Notre Dame College Academic Support Center Receives $50,000 Gift

Notre Dame College has received a $50,000 gift for its Academic Support Center for Students with Learning Differences (ASC). The donor, who asked to remain anonymous, said in a written statement included with the donation: “I am very impressed with the work you are doing at the Academic Support Center. Please accept the enclosed gift in honor of my good friend Ray Smiley.” Smiley spoke on behalf of the family’s philanthropic organization at the time of their gift last year: “We have long admired the efforts of the College in serving a segment of the population often bypassed in higher education. It is our wish to be a meaningful vehicle to support the Academic Support Center in its continuing vision to offer quality college-capable students with documented learning differences the ability to earn a recognized degree.” Notre Dame established the ASC in 2005 with Gretchen Noetzel Walsh as its first and only director. It is now a nationally recognized center of excellence and one of Notre Dame’s signature programs, providing educational opportunities and creating pathways to success for students with learning differences.

“We are so appreciative of this gift and all our generous donors who enable us to carry out the mission of Notre Dame College, part of which is serving students who are bright and deserving of a high quality, values-based college experience, such as we provide,” Walsh said.

Anyone interested in helping the College by means of financial support is encouraged to contact Maureen Ischay, Notre Dame’s executive director of development, at 216.373.5335 or mischay@ndc.edu.

Why Do I Need a Proofreader?

By Sister Joela Leinberger, SND

According to Merriam Webster.com, to proofread is, “to read and correct mistakes in (something written)” and to edit is, “to prepare (something written) to be published or used: to make changes, correct mistakes, etc., in (something written).”

Does this apply to a college student? Yes! Students need to know that the best authors of novels and/or test books, all, yes, ALL, have people proofreading and editing for them long before the piece goes to the publisher and ends up in your book bag, on your desk or electronically on your phone. Yes, ALL authors are secure enough when doing a piece of writing, to simply do it and publish it. Instructional Advisors in the ASC are proofreaders and editors; please ask us to read your papers before you turn them in. That is one of the reasons why we are here.

O God, we come together today in deep gratitude for all that has been, especially during Spring Semester 2015. We thank you for the expertise and dedication of each ASC staff member and for the efforts of each of our students. We praise you for both you and their many successes and occasional disappointments.

We thank you most especially for our ASC graduates. May their dreams and hopes find a secure foundation in their lives because of what they learned here.

We thank you, Creator, for your gifts of summer for the change of pace, for the warmth of your sun, for the blue sky and clouds, for more time for family and friends ... All students experience some anxiety when starting college, but for those with disabilities, skills such as multi-tasking, organizing, planning, and managing time can be frustrating and overwhelming. Help your student to do some planning for how to juggle activities and academics, while managing money and making friends. Offer examples of lists and schedules, and help your child select a system that makes sense to him/her.

Create a ‘What – If’ plan with your student. All students experience some anxiety when starting college, but for those with disabilities, these worries can be magnified. Have a glass of ice tea with your child and discuss some of the “What – If” he or she might encounter, such as, “What if I forget to turn in an assignment,” or “What if my roommate makes a lot of noise in the middle of the night?”. Make a plan for handling these issues by helping your child identify what they can do and who can help them on campus. Let your student make plans for future reference; when students feel stressed, they often don’t think logically.

Offer some real-life practice. For most students, college will be the first time they have balanced a checkbook, managed large amounts of independent work, and planned their own schedules. For students with disabilities, skills such as multi-tasking, planning, and managing time can be frustrating and overwhelming. Help your student to do some planning for how to juggle activities and academics, while managing money and making friends. Offer examples of lists and schedules, and help your child select a system that makes sense to him/her.

Take a deep breath. Parents of children with learning differences certainly have additional concerns about their kids’ transition to college life. For many, the possibility of attending a four-year college seemed unrealistic or unattainable for their children. Now that the children are ready for this next step, new worries emerge: Will she have friends? Will he be able to manage the work? Rest assured that you are prepared to offer hard work and advocacy have resulted in a child who is ready for college. The values, life skills, and love you have given them provide an excellent foundation for life at Notre Dame. These gifts will be the most important things your child brings to Notre Dame.

For Parents ...

Taking time to prepare for college can ease the transition. Help your child find solutions that will work for your student. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Katie Wetherbee at the ASC at 216.373.5334. She would be happy to help you find solutions that will work for your student.

Congratulations to all our ASC members honored at the Notre Dame College Honors Convocation!

Division of Arts and Humanities
Art Show Award, Honorable Mention
Scott Pence
Division of Business Administration
The Elizabeth Unkefer Award
Trevor Armstrong
Brandon Taylor
Outstanding Business Student Award
Ryan Lederman
Special Awards & Honor Societies
Pi Sigma Alpha
Madison Hooper
Tyler Rhoads

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In order to maintain some consistency in the ASC, our weekend hours have changed. Our new weekend hours are: 12-4 SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS. Our staff is here for you – please take advantage of these hours!

ASC Team Bio Aaron Kinney

Hannah Peereboom, David Skvasik and Nate Wiznitzer from SOAR, enjoying a meal at the Jerusalem Grill with Jerry Hayes of the Counseling Center.

AARON KINNEY has a B.S. in Marketing from Virginia State University and is currently pursuing an MBA at Lake Erie College. His previous work experience includes retail and merchandise at Quicken Loans Arena, and marketing and sales with CSU’s athletic department. He participated in collegiate athletics as a former member of the Virginia State University baseball team and still enjoys being around the game of baseball in any way possible. He is a part of a loving family and the eldest of three children. Aaron is very happy to be a part of the Academic Support Center and Notre Dame family.

For Parents... Moving In: Tips for Parents of College Students with Learning Differences

If possible, make some additional visits to campus before moving. Walk around the campus, locate classroom buildings, the Academic Support Center, the cafeteria. This allows students to get acclimated without the stress of moving boxes and suitcases.

Schedule a virtual visit. For some families, visiting campus frequently is not possible. Enjoy a trip to Notre Dame from the comfort of your living room by accessing the website. Use the pictures to become familiar with the campus BEFORE moving day.

Walk around the campus and surrounding area (www.cityofsoutheuclid.com). Have notes about resources and emergency plans. Sometimes, the stretch between move-in day and Thanksgiving seems like an eternity. Select a date to visit your student and be sure to put it on the calendar (then and you!). This will help them to persevere, knowing that some down-time with family is in the offing.

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Sports Management/Coaching
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ASC LUNCH BUNCH! FALL 2015
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ASC STUDENTS AND THEIR INTERNSHIPS
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Important Dates to Remember...

Fall Semester Dates
 Begins: August 31
 Labor Day: September 7
 Fall Break: October 15-16
 Thanksgiving: November 25-27
 Ends: December 17

Transfer to Action
 Sept. 9, 16 & 23
October 21 & 28 and November 4

Parent Leadership Meeting
October 7

Casino Night
August 29

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Claudia Van Tyne
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To all of our new students and to our returning students, Welcome to Notre Dame College!

Summer 2015 at the Academic Support Center has been busy with 24 of our students taking summer classes.

Additionally, the ASC has held two sessions of the Summer Stockboard, one session of CEES, (College Experience and Survival Skills), and three ASC orientations! Over the summer, seven of our students have been working as interns at companies in the Cleveland area.

For our recent graduate, David Petrovic, and I presented on “The College Experience for an Individual on the Spectrum” at the Milestones Conference in June. Jessica Kaluga, Carla Raguz, and Katie Wetherbee also attended the conference, while Nick Fornica had a table at the conference representing Notre Dame College.

Once again, a “thank you” goes out to our generous parents and to the Smiley Family Foundation.

“...the most important thing in communication is hearing what isn’t said.” – Peter Drucker (Austrian-born American management consultant, educator, and author)

SUMMER 2015
From the Desk of Gretchen Walsh

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ASC Students and their Internships

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REGISTRATION FORM
By October 14, 2015

CREDENTIALS: 3 Contact Hours

Mail to: Lisa Kelly, Academic Support Center
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To: Lisa Kelly, Academic Support Center
From: Gretchen Walsh, Chairperson

LOCATION: Notre Dame College
DATE/TIME: Friday, October 16, 2015/8:30am-12:00pm

CREDITS: 3 Contact Hours

Program fee:
$30 ($40 for non-members)

Course name: Mindfulness-Based Interventions for Teachers who Work with Lutheran Church

ASC Workshops Fall 2015:
Adaptive Equipment 9/9/15
Math XL and TutorSafe 9/16/15
Education Workshops 9/9/15
Calculator Workshop 10/15
Internship Overview 10/2/15
Resume and Cover Letter 11/1/15
Final Exam Preparation 12/2/15

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Internship Location
Parker Hannifin
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Kelvin Smith Library/CWRU
Rosetta
Orange Sport Camp
Virgin (game company)
Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church

FALL 2015

Halloween Movie/pumpkin carving/painting/decorating 10/26/15
Winter Crafts 11/16/15
Game Night 12/2/15
St. Patrick’s Day theme event 3/21/16
Outdoor Event-Kickball, bocce, etc. 4/18/2016

ASC DEPARTMENT"