

Student Support Services

Spotlight

Southwestern Community College

May 2008

Director's Message

"Let me win, but if I can not win, let me brave in the attempt."

Ahh, the oath of the Special Olympics. Thinking about the day many of us shared together on Friday, April 25 gives me hope for the future.

I can not put into words the overwhelming sense of friendship and love that comes from helping others... regardless of the need. Helping your neighbor gives you a connection, a spirit of camaraderie and a framework that says, "I live here, and I want to make things better." Your education will get you a better job in life; however, your connections with people will give you a better quality of life.

Every day you can win! You can win by authentically attempting to do something for someone else. Be brave! Be the first person to jump up and say, "I'll take that on!" And when you "take it on," use the tools you gained at SCC. I have no doubt you have the skills, training and education you need to be successful on the job. It is now up to you to make the connections for a successful life.

Twenty-two of you made the choice to volunteer with us for the Far West Regional Special Olympics Track and Field Event. You connected. You made a difference to 400 athletes, their parents, family, friends and teachers. You made me proud. You represented SCC very well but more importantly, YOU gave back to your community.

Well done! Well done!!

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 Ahead

May

- 3: Cultural Enrichment: *Footworks*
- 16: Registration Day
- 19: Classes Begin for Summer—
1st & Full Sessions
- 19-20: Drop/Add
- 21: First day to sign up for a tutor
- 26: College CLOSED: Holiday

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

Saturday, May 3rd—Meet at WCU's Fine & Performing Arts Center

Footworks:
Percussive Dance Ensemble
Incredible Feets



<http://www.wcu.edu/fapac/>

**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



Coordinator: Peter Buck, ext. 243



Special Olympics



What a fantastic turn out of volunteers for the Special Olympics Western Region Track & Field Event on Friday, April 25th. A huge round of applause to all these individuals for helping with the vast number of tasks that are connected with such a tremendous event.

SCC was represented by 95 students, faculty, and staff. I am certain everyone was touched in some special way as they had the opportunity to meet and cheer on these phenomenal athletes.

Many thanks to the following SSS students who devoted their time and energy to help make this event a success: **Brandi Anders, Tim Barnett, Emily Bartell, Katie Bowman, Alex Janoe, Teresa Johnson, Tracy King, Marcie Maney, Cheryl McCracken, Nicole McDaniel, Brandon McMillan, Tiana Moore, Brandy Morgan, Steve Raby, Amy Stoner, Joshua White, Jeremy Wood**, and former SSS students, **Maleigha Elliot & Carolyne Moses**.

Coming Soon: A day of sunshine and wellness, along with an opportunity to contribute to the beautification of the SSS Adopted Highway. Take a stroll along a scenic river, soak up the sunshine, chat with your peers, and you may even discover some treasure amongst the trash.

Student Information

VISIT US ON THE WEB!
WWW.SOUTHWESTERNCC.EDU/SSS



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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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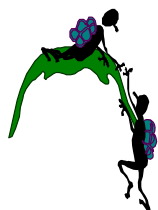
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Tutor Information



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**

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

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.



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makes a
difference!**