



# Student Support Services



## Spotlight

October 2007

Southwestern Community College

### Director's Message

It's not the start that counts but rather the finish that matters. You are now fully engaged with fall semester and history tells me you may be starting to feel a little overwhelmed right about now.

It's not the start that counts but rather the finish that matters. If you are feeling any academic or personal pressure, we want to talk with you. We have many resources to help alleviate the pressures that come with being a college student; and what we have to offer you is totally free so you don't have to worry about financial pressures of securing academic or personal help.

Summer Semester President's and Dean's List Students; Christian Conway, Stephanie Roberson, Brian Thompson, Michael Ramey and Chase Simons all knew it was the finish that mattered.

Come see us soon. We are here to assist you with your success!

*Cheryl*

### Reminders

- Check in with your SSS advisor on a regular basis. We want to know how you are doing.
- Check your mailbox in the SSS office weekly. All 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 in October

- 4: Cultural Enrichment:  
*The Jeff Dunham Show*
- 11-13: NO CLASSES—Fall Break
- 24-25 WCU Transfer Days
- 30: Commencement Applications Due
- 31: Last Day to Withdraw—Full Session

### Cultural Enrichment

*"The process of studying and creating art in all its distinct forms defines those qualities that are at the heart of education reform—creativity, perseverance, a sense of standards, and, above all, a striving for excellence."*  
Richard W. Riley, former US Secretary of Education

**Thursday, October 4th: Leave SCC at 5 pm for Dinner and the Show**



#### *The Jeff Dunham Show*

*Comic Ventriloquist*

A straight man to some of the most hilarious pint-sized partners in show business, Jeff Dunham has become one of the most successful touring comic and ventriloquists ever.

**Seats  
are  
limited...  
Sign up early**

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CULTURAL ENRICHMENT TRIPS

Sign-up is required for each event. Sign-up sheets are posted in the SSS office. All return times are approximate. These programs are provided FREE of charge to you. If you sign-up for a program and fail to show-up, you are required to skip the next trip.

# Service Learning ~ Volunteer Opportunities



Service Learning Coordinator: Peter Buck, ext. 243

## Service Learning for October

This is a once in a life-time event. **Sunday and Monday October 21 and 22**, we need folks to **cook food** and offer **places to sleep** for 18 visitors from **Rwanda**. Twelve are kids aged 9-15. They are amazing drummers and dancers. Among other places they will be performing: **United Nations** sponsored events in NY and Montreal, Canada. They are coming to Sylva because the guide for their performance tour will be Sarah Hipp, a former SCC and SSS student.

These children are not just entertainers; they are orphans from the genocide of 1994. Their presence and energy witnesses to the resilience of the human spirit and to the interconnectedness of all of us on this planet. They have a profound message of hope for all.

**We will have sign up sheets at the SSS office.**

There will be performances at the Baptist Church in downtown Sylva and at WCU. We're hoping to get one here at SCC as well.

Some of the agencies our students will assist this semester:

REACH (Sylva) ~ *Adopt-a-Highway* (Sylva)  
PAWS (Bryson City) ~ *Community Table* (Sylva)  
Banquet Table (Franklin)  
Family Resource Center (Sylva)

## Student Information

VISIT US ON THE WEB!  
[WWW.SOUTHWESTERNCC.EDU/SSS](http://WWW.SOUTHWESTERNCC.EDU/SSS)



**TRIO**  
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

TRIO is a federally funded program sponsored by the Department of Education which brings over one million dollars to SCC

How to get in touch with the SSS staff:  
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## Tutor Information

Tutor Coordinator: Marti Hunter, ext. 420

### College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) Certified Tutoring Program

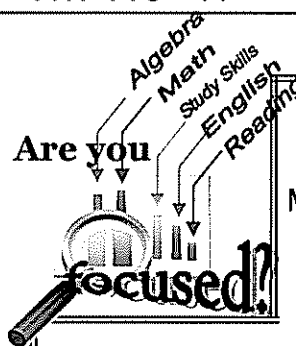
- ⇒ **Support for Students**
- ⇒ **Success in Learning**
- ⇒ **Tutoring Makes a Difference**

- ◆ Sign up for Individual Tutoring
- ◆ Join an Academic Support Group
- ◆ Join **FOCUS** Assisted Study Groups

Tutor Sign Up Continues until November 30

### Fall Semester Academic Support Groups

PSY 150	M/W	12 to 1 pm
PSY 150	T/R	10 to 11 am
ACC 120	T/R	10 to 11 am
ACC 121*	T/R	2 to 3 pm *Macon Campus
PHY 110	M	1 to 2 pm



Join **FOCUS**, an Assisted Study Group lead by Marti Hunter & Mary Bradley  
Every T/R from 1—2 pm  
Rm: 100D Oaks Hall

What will **FOCUS** help you do?  
Focus on Study Skills  
Focus on English, reading, math, algebra  
Focus yourself with extra study time on Tuesdays and Thursdays

The **Macon Campus** Learning Assistance Center (MC-LAC) offers assistance in English, math and the sciences. Check the MC-LAC schedule posted at the center

NOTICE: If you have a strong expertise in an academic subject area (grade A or B and 3 faculty references) and would like to assist fellow students, see Marti about becoming part of the SCC CRLA certified Tutoring Program.



**Tutoring  
makes a  
difference!**