

**Southwestern
College**

HECSY Newsletter

March 2015

Join our Student Community Group!

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- ♦ Organize fun activities, academic, cultural, social and career-related!
- ♦ Share your ideas and suggestions to improve SWC's San Ysidro Center for all students!
- ♦ Develop Leadership & Organizational skills! Build your resume!



Dates: March 10, March 24, April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19

Time: 12:00pm—1:00pm

Location: HEC San Ysidro Conference Room 5100-A

For more information call Arlo Elizarraraz, ASO Senator: (619) 587-2583



EOPS Program

EOPS students should meet with counselors to complete or update their Student Education Plan (SEP) and Semester by Semester (SxS) form.

Counseling appointments are booked two weeks in advance, so don't wait until the last day to schedule yours. Please call HECSY Student Services (619) 216-6790 Ext. 4902.

Here is the EOPS appointment timeline:

1st Contact SEP/SxS

Update: January 5th to March 13th

2nd Contact Progress

Report: March 16th to May 15th (scheduled by May 12th)

3rd Contact Exit Session:

May 18th to May 29th

Important Dates

March 1—Last day to submit Graduation Petition for Spring 2015

March 23—2nd Short Session begins

March 30 –April 5
Spring Break

Test Taking Techniques Workshop

Date: Tuesday, March 10

Time: 3:00pm—4:00pm

Location: Room 5201

Presenter: Osvaldo Amezcua

To Sign-up, please call HECSY Student Services
(619) 216-6790 Ext. 4902/4903



REMEMBER!

Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour
before you go to bed on
Saturday, March 7, 2015

Daylight Savings Time starts on :

Sunday, March 8, 2015

10 Reasons to Earn a Bachelor's Degree.

By Osvaldo Amezcua, Counselor



Many Southwestern College students plan to transfer to a university to earn a bachelor's degree. Transferring requires that you complete all the general education and major prerequisite courses, as well as have the required grade point average and complete a minimum of 60 transferable units. Transferring to a university is a journey worthy of your time and labor, and it requires determination and focus. But the rewards that result from a bachelor's degree are well worth it. The following are 10 reasons to earn a bachelor's degree:

- 1. Increase your salary.** A person with a bachelor's degree tends to earn two to three times more than someone without a bachelor's degree.
- 2. You are more likely to get a job that you enjoy.** I once read, "If you love your job, you will never work a day in your life." A bachelor's degree gives you the ability to have a career that you enjoy.
- 3. Increase employment opportunities and promotion.** A bachelor's degree gives you a competitive edge and shows that you are competent and capable of completing large projects.
- 4. Further your study.** A bachelor's degree provides opportunity to earn higher degrees, such as master's and doctoral degrees.
- 5. Be a role model.** You will be a great example for your siblings, as well as your own children and community. You will influence their college success.
- 6. Develop your critical thinking skills.** A bachelor's degree will help develop your problem solving skills.
- 7. Personal Achievement.** Only about a quarter of the U.S. population have a bachelor's degree. Having this recognition will make you feel proud.
- 8. Increase self-confidence.** A bachelor's degree gives you more pride and self assurance that you will succeed in today's competitive world.
- 9. Buy the things you want.** Having an increased salary will allow you to purchase the things you want. For example, you will be able to buy that car you always wanted.
- 10. Live a better quality of life.** A bachelor's degree will open doors to new experiences such as traveling, meeting people from diverse backgrounds, more hobbies, and new pleasures. You will experience life, instead of watching it on television.

To further discuss your interest in transferring to a university, please make an appointment with a counselor.

The Associated Students Organization (ASO) invites you to our...



**Food and drinks
will be provided!**

Date: Thursday March 19 2015

Time: 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Room : 5103-5104

Financial Aid

The 2015-2016 FAFSA application is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Apply now to receive free grants from the Federal government to help pay your college expenses.

Apply for the Board of Governors Fee Waiver today. If you are eligible, your tuition will be paid for by the State of California. If you already paid your

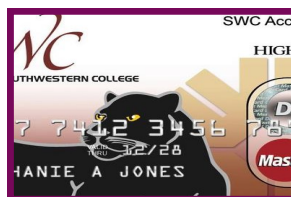
tuition fees, and you qualify for the fee waiver, you must go to the Student Services office to request a refund.

Direct deposit is now available for financial aid grants, scholarships and loans through Higher One. To get started, look for a bright green

envelope in the mail. You must register your card information online to set up your profile.

You may choose one of the three options: activate the card, request direct deposit to your personal checking account or continue to receive a check in the mail.

**Higher One ATM is available at the
HECSY Student Center!**



Spring Break

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Monday, March 30, 2015
through
Sunday, April 5, 2015

Cesar Chavez Day

Tuesday, April 1, 2013

**Classes will resume on
Monday, April 6, 2015.**

Assessment

ALL TEST SESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Tuesday, March 17 2:30pm

English, Reading and Math (Full battery)

Friday, March 13 12:30pm

Friday, March 27 12:30pm



Please call HECSY Student Services to schedule an appointment.
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