

Title III, Closing the Education Gap

People, Places & News



CATS advisors were given several opportunities to learn more about the college advising process during the month of May. On May 5th program coordinators met with all advisors and provided an overview of their programs, highlighting changes. In addition, at that session, CATS advisors were provided with copies of the Information Session PowerPoint presentation they will be doing during the summer and fall orientation/advising session. Several CATS advisors got a taste of the advising process on May 14 and May 15, working with trained advisors, advising and enrolling students for summer I, summer II and fall courses.

July will be a very busy month filled with information sessions (orientations) and advising most of the month. Information sessions will be conducted on July 9, 13, 15, 21, and 23, followed by advising for the greater part of those three weeks. Any advisors interested in working during the month of July should contact Ella Smith. We are gearing up for the month of August when all advisors should expect to advise students for the two weeks before classes begin.

ADVISING

All advisors are invited to an Advising Workshop on June 23rd in the Conference Room on the College Drive Campus. Dr. Susan Campbell, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at USM will be sharing information on advising best practices, as well as specific research demonstrating the impact of advising on retention. Lunch will be provided as well as a small stipend for attendees. You can contact Ella Smith at ext. 62129 or at esmith0234@kctcs.edu for additional information.

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

We anticipate a wonderful day of learning in our upcoming Summer Institute on Supplemental Instruction during the month of June. Dr. Lisa Stout, of the Center for Academic Development at the University of Missouri-Kansas City will be our guest speaker.

We look forward to getting our SI instructors settled in and ready to go as work continues with our Supplemental Instruction team. Look for future articles on the great line-up of talent we have gearing up for this fall semester.

PEER MENTORING

This fall semester, all first-time, full-time, developmental or undecided students will be required to take a one hour GE 100 class. The class will be assisted by peer mentors, currently enrolled, "upper level" ACTC students. Fall 2009, 12 sections of GE100 will be available, with classes on all three campuses. Eleven peer mentors will work with the students enrolled in these classes.

May 14th provided an opportunity for the GE100 faculty to meet the peer mentors in preparation for fall classes. This information reception gave the instructors an opportunity to chat with the mentors who will be working with them and to cover the course assignments and activities that will be used in the course.

COMING ATTRACTIONS & EVENTS

Student Success Centers:

By July we hope to have two student success centers ready to meet the advising rush for fall 2009. The **CDC Success Center will be located in G101**, the former LAC, and the **RDC Success Center is located in 310**.

Peer Mentor Training

Student Advising Sessions

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