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Fall 2006

Academic Support Center

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From the Desk of Gretchen Walsh

Special Dates to remember

August 28
Fall 2006 Semester begins

September-November
TAS Group Meetings

September 13
ASC Advisory Board

September 19
ASC Pizza Social

September 20
Women's Leadership Forum:
Women in the Law

September 28
Kurzweil Workshop

October 3
College ADHD
Dr Manos Seminar

October 13
Rick Lavoie Workshop

October 24
ASC Oktoberfest

October 24
Open House

The Academic Support Center is off to a busy fall semester serving our Notre Dame College students. This semester we have added four new, highly qualified Instructional Advisors that will help you with study skills, math and English concepts. In this newsletter, we have included a short biography on Meriah and Judy, two of the new Instructional Advisors. With this news, comes a reminder to schedule your weekly tutoring appointments. Please remember that we are offering tutoring on Fridays and on Tuesday evenings. Come prepared and on time to your tutoring appointment!

Also, plan on joining us for a Support Group Meeting with pizza on Tuesday, September 19th at 5:00. This will be a casual, fun evening so come ready to relax and get to know a few new people on campus!

Another exciting feature of the ASC program for fall 2006 is the "Transfer to Action" Support Group meetings to be held on Wednesdays from 11:30 to 12:30. The ASC students will be divided into two groups that will meet twice a month. These dynamic small group sessions with Kristina Shiever of the Cleveland Clinic will provide you with a wonderful opportunity to learn goal setting techniques that will enable you to achieve what you want in life whether it is academic, social, or personal.

Also, please remember three big upcoming events: the Kurzweil Workshop on September 28th, the ADHD Seminar with Dr. Manos, and the Rick Lavoie Workshop on October 13th. Yes, it will be a busy semester, but it will definitely be a time of growth and excitement for all of us.

Remember the Academic Support Center is here to serve you. Let us hear from you. We welcome your comments and suggestions!

Transfer to Action Support Groups meeting Wednesdays 11:30 to 12:30. Mark your group dates in your master!

- Sept. 6 Group 1
Sept. 13 Group 2
Sept. 20 Group 1
Sept. 27 Group 2
Oct. 1 Group 1
Oct. 8 Group 2
Oct. 15 Group 1
Oct. 22 Group 2
Oct. 29 Group 1

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Thought of the Month

Minds are like parachutes----they only function when open.

Thomas Dewar



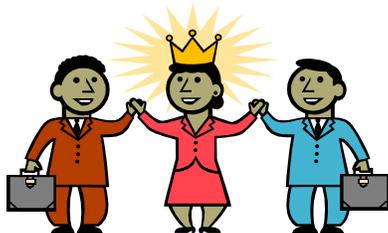
Welcome Meriah and Judy, New Instructional Advisors

Meriah's Profile

Meriah Duncan received a B.A. in English and Creative Writing at Ohio University, a B.S. in Education at Bowling Green State University, and a Master's in Education from Walden University. She began her teaching career in Rosenberg, Texas where she taught tenth grade English for three years before returning to Ohio to teach high school and junior high English. In addition to Mrs. Duncan's secondary classroom teaching experience, she has taught English Composition, Human Relations, and Principles of Success at Remington College and has written three curriculum books for teachers. She resides in South Euclid with her husband and three children.

Judy's Profile

Judy Curran graduated from Notre Dame College and majored in mathematics. There were only three girls in her math classes in those days. She went on to teach math for 34 years in several area high schools, the last 17 years at Shaker Heights High School. She also received her Master's Degree in 1991 from John Carroll University. Judy has always enjoyed teaching mathematics and now does SAT and home tutoring in the subject. She and her husband Dave have three children and 10 grandchildren. She enjoys playing tennis, golf and bridge as well as several volunteer projects. Judy says that it is a real pleasure to return to Notre Dame College and be a part of the Academic Support Center.



Recognition



From the desk of Mary Jo O'Neill

Take this simple test and see how you learn:

www.crc4mse.org

Knowing your learning style is a key factor to achieving success during your college and professional life. Kinesthetic learners, auditory learners, and/or visual learners absorb and process information in a variety of ways. More importantly, understanding how you learn will enable you to master the information. Log on and take the Index of Learning Styles *Self-Test*. Be honest and see how you learn best!



Enter the "Name our Newsletter" contest to win a gift certificate to TGIFriday's restaurant!

Submit your creative ideas to the ASC now through November 1st. A winner will be chosen and given certificate in time for the holidays!



Student Contribution

MY UNFORGETTABLE "AMERICAN IDOL" EXPERIENCE

By Katie Caporossi

July 19th, 2006 is a day I certainly will never forget. "American Idols Live! Tour 2006" came to Cleveland. I went to the concert with my friend, and we arrived at 10 a.m. We walked around the venue to show how dedicated we were. We held a sign saying we deserved a meet and greet pass for waiting 9 hours to meet the Idols. Finally at about 2 o'clock, we see the tour bus. The bus turns the corner and out pops Chris Daughtry's head. My friend and I start screaming and running after the bus. We reach the corner where the buses are parked and got an opportunity to see all the Idols arrive. Ace Young came up onto the grass area and started signing autographs. I am a huge Ace fan so I was way excited. I got a chance to talk to him, have him sign my CD cover, get a hug and a picture.

My friend and I thought how cool it would be to meet all the Idols, but we did not have a meet and greet pass. We found out where the Meet-and-Greet was being held and joined the other people hoping to get a pass. We held up our sign hoping someone would reward us for our dedication. A local DJ from Q104 noticed our sign and thought we deserved a chance to meet the Idols. The only problem was he only had one pass. Since he could tell that we couldn't make a decision, he gave up his own pass so we could both see the Idols. We were able to meet all the Idols, talk to them, and take pictures. They were all really nice and hoped we would enjoy the show later that evening. We then found out that the DJ who gave us the passes was Brian Conroy and that he mentioned us on the radio.

We went into the venue at 5:45, found our seats and waited for the show to start. The show started and each contestant was wonderful in their own unique way. As I watched the concert I could not believe I actually met the Idols earlier that day. One of the contestants said, "If you can dream it, you can achieve it" and we just did!