

# Student Support Services Spotlight

July 2008

Southwestern Community College

## Director's Message

Now that SCC is holding three graduation ceremonies each year, we have the opportunity to celebrate your academic accomplishments in a timely manner.

I love graduation! I love the music, the ocean of blue caps and gowns, hearing the lift in your voices as you line up to take your final march into the auditorium packed with friends and family; and I look forward to cheering you on one last time as you walk across the stage to receive the diploma you so deeply covet.

But, I must say in the midst of these magical feelings and final moments, graduation presents, for me, a feeling of loss. I love graduation...but I hate seeing you go! All too often we say we will keep in touch, we will call, we will email, but the truth remains the same. Life is full. And for the graduate, it is full of new opportunities and new commitments of your time ~ commitments that take up all of your time and in the end, there is not much time to stay in touch with existing friends, faculty and staff.

What I want to leave you with as you depart SCC for new adventures and new friendships is this: *Broaden your horizons by spending time with people with diverse interests and worldviews; but strengthen your character by spending time with those who share your values!*

Marti, Peter, Laurie and I thank you whole heartedly for allowing us to be a part of your SCC experience! We wish you happiness, health and wealth!

Cheryl

## Reminders

- Summer Semester: all SCC offices, open labs and services will **close at 12 noon on Fridays**.
- 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 Ahead

### July

- 4: College CLOSED—Holiday
- 9: Last day to withdraw—**Full Session**
- 21: Last day to sign up for a tutor
- 22: Last day to withdraw—**2nd Session**
- 30: Summer Semester ENDS
- 31: Summer Commencement

## 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



***Cultural Enrichment will be back in the fall with more exciting programs at the Fine and Performing Arts Center at Western Carolina University.***

### 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



Coordinator: Peter Buck, ext. 243

## Things are slow during the Summer.

The Tuckasegee still waits for folks who want to put in a couple of hours cleaning up along our **Adopt-a-Highway, the North River Road**. It's happening one happy meal at a time. Call Peter at ext. 243.



## The Fall semester will be here soon.

Student Support Services will be collaborating with Special Olympics to raise money by helping out at WCU's football games. Funds raised will help Special Olympics and hopefully students at SCC as well. Mark **August 21st** on your calendar as a training day for this volunteering effort.



<http://catamountsports.cstv.com/sports/m-footbl/wcar-m-footbl-body.html>

## Student

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A federally funded program sponsored by the Department of Education bringing over \$1,000,000 to SCC.



## 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*

### Academic Support Groups Available

MAT 060  
MAT 070  
MAT 140  
NUR 103

Contact Marti for more information  
800-447-4091, x420

Don't forget about...



*Smarthinking* is available to all SCC students and offers **online tutoring assistance** anywhere, anytime ...

**24 hours a day!**

For more information or help with logging on to *Smarthinking*, see Marti Hunter or Toni Knott in the LAC.

Link: [www.smarthinking.com](http://www.smarthinking.com)

### Learning Assistance Centers at the Sylva and Macon Campuses

offer assistance in English, math, computers, and the sciences. Schedules are posted at the centers as well as online.

<http://www.southwesterncc.edu/learnasstctr/schedule.htm>

**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!*