



# SSS Student Support Services Newsletter



June 2011

## Welcome Sarah and Liz!

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### Important Dates

- June 2— Full-Term course add/drop deadline
- June 27-30— Midterms

Student Support Services is excited to announce the addition of two wonderful staff members to the SSS/STEM team!

Liz Schoenleber is the new Advisor in the Student Support Services program. Liz's office is in College Center 220. Liz began her own journey through higher education as a non-traditional student by starting out attending a community college on a part-time basis. Eventually, Liz transferred to Colorado State University and received both her bachelor and master's degrees at Colorado State University. She understands the challenges of juggling work, raising a family and going to school at the same time. Liz has worked in higher education with non-traditional students for nearly twelve years. Liz credits her passion for working with community college students, to both her personal and professional experience in higher education. Liz is married, has two children, a Chihuahua named Peanut and lab-mix named Lucky.

Sarah Wycaver is the new Program Coordinator for the STEM program. Sarah's office is in Horizon 107. Sarah shares a little about herself: I am excited to be a member of the Aims TRiO community! I have a rather long history at Aims, and in many

ways being back here is like coming home. Each morning when I walk into Horizon Hall, I feel truly joyful to work with such amazing students, staff, and faculty.

In 2003, I decided to attend college as a first-generation student. At the time I was a single parent and trying to figure out what and who I wanted to be. I had worked in the life insurance industry for five years, but I knew it was not a career that could evoke deep passion in me for the rest of my life. I don't think I'll ever forget walking across the Westview parking lot for the first time with my books in hand to attend my first college class; I was outrageously excited and terrified at the same time. While I was a student at Aims, I worked in the Writing Center as a student employee. I supported the administrative aspect of writing tutoring and developed as a student and professional. It was in the Writing Center where I learned the value of the Aims staff, as many of the tutors and coordinators became my strongest mentors and allies.

In 2006, I graduated from Aims with an AA and transferred to UNC. At UNC I worked in the Sociology office supporting students and faculty with daily

business. It was at UNC where I truly fell in love with learning and the of institution higher education. I found deep satisfaction in my course work and the opportunity to raise my daughter in a community where we valued education, compassion, and intellectual wanderings.

In 2008, I graduated from UNC with a BA in Sociology and a minor in Women's Studies. Shortly after graduation, upon beginning my Master's degree program in Education Leadership at UNC, I came back to Aims as the Interim Tutoring Program Coordinator. Professionally and personally I was growing and developing at an unprecedented rate. My Master's program was challenging and allowed me to think about the world of higher education in a way I had never encountered before. During the day, surrounded by the talented staff and students at Aims, I was gaining a rich appreciation for the unique talents and strengths of the Aims student population.

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I stayed at Aims for a year until I finished my Master's degree. Knowing that I was not yet done with my love of the classroom, in 2009, I was accepted and enrolled in the Higher Education Student Affairs Leadership Ph.D. program at UNC. For the last two years I worked as a Graduate Assistant at UNC coordinating curriculum development and research. At UNC, I fortified my strong passion for social justice and civic engagement in higher education. In my doctoral research I explore the notion of Global Citizenship, including access and empowerment, among first-generation college students. What I love most about my research is exploring how we come to find ourselves committed and invest-

ed in our communities.

I hope to finish my Ph.D. over the next two years. Once I'm done with school I'm excited to have more time to check items off my bucket-list, such as getting scuba certified and learning to play the guitar.

If you haven't yet met Sarah and Liz, be sure to stop by the SSS and STEM offices and introduce yourself to these wonderful people. They would be happy to meet all students in the Student Support Services program and are excited to work with each one of you.

## Advising

We hope your summer semester is off to a great start! If you are taking summer classes, be sure to make an appointment with your advisor to talk about how classes are going, tutoring, and any schedule changes for fall semester.

To schedule your appointment, call your advisor or contact Frances Hernandez at (970) 339-6372 if you are in the SSS program and Christina Ovalle at (970) 339-6486 if you are in the STEM program.

## Summer Fun!

The kids are out of school, the sun is shining, and summer is finally here! Whether you are taking classes this summer or taking the summer off to relax, you might be looking for things to do with family and friends. Here is a sample of some of the FREE activities available this summer.

**Greeley History Museum** offers free admission. This museum is a great spot to learn about the history of Greeley and surrounding areas. It is located at 714 8th Street and you can contact them at (970) 350-9220. They are open Wednesday-Friday at 8:30am-4:30pm and Saturday at 10:00am- 4:00pm.

**High Plains Chautauqua** is an event that will take place on the Aims Greeley campus on August 2-6, 2011. This free

event is a living history festival where you learn about history and enjoy live theater at the same time. There are daytime programs for young children as well as evening programming. There is some seating available, or you can bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Call the Greeley Convention & Visitor's Bureau at (970) 352-3567 for more information.

Go **hiking**, bird watching, and sightseeing on one of Colorado's scenic trails. For more information about the Pawnee National Grassland and other recreation locations close to Greeley, go to [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us).

Want to take a drive? **Celestial Seasonings** offers free tours of their tea factory in Boulder. They are located at 4600 Sleepytime Drive, Boulder, CO 80301, and can be reached at (303) 581-1202. Tours are offered

Monday- Saturday at 10:00am-4:00pm, and Sunday at 11:00am- 3:00pm.

A number of Denver attractions offer free visit days throughout the year. Summer dates include **Denver Botanic Gardens** (1007 York Street, Denver, 720-865-3500) on July 19 and **Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield** (8500 Deer Creek Canyon Road, Littleton, 303-973-3705) on June 3, July 1, and August 5. The **Denver Art Museum** (100 West 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver, 720- 865-5000) has free days on June 4, July 2, and August 6 (first Saturday of each month). For more information about free days throughout the year, look at <http://scfd.org>.

Looking for more free activities this summer? You can always search online for free activities in cities around Colorado. Also, check out the Greeley Convention & Visitors Bureau at [www.greeleychamber.com](http://www.greeleychamber.com) for more events going on throughout Greeley this summer.



## Tutoring Corner

Welcome to summer semester! This summer, all SSS drop-in tutoring will be in the new STEM office located in Horizon 107. This is a great chance to check out the new office while asking questions about your summer classes.

Make time in your busy schedules to meet with **Jayleen Gilkey** and **Veronica Rovero (Nike)** in the Student Support Services STEM office for drop-in tutoring. Ask questions,

work on homework, and make new study groups.

**Jayleen** tutors Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum. She would be happy to talk about writing assignments for any of your classes, how to study for tests, and how to get the most from your textbooks.

**Nike** tutors in mathematics, Inorganic Chemistry, Physics, and Engineering classes.

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

You can also catch Jayleen and Nike in the Learning Commons tutoring area. Nike is there on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Jayleen is in on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

### SSS Summer Semester 2011 Drop-In Tutoring

|             | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|
| 9:00-10:00  |         |         | Nike      |          |
| 10:00-11:00 | Jayleen | Jayleen | Nike      |          |
| 11:00-12:00 | Jayleen | Jayleen | Nike      |          |
| 12:00-1:00  |         |         | Jayleen   |          |
| 1:00-2:00   |         |         | Jayleen   |          |
| 2:00-3:00   | Nike    | Nike    |           | Nike     |
| 3:00-4:00   | Nike    | Nike    |           | Nike     |
| 4:00-5:00   | Nike    | Nike    |           |          |

## Additional Tutoring Opportunities

Additional tutoring for Aims students offered in the Learning Commons, College Center 2nd floor.

### Biology/Science (Dr. Tad)

Tuesday: 2:00-4:00 pm  
Wednesday: 9:00 am -12:00 pm

### Math

Monday: 9am - 1pm, 6pm - 8pm  
Tuesday: 9am - 1pm  
Wednesday: 9am - 1pm

Thursday: 9am - 1pm, 6pm - 8pm

### Writing

Monday: 9am - 2pm, 5pm - 8pm  
Tuesday: 1pm - 5pm  
Wednesday: 10am - 3pm  
Thursday: 9am - 2pm, 5pm -

### Math Corner (MAT 030-090)

Monday and Wednesday: 2-4:00 p.m.



## SSS Student Support Services

Aims Community College  
5401 W. 20th Street  
College Center 220 (SSS)  
Horizon 107 (STEM)  
Greeley, CO 80634

Phone:  
970-339-6372 (SSS)  
970-339-6486 (STEM)

### We're on the web!

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

The Student Support Services (SSS)/STEM programs provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and serve to motivate students towards the successful completion of their postsecondary education. The SSS/STEM programs may also provide grant aid to eligible participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants. The goal of SSS/STEM 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:

- Academic Advising
- Tutorial services
- Strengths-based workshops
- Instruction in basic study skills
- 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 participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants

## Your Student Support Services/STEM Staff

### Director:

Therese Lask  
970-339-6273  
*Strategic, Maximizer, Adaptability, Self Assurance, Arranger*

### STEM:

#### Program Coordinator:

Sarah Wycaver  
970-339-6315  
*Individualization, Learner, Input, Achiever, Relator*

#### Academic Advisor:

Mary Ann Lucero  
970-339-6249  
*Harmony, Connectedness, Positivity, Learner, Developer*

#### Staff Associate:

Christina Ovalle  
970-339-6486  
*Communication, Woo, Strategic, Positivity, Achiever*

### SSS:

#### Academic Advisor:

Natalie Nelson  
970-339-6654  
*Intellection, Connectedness, Learner, Empathy, Belief*

#### Advisor:

Liz Schoenleber  
970-339-6383  
*Learner, Input, Responsibility, Relator, Developer*

#### Staff Associate:

Frances Hernandez  
970-339-6372  
*Maximizer, Deliberative, Ideation, Developer, Responsibility*