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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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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. Apply online @ <https://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

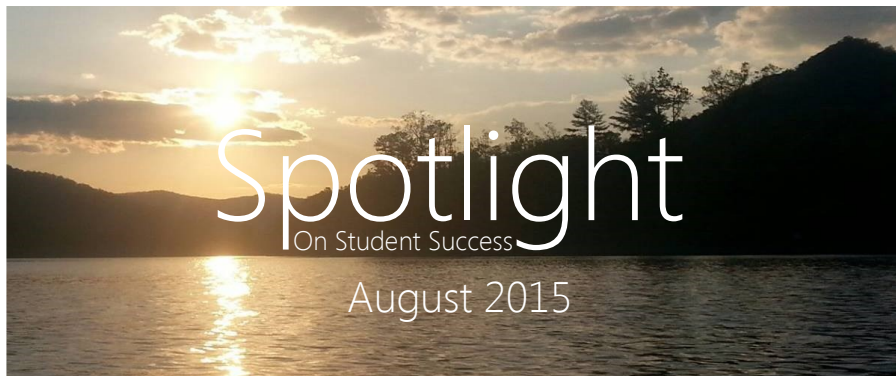
Dates to Remember

August

Orientation/Final registration.....	14
Classes begin.....	17
Schedule adjustment—First session.....	17 & 18
Schedule adjustment—Full session.....	17-21
First day to request a tutor.....	31

September

Labor Day holiday—College closed.....	7
Last day to withdraw—First session.....	22
6 week check in	21-25



Welcome Back!

The Student Support Services Team hopes you had a wonderful summer and are re-energized, ready to achieve new levels of success during the fall semester.

We are here to help you reach your goals, so please stay in frequent contact. Southwestern has many resources in addition to SSS including the Learning Assistance Center, Holt Library, the Career Center and online tutoring. These resources only help you if you take advantage of them.

We need to be able to contact you periodically during the semester, so it is important to have your updated contact information. Please notify SSS and the Enrollment Center if your address and/or phone number has recently changed.

Fall Outdoor Adventures

SSS will offer two outdoor adventures during the fall semester. Sign up online at <http://goo.gl/forms/4vXNsTcs6S>

We are going rafting on Thursday, September 3 (1pm-6pm), and hiking during the peak fall colors at Panthertown Valley (near Cashiers) on Wednesday, October 14 (11am-5pm).



New Participation Incentive Program

Student Support Services is introducing an incentive program in 2015-16 that is structured to reward active participation in SSS. Students who meet the eligibility criteria will be entered into a drawing for the grand prize of a Dell Venue 7 Tablet (7" screen). To be entered in the drawing students must: meet with their advisor the minimum number of times each semester (five times for first year students, three times for second year); be enrolled at least half-time (6 hours a semester); participate in an enrichment activity; complete an SSS survey during the fall and spring semesters; remain in good academic and conduct standing at SCC; be registered for the summer/fall semester of 2016, or graduate in the spring 2016 semester, or be accepted for transfer to a four-year institution. The names of all eligible students will be entered into a drawing which will be held after April 20, 2016.

SSS Scholarships Awarded to Elvin Peace & Theresa Collins

Congratulations to SSS students Elvin Peace and Theresa Collins who received the 2015 SSS Scholarships. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, financial need, and level of activity in SSS. Elvin and Theresa are SSS role models not only because of their academic achievements, but also because of their commitment to being involved in SSS activities and regular communication with their advisor. Congrats Elvin & Theresa!

4-Year College & Scholarship Guides Available in SSS

Looking for the right four-year college to transfer to? Need additional scholarships? SSS has the 2016 Peterson's Guides to four-year colleges as well as for scholarships. Don't miss out! Learn about the many opportunities available.

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

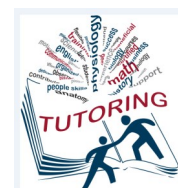
Free Tutoring!

Are you feeling challenged by a course (or two)?

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

First day to request a Tutor: **Monday, August 17th**

Tutor requests continue throughout the semester. For more information contact Laurie Butler, (828) 339-4231 Email: Laurie@southwesterncc.edu (or online at www.southwesterncc.edu/tutor-program)



Attention AA/AS (Transfer) Students

If you anticipate transferring to a four year college/university in Spring 2016, **make sure you know the application deadlines for the school(s) you are considering.** For more information about the application process— Contact Mary Lockey, (828) 339-4198 or email m_lockey@southwesterncc.edu

On the Horizon

- Six week check in is the week of September 21-25. Call 828.339.4420, email sss@southwesterncc.edu, or stop by to schedule an appointment.
- We are having a Community Service Day on Wednesday, September 16 (5-7pm) @ Cullowhee Community Garden. Fifty percent of the food from the garden is used to aid hunger relief efforts in Jackson County. Sign up at <http://goo.gl/forms/acp8He4LVm>

SSS Summer Canoeing Adventure



On June 25 a group of SSS students and staff went canoeing at Cedar Cliff Lake. We enjoyed a beautiful afternoon exploring the lake.