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Title III: Closing the Educational Gap

PEOPLE PLACES + NEWS

Academic Advising

Important Dates to Remember

- August 2—All College Meeting at TDC
- August 9-13 - Open Registration for Students not yet registered
- August 16—First Day of Class
- August 20— Last day to Withdraw and receive 100% refund, change from audit to credit, add a course, or withdraw from a course without receiving a grade of 'W'

Over the summer months through July 27, 727 students completed orientation and testing. With 14 additional sessions planned between July 28 and August 11, over 250 additional students could go through the process. Students in these sessions are participating in an online New Student Orientation, available on the ACTC homepage through Academic Advising. Many of these online orientation sessions have been led by ACTC Peer Mentors who received training in spring semester to enable them to lead the sessions. New students seem to like having a student available to answer their questions. So far, the evaluations have shown that the majority of students (99%) have found the online orientation to be very helpful. The online orientation provides students with an opportunity to become familiar with our homepage and view their student self service accounts. Since it is available on the homepage, students are able to go back to the orientation for additional information, if they have questions that weren't answered in the session.

People, Places, and Things

Title III team would like to welcome Chrisha Spears to Ashland Community and Technical College. Chrisha will be the Data Coordinator for Title III. She is joining us at our College Drive Campus location in the Goodpaster building, Room G101. Please stop in and introduce yourself the next time you are in the Goodpaster building and help her get acquainted with the faculty and staff, along with the students of ACTC.

There have also been some location changes within the Title III group. As you may or may not already know, Steve Flouhouse is now located at the Technology Drive Campus, along with Jason Shields and Ella Smith. The Title III offices are located with the Institutional Effectiveness offices in the 103 complex. Please stop in and say *hello* the next time you are on the campus.

Peer Mentors

"Tell me, and I forget; show me, and I remember: involve me; and I understand." - Chinese Proverb

Peer Mentor training will be conducted on July 29 and 30 as we welcome five new Peer Mentors who will work with first time students. Betsy Ferguson, Aubrey Breeding, Chris Gillum, Jessica Null and Donnah McClave will join our returning peer mentors to provide service linked to the GE 100 and GE 101 classes. Over the last academic year, peer mentoring was available to students enrolled in GE 100 classes. This fall semester, Peer Mentoring will also be provided to students enrolled in some sections of GE 101. As in the past, all first time, developmental freshmen who are not enrolled in a GE 100 or GE 101 class will receive mentoring emails with information about study skills, test anxiety and other areas related to student success from a designated Peer Mentor. In addition, all students have the opportunity to join Peer Mentors on Facebook where they can learn more about college services and programs as well as success tips. www.facebook.com/actc_peer. Our goal is to reach as many freshmen as possible to enrich their learning experiences during their first year at the college. As we enter year three of the grant, our focus will include an emphasis on transfer and graduation for the students who were involved in mentoring last year.

Supplemental Instruction

Seven new Supplemental Instruction leaders will join the program for Fall 2010. S.I. Leader training will be held Thursday, August 12 and Friday, August 13. Classes that will include S.I. Leaders are ENC 90 and 91, ENG 101 and 102, BIO 137 and 139, MT 55 and 65, ART 100, and LPN Program. Applications are still being accepted for MT 55, MT 65, and ENC 90. Anyone interested in applying should contact Becky Gehringer at 326-2023.

Supplemental Instruction Specialist, Becky Gehringer, attended the 4th International Supplemental Instruction Conference in New Orleans in June. Fellow S.I. colleagues discussed tactics for a successful program and how to implement strategies to improve the effectiveness of current and future programs.

Extras

Each year the Ashland Area Young Professionals Association organizes a backpack and school supplies drive. Family Resource Centers from Ashland, Boyd and Greenup Counties, and Russell provide names and lists of supplies for students that may not be able to afford those necessary items. The Title III Team pitched in to help and "adopted" a 4th grade girl and a 6th grade girl. These two girls will now have new clothes and shoes for the first day of school, as well as a lunch box, backpack, paper, pencils, and all of the other required school supplies. If you are interested in participating next year, please visit http://www.aaypa.com/service.php

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