

Spotlight

Student Support Services

October 2012

Student Information

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Important Reminders:

- Check 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. Pick up your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) today.

Important Days Ahead

October

6-Week Check-In (Sign up for appointment)	1-4
Classes End (First Session)	10
Classes Begin (Second Session)	11
Schedule Adjustment (2nd Session only)	11-12
No Classes (Fall Break)	17-21
Commencement Applications Due	26
10-Week Check-In (Sign up for appt)	29-Nov. 2

November

Last Day to Withdraw (Full Session)	1
Last Day to Request a Tutor	15
Registration begins for Spring 2013	12-16
College Closed (Thanksgiving)	21-25
Last Day to Withdraw (Second Session)	27

Look for our online
Calendar of Events
on the SSS webpage!



Message from Cheryl

The Six Week academic check-ins have passed and you are officially 1/3 of the way through fall semester! I hope your six week check-in was a time when you shared positive academic progress with your SSS advisor. Maintaining academic excellence as you work through the middle of the semester - a time we all recognize as among the most challenging moments in higher education - is of utmost importance to you.

If you need it, securing a tutor for the class that is keeping you up at night is a great way to finish the semester on a high note.

If you did not meet with your advisor during the six week check-in, I strongly encourage you to call Peter, Laurie or me TODAY to discuss your academic progress. Failure to do so may result in you losing the benefits of SSS. Let us hear from you TODAY if you did not already report your academic progress.

The month of October is a time when you may apply for SSS Supplemental Grant Aid. Your SSS Program has available \$12,000.00 in grant funding. These funds are provided to help defray the costs you incur associated with your education. BEFORE YOU CAN APPLY FOR SGA FUNDS, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP LOCATED ON THE SSS WEBPAGE. If you are interested in applying for SGA funds, be sure to complete the Financial Literacy Level I OR Level II (not both) by the end of October. I can't guarantee you will receive SGA funds if you complete the financial literacy workshop, but I can guarantee that you will NOT receive SGA funds if you do not complete the financial literacy component. These workshops are very informative and I promise that you'll learn something about securing your financial future.

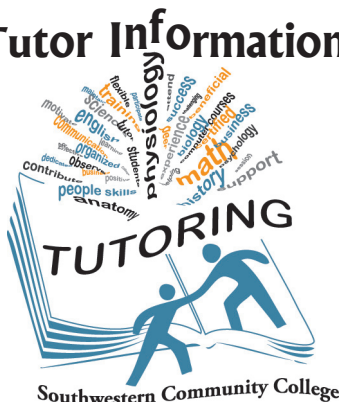
As always,
We are here for you!

Cheryl

Tutor Information

Coordinator: Laurie Butler, 339-4231

“ Tutoring Makes a Difference
Smart Students—
Smart Choices— ”



FREE Tutoring! Requesting a tutor is simple and tutorial sessions are free! Be a proactive student and seek help when needed.

**You can request a tutor
through November 15th**

Tutor applications are available:

1. in the SSS office (see Marji)
2. at the Macon LAC
3. On Line at: southwesterncc.edu/student-request-tutor

**Do You Have What It Takes
to be a Tutor?**
If you have a strong ability 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 the SCC CRLA certified Tutor Program.

✓ **How are you doing?**

**10-week
check-in:**

Monday, October 29
through
Friday, November 2



It's time to check in with your SSS advisor.

Stop by the SSS office, call, or email ASAP to make an appointment to see your advisor for your 10-week check-in:

Monday, Oct. 29 through Friday, Nov. 2

If you are unable to schedule an appointment, please give your advisor a call. Phone check-ins are allowed.

Congratulations!

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**Recipients of the
Student Support Services
Foundation Scholarship**



*Melody MacDonald
& Kaylie White*



Financial Aid workshops are offered again this semester on Monday afternoons from 3:00 – 4:00 in the Student Services testing lab in Balsam.

Contact (828) 339-4438 to reserve a spot.

On the 1st and 3rd Mondays, there is help for students with loan applications, and on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, help with FAFSAs.

