorial Day, campus

closed

Questions about your schedule, the above dates, or anything else about spring semester? Be sure to contact your advisor and we would be happy to meet with you!

Have a wonderful Spring Semester!

### Strengths Workshop

Do you know what your strengths are? Did you know that you are very unique in the strengths you possess?

The Strengths workshop on **Friday, January 29 at 1-3pm** will give you the opportunity to understand your strengths and how best to use them.

Please RSVP to Frances Hernandez at (907) 339-6372 so you can get a code to take the Strengths Finder inventory before the workshop.

## iFocus Workshops

As Spring Semester begins, a whole new lineup of iFocus workshops are starting too! Check out what's being offered in January!

Taking an online class or using an online component in one of your other courses? Come to **Orientation to Your Online class** and learn all about how to find your syllabus, e-mail your instructor, and submit assignments. This workshop will be held on **Monday, January 11 at 4:10-5:30pm, Wednesday, January 13 at 12:10-1:30pm, and Friday, January 15 at 9:10-10:30am** in Horizon 301. This workshop will also be held on the Loveland Campus on Thursday, January 14 and 2:10-3:30pm in Room 107 and at 10:10-11:30 on the Fort Lupton Campus.

Check out **Scholarships 101** and get information about local and national scholarships in addition to the Aims scholar-

ship application process. Hear tips from current students who have received scholarships as well on **Wednesday, January 27 at 4:10-5:00pm** in Allied



# iFocus!

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

Health 027 and on **Thursday, February 4 at 1:10-2:00pm** in Allied Health 202.

Learn how to save money and the environment by adopting paper-friendly tech-

niques for research, writing, **Go Green 2 Save Green**. The first 30 attendees will receive an Aims flash drive! This workshop will be offered on **Thursday, January 28 at 12:10-1:00pm** in Allied Health 107.

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

## Tutoring Corner

### Student Support Services Drop-In Tutoring

Student Support Services is pleased to report that **Jayleen Gilkey** and **Veronica Rovero (Nike)** will continue to be our in-office tutors. Many students found their time extremely helpful last semester, so stop by and meet Nike and Jayleen if you haven't already!

**Jayleen** will be tutoring Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum. She would be happy to talk about writing assignments for any of your classes.

**Nike** will tutor in all levels of mathematics, Inorganic Chemistry, Physics, and Engineering classes.

Jayleen and Nike are dedicated to helping students learn how to use good study skills to maximize their understanding of information. The goal of good tutors is to work themselves out of a job.

Jayleen and Nike's Student Support Services drop-in hours are listed below.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:00			Jayleen	Nike	
10:00-11:00	Nike	Nike	Jayleen		Nike
11:00-12:00	Nike	Jayleen	Nike	Jayleen	Nike

### Bravo!



Congratulations to students who received the Student Support Services Grant for Spring 2010:

Stacey Agens, Marisela Armendariz, Valary Baca, Betty Barrios, Beth Beal, Patricia Bowen, Pearl Brinkley, Jennifer Carr, Meleny Castillo, Jamie Christopher, Amanda Day, Linda Delgado, Anthony Gonzales, Maria Gonzales, Veronica Gonzalez, Cecilia Guzman, William Hilzer, Erinn Hiner, Mayra Lopez, Ronda Lopez, Rusty Lowe, Bernadette Lucero,

Raymond Martinez, Nicole Maxfield, Chant McClure, Kimberly Mendoza, Mariana Meza-Martinez, Mathew Miller, Howard Norvelle, Racheal Pacheco-Romero, Ignacio Padron, Cecilia Palacios, Theresa Peck, Mayra Perez, Ashley Rouse, Shelly Rusch, Denisse Sanchez, Samantha Sandoval, Larie Schill, Christine Sellers, Steve Sierra, Perrla Soto, Lydia Tena, Maria Vanscoy, Sylvia Vasquez, Cassie Williams, and Lindsey Woodall.

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### We're on the web!

<http://www.aims.edu/student/support>

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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## Your Student Support Services Staff

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*Learner, Intellection, Input, Deliberative, Restorative*

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