

**Southwestern
College**

HECSY Newsletter

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Now is the time to apply for a Scholarship!

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The online scholarship application period is January 28 through March 22, 2013.

There are MANY different Southwestern College scholarships:

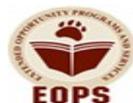
- ONLY ONE APPLICATION is needed to apply for ALL scholarships
- There are scholarships for a wide range of academic ability
- You do not have to be an "A" student to apply

Tips for your scholarship application

- When requesting a faculty member or anyone else to write a letter of recommendation/reference letter, provide them with a resume and/or list of accomplishments that they can use as a reference when writing the letter for you.
- After you write your essay, have 3 people (friends, classmates, family members) read through it and provide feed-

back. People who know you well may help you remember an accomplishment or piece of information that you overlooked, but may be important to include.

- Send a kind reminder about the approaching deadline to those you asked to write your letters of recommendation.
- Submit your application a few days early. To make sure that your application been received, check again before the deadline passes.



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 last day to schedule yours, please call HECSY Student Services (619) 216-6790 Ext. 4902.

The following is the EOPS appointment timeline:

- 1st Contact SEP/SxS Update:** January 14th to March 15th
- 2nd Contact Progress Report:** March 18th to May 10th (scheduled by May 3rd)
- 3rd Contact Exit Session:** May 13th to May 24th

Important Dates

- March 3**—Deadline to petition for Spring 2013 Graduation
- March 18**—2nd Short Session begins
- March 25-31**—Spring Break
- April 1**—Cesar Chavez Holiday



10 Reasons to Earn a Bachelor's

Many Southwestern College students have the goal of transferring to a university to earn a bachelor's degree. Transferring requires that all the general education and major prerequisite courses are completed, a minimum required grade point average, and completion of a minimum of 60 transferable units. Transferring to a university is a long and strenuous road that requires determination and focus. But, the rewards that result from a bachelor's degree are well worth the journey. The following are 10 reasons to earn a bachelor's degree.

Increase in salary. A person with a bachelor's degree tends to earn two to three times more than someone without a bachelor's degree.

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 will give you the ability to

work in a career that you enjoy.

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.

Further your study. Having a bachelor's degree provides the opportunity to earn higher degrees, such as master's and doctoral degrees.

Be a role model. You will be a great example for your siblings, as well as your own children. You will influence their college success.

Develop your critical thinking skills. This level of education will help you with an increased perception and develop your problem solving skills.

Personal Achievement. Having accomplished a bachelor's degree, which only about a



quarter of the U.S. population have, will make you feel good about yourself.

Increase self-confidence. A bachelor's degree will give you more pride and self-assurance that you will succeed in today's competitive world.

Buy the things you want. Having an increased salary will allow you to purchase, for example, the car you always wanted or the home of your dreams.

Live a better quality of life. A bachelor's degree will open you up 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.

Not Sure how to Transfer?

Steps to Transfer Workshop

Date: Wednesday, March 13

Time: 12:00pm—1:00pm

Location: Room 5206

Presenter: Osvaldo Amezcua

To Sign-in, please call HECSY Student Services
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REMEMBER!

Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday.

Daylight Savings Time starts on :

Sunday, March 10, 2003

Earn your Bachelor's of Arts in Child Development

THE TIME IS NOW!!!

Earn your bachelor's degree in a program tailored for you. Come and learn more about the exciting degree completion program.

Program benefits include:

- Flexible schedules to fit the needs of working adults
- Classes held locally within your community
- Cohort learning environment
- Financial Aid available
- Academic Advising

Information Session

Tuesday, April 2, 2013
5:00pm –7:00pm

Childcare Center Rm. 2001
900 Otay Lakes Rd
Chula Vista CA, 91910

(619) 421- 5700 Ext. 5878

RSVP to reserve your spot today!

For additional information , please contact Hebe Mares Maresh@csus.edu Phone: (916) 278-4863 Fax: (916)

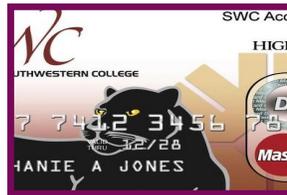
Financial Aid

The 2013-2014 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 stop by the Student Services office to request your 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 chose 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 now available
at the HECSY Student Center!**

Spring Break



HECSY would like to wish our students a safe Spring Break. Please note

that Southwestern College at Chula Vista and the three Higher Education Centers at San Ysidro, National City and Otay Mesa will be closed for these dates:

Spring Break

Monday, March 25, 2013
Through
Sunday, March 31, 2013

Cesar Chavez Day

Tuesday, April 1, 2013

**Classes will resume on
Tuesday, April 2, 2013.**

Child Development



**Support the Child
Development Club!**

Tostadas and Nacho Sale

When: Thursday, March 21
Where: HECSY Lobby
Time: 11:00am to 2:00pm

March Workshops

Computer Workshops

Cómo crear un documento en Microsoft Word 2010

Viernes 1ro de Marzo 11:00am—12:3pm Salon 5201

Cómo usar Blackboard

Viernes 15 de Marzo 4:30pm—5:30pm Salon 5201

Presented in Spanish by Arick Sandoval, Computer lab Assistant



Counseling

Test Taking Techniques

Monday, March 4 3:00pm—4:00pm Room 5106

Steps to Transfer

Wednesday, March 13 12:00pm—1:00pm Room 5206

Presented by Osvaldo Amezcua, Academic Counselor

Financial Aid

How to Fund your College Education

Thursday, March 7 10:00am—11:00am Room 5100-A

Tuesday, March 12 1:00pm—2:00pm Room 5100-A

Presented by Laura Arana, Financial Aid Technician



To sign-up, please stop by the Student Services office, room 5100, or call (619) 216-6790 ext. 4902/4903.

Assessment Schedule

ALL TEST SESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Friday, March 1 2:00pm

Friday, March 15 2:00pm



English, Reading and Math (Full battery)

Friday, March 8 1:00pm

Friday, March 22 1:00pm

Please call HECYS Student Services to schedule an appointment.

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