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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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

Dates to Remember

August

Classes Begin, Full and First Sessions.....15
Schedule Adjustment-First Session.....15-16
Schedule Adjustment-Full Session15-19
First Day to Request a Tutor.....29

September

Labor Day Holiday-College Closed.....5
Last Day for Student-Initiated Withdrawal26
(1st Session)

October

End of First Session Classes.....14
Fall Break-No Classes.....17-23
Second Session Classes Begin.....24
Schedule Adjustment-Second Session.....24-25
Commencement Applications Due.....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.



Classes Start.....	August 15
Garden Club Volunteer.....	August/September (various times)
Hiking Trip (8-noon).....	September 23
Waynesville Theatre (Into the Woods) & Dinner @ Angelos	September 29
Appalachian State Visit & Tour.....	November 1
WCU Campus Visit & Tour.....	November 10
Biltmore Estate Trip.....	December 19

Classes start.....	January 9
WCU basketball game.....	January/February (TBD)
Cultural Trip.....	February/March (TBD)
Financial Planning Assistance.....	February 21
Hiking Trip.....	March 7
Hiking Trip.....	April 12
Garden Club Volunteer.....	April/May (various times)
Bear Lake Canoe Trip.....	May 17
Asheville Tourists Baseball Game.....	June

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**

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



SSS will offer free TEAS prep workshops in October & November for students enrolled in health science degree programs requiring the exam. Additional information will be sent to eligible students in September.



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 be available this fall including a hike on Friday, September 23.

