

The SSS Team

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Important Reminders

Communicate 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 @ <u>https://www.fafsa.ed.gov/</u>

Dates to Remember

<u>August</u>

Classes Begin, Full and First Sessions	15
Schedule Adjustment-First Session	15-16
Schedule Adjustment-Full Session	15-19
First Day to Request a Tutor	29
<u>September</u>	

Labor Day Holiday-College Closed5
Last Day for Student-Initiated Withdrawal26
(1st Session)

<u>October</u>

14
7-23
24
4-25
28



Start Out Strong

We are excited that you are enrolled for the fall semester and are participating in the Student Support Services program. We are your support team and home at Southwestern. We want you to utilize the many resources we have to offer including our lounge area, computers, laptops and calculators available for short term check out, and scholarship guides.

Most importantly stay in frequent contact with your SSS advisor!! It is also critical that you get to know your instructors early on. They want you to be successful. Introducing yourself and participating regularly in class will help you build a relationship with them.

You should also take time to make new friends at Southwestern. SSS offers a number of activities such as rafting, hiking, cultural trips and volunteer opportunities that can help you make friends and develop a network of people who want to succeed.

It is important to develop a study schedule that will prepare you for success. Find a quiet place to study such as a library or bookstore and space your time so you can take breaks. Complete your assignments well ahead of deadlines to help reduce stress. You should also find time to disconnect from your studies because it will help to improve your effectiveness. (i.e. take a hike, exercise, etc.)

It is critical to check your SCC email daily to ensure you receive information related to your classes and enrollment. Student Support Services will send all information to your email including scholarship and grant aid opportunities.

The Student Support Services staff is here to provide support for you as you reach for your goals. Have a great semester!

SSS Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to Debra Cumbie and Dominic Caprita who were awarded SSS Scholarships for 2015-16. The scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, SSS participation, a written essay by the student, letters of recommendation, and financial need. Debra and Dominic are both actively involved in SSS activities and meet with their advisors regularly.

2016-17 **Enrichment & Personal Development Activities** (FREE!!)

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Classes StartAugust 15	Classes startJanuary 9
Garden Club VolunteerAugust/September (various times)	WCU basketball gameJanuary/February (TBD)
Hiking Trip (8-noon)September 23	Cultural TripFebruary/March (TBD)
Waynesville Theatre (Into the Woods) & Dinner @ Angelos	Financial Planning AssistanceFebruary 21
September 29	Hiking TripMarch 7
Appalachian State Visit & TourNovember 1	Hiking TripApril 12
WCU Campus Visit & TourNovember 10	Garden Club VolunteerApril/May
Biltmore Estate TripDecember 19	(various times)
	Bear Lake Canoe TripMay 17
	Asheville Tourists Baseball GameJune

Free Tutoring!

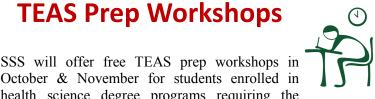
Challenged by a specific course (or two)? Request a tutor - It's EASY! It's FREE! Applications are available in the SSS office (Oaks Hall-G6), the Macon LAC or online at: www.southwesterncc.edu/tutor-program. For more information, contact: Tutor Program Supervisor, Oaks Hall, Rm. 101, 828-339-4304, Tutoring@southwesterncc.edu (SSS students can receive up to 5 hours of free tutoring per week.) First day to request a tutor: Monday, August 29th

Soft Skills & Preparing For a Successful Career

Mike Despeaux, Career Counselor Thursday, November 3rd, 12:30 - 1:30pm Lunch Provided Location TBD



TEAS Prep Workshops



October & November for students enrolled in health science degree programs requiring the exam. Additional information will be sent to eligible students in September.

SSS Garden Club Grows

Rafting Trip a Big Splash

The SSS Garden Club has been active this summer maintaining our plot at Cullowhee Community Garden. We have donated tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, and herbs to

the Community Table in Sylva to help with hunger relief efforts in Jackson County. We still need volunteers to help! Contact Susan to learn more



On August 4 SSS went whitewater rafting on the Nantahala River. We had a great time, enjoyed the cool water, and ate pizza by the river after our float. Dominic Caprita said..... "this trip

was fun. I am ready to go again!" Grace Bird added....."If SSS hadn't given me the opportunity to go rafting, I probably never would have done it on my own." Many more free enrichment programs will available be this fall including a hike on Friday, September 23.

