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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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Important Reminders

Communicate with your SSS advisor on a regular basis.
We want to know how you are doing.

- Check your mailbox in the SSS office weekly. Information, announcements, and sometimes a surprise will be placed in your box.
- It is not too late to apply for Pell Grant funds. Apply online @ <https://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

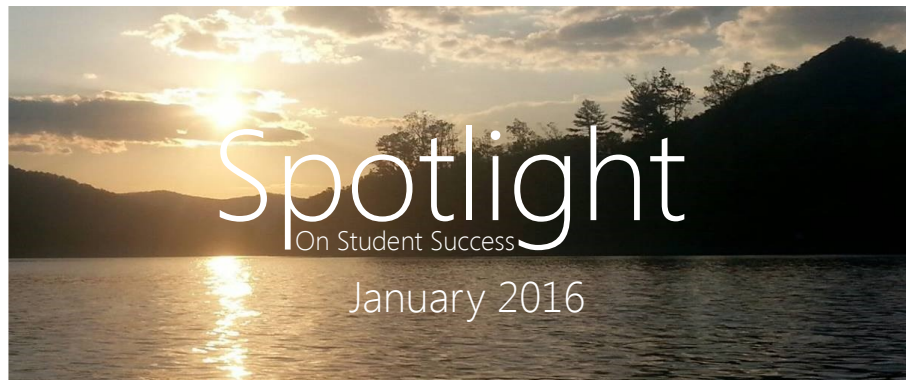
Dates to Remember

January

Final Registration	7
Classes Begin (First and Full Session).....	11
Schedule Adjustment (First Session).....	11-12
Schedule Adjustment (Full Session).....	11-15
COLLEGE CLOSED-MLK Jr. Day.....	18
First Day to Request a Tutor.....	25

February

Last Day to Withdrawal (First Session).....	16
6 Week Check In.....	15-19



Start the Semester Off Right

Welcome back to Southwestern! To be successful this semester it is critical that you start strong. Here are a few tips to get your semester moving in the right direction from day one:

- Communicate with your instructors regularly to ensure you understand the material being covered in class and what your grade is. This is particularly important when you are taking an online class.
- Utilize the resources SCC offers to help you be successful. The Learning Assistance Center, free tutoring and career counseling are just a few of the resources available to you.
- Manage your time. You have classes and homework, family, work and other responsibilities that require you to use your time wisely. Use a calendar to schedule your time during the day to ensure you make the most of each available minute.
- Be proactive. Don't procrastinate. Many of your classes will have assignments with deadlines - don't procrastinate putting things off until the last minute. This causes stress and reduces the quality of your work. Be aware of deadlines, mark them on your calendar, and chip away at assignments day by day.
- Take time for yourself. Your brain, like any muscle gets fatigued. Once this happens your thinking is not as clear, which prevents you from doing your best work. Take time for yourself by exercising, meditating or spending time in nature.

If you want to learn more about how you can keep your semester on track stop by to talk with your Student Support Services advisor.

4 SSS Students Inducted to National Society of Leadership & Success

Four Student Support Services students were inducted to the National Society of Leadership and Success during the fall semester. Ryan Bennett, Debra Cumbie, Nicholas Tanaka and Crystal Yanez were recognized during the December 10 ceremony on SCC's main campus. Congratulations on your outstanding accomplishment!



Free Tutoring!

Do you have what it takes to be a tutor?

If you have a strong expertise in an academic subject area (grade A or B), a G.P.A. of 3.0 or greater, and would like to assist fellow students, see Laurie about becoming part of SCC's Certified Tutor Program.

Challenged by a specific course (or two)?

Request a tutor - It's EASY! It's FREE!

Pick up your application starting, Monday, January 25th in the SSS office (Oaks Hall-G6), the Macon LAC or online at: www.southwesterncc.edu/tutor-program.

For more information, contact Laurie Butler at (828) 339-4231 or laurie@southwesterncc.edu



Supplemental Grant Aid Awarded to 13 SSS Students

Student Support Services awarded Supplemental Grant Aid to 13 students for the fall semester. Students were selected based on the guidelines set forth by the U.S Department of Education which states recipients must be currently receiving Federal Pell Grant and be in their first two years of college. After we determined students had met the Department of Education's eligibility criteria, we then looked to see that students met the guidelines set within the SSS

office, which include completing a financial literacy workshop, active participation in the Student Support Services program and a required written essay where applicants describe how the funds would help them achieve their academic goals. Grant aid recipients are: Robin Bradley, Leticia Castillo, Theresa Collins, Corey Cooper, Debra Henry Cumbie, Angela Fetrat, Amanda Jenkins, William Johnson, Stanley Kingsberry, April Ledford, Vi Nguyen, Dina Rigal and Crystal Yanez.

Biltmore House for the Holidays

On December 17, fourteen students and SSS staff enjoyed a trip to the Biltmore House, which was beautifully decorated for the holidays. The day offered a wonderful opportunity for everyone to celebrate the season. After touring Biltmore, students were treated to lunch at Rejuvenation Café before returning to SCC.



SSS Gardening Club News

The Student Support Services Gardening Club has adopted a plot at the Cullowhee Community Garden. Fifty percent of what is grown will be donated to aid hunger relief efforts in Jackson County, and the remaining produce will be available for club members. In November the club planted lettuce, onions, radish, carrots, and peas. Learn more about the club online at <https://www.southwesterncc.edu/student-support-services/ssg-gardening-club> or by calling 828-339-4420.