

August & September

2013



SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

HECSY Newsletter

Welcome



The staff at HECSY welcome you to an exciting Fall semester. To assist you in preparing for completion of Fall 2013 and transition to the Spring 2014 term, we would like to highlight the services provided at our Center to maximize your chances of success. Need help with the add/drop process? or need to pay for classes? Stop by the Student Services/Front Counter located on the first floor.

We can assist you with:

- ◆ Admissions & Records
- ◆ Cashier Services
- ◆ Parking Services
- ◆ Financial Aid
- ◆ EOPS
- ◆ Assessment

Please ensure that you clear past due library books, or other financial holds on your student account, in order to add/crash Fall semester classes. If in doubt, stop by our Student Services office at HECSY and let our staff check your account.

Meet with a Counselor Today!



HECSY Counselors

- ◆ Osvaldo Amezcua
- ◆ Leticia Aguirre

Counselors can help you develop a Student Education Plan (SEP). *Appointments available Monday through Saturday*

Disability Support Services

Patricia Flores Charter
Learning Disability Specialist

Friday
9:00am to 12:30pm

*To schedule an appointment
please call (619)216-9790
Ext. 4902, 4903*

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Important Dates for August

- **August 19** Fall instruction begins for full-term and first 8-week session
- **August 19-31** Add/Drop period/Class Change period
- **August 31** Last day to add classes.

Last day to withdraw from full-semester classes and qualify for a full refund on enrollment fees and non resident tuition.

Last day to get a refund in the Bookstore and Student Activities Stickers.

Financial Aid may be available for you!



Laura Arana,

FAFSA applications for the 2013/2014 school year are still available.

You **MUST** apply on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW) application can help you pay for tuition fees. To find out if you qualify, you **MUST** apply on-line at www.swccd.edu. If you have already paid for your classes and

you qualify for BOGFW, you may also qualify for a reimbursement. All students must reapply every academic year. If you need assistance applying, please stop by the Financial Aid office in Student Services.



Do you need money for books or supplies? Emergency loan applications for \$150 are available in the Financial Aid office. Please stop by for more information.

Financial Aid Hours

Walk-in Hours

**Monday—Tuesday
Thursday—Friday**

7:45am - 11:00am &
2:00pm - 3:30pm

Wednesday

9:30am - 11:30am &
3:00pm - 5:30pm

Please call for more information
(619) 216-6790 ext. 4902

Would you like to represent HECSY? Be our next ASO Senator!



speak on behalf of our Center.

The academic requirements to become the next Associated Student Organization (ASO) Senator are the following:

- * Must carry **nine (9) Units** & Must maintain a **2.0 cumulative GPA** throughout the term in office
- * Must be in a non-probationary status (academic or disciplinary) as determined by College policy
- * Has not served as an ASO Senator for more than two terms

Take advantage of this great opportunity!

If you meet the requirements and are interested in serving as the HECSY ASO Senator, Please contact Student Services at (619) 216-6790 Ext. 4901, 4902, 4903 or Center Supervisor, Heidi Newhouse via email at hnewhouse@swccd.edu.



Parking Services at HECSY!

Parking permits

- ♦ \$40 regular price
 - ♦ \$20 BOGW recipients
- Please note that there will be **NO REFUNDS** once you purchase your parking permit.

Student parking lot is located across the street from HECSY. It is important to have a valid and visible parking permit at all times.

Please note that parking spaces around the building are designated for faculty and staff only.

Parking meters, also known as visitors parking, are located in front of our building main entrance.

- ♦ \$1 for 45 minutes.



OFF Site Parking

Using parking spaces from businesses such as Yum, Yum Donuts, US Post Office, Union Bank or Lucky Store is **not permitted**. Your car will be towed and fines are approximately \$400.

Check List for College Success

by Osvaldo Amezcua, Counselor



The beginning of the semester means starting your courses on a positive note. Thus, you must be wondering if you are prepared. The following is a check list of tasks to help you succeed in college.

Assess your Math, English, and Reading skills. The assessment results will make you aware of your basic skills level. Start by taking basic skills courses, which are Math, English, and Reading. Developing these skills will make all other courses easier. For example, having good writing skills will allow you to focus on the content of a term paper rather than focusing of correct grammar. The result will be a better term paper.

Attend a new student orientation. The orientation will inform you regarding registering for courses, financial aid information, student services, academic policies, graduation/transfer requirements, and other helpful tips.

Have your textbooks on the first

day of class. You can buy or rent your textbooks at SWC book stores located at the Chula Vista campus, as well as the Higher Education Centers. EOPS students can borrow books by submitting a Textbook Lending application to the EOPS office. If you need money to buy books, you might qualify for an emergency loan via the Financial Aid department. Also, check book prices at other book resources, such as chegg.com and amazon.com.

Explore your career interests by taking a self-assessment, researching your career interests, and preparing/ planning for your career choice. Exploring your career interests gives an opportunity to find that career you are truly passionate about. Realizing your career will increase motivation and help you better prepare.

See a counselor. A counselor will help with career exploration, personal issues, and academic planning. Be

sure to ask for your personalized Student Educational Plan (SEP). The SEP lists all the courses required to achieve your academic goal.

Establish your goals. Writing out your goals and how you plan to achieve them will help you realize if the goals are realistic and achievable, as well as provide a date of completion. Furthermore, determining your goals will increase your motivation to succeed in college.

Apply for financial aid. If you qualify, financial aid will help pay for courses and other college expenses. Sources of financial aid are FAFSA, BOGW, Scholarships, and if necessary student loans.

Get tutoring. HECSY has free tutoring in Math, English, ESL, Computers, and Child Development (The Chula Vista campus has tutoring in other subjects). Tutors will help you master the material taught in your courses. See Student Resource Guide for locations.

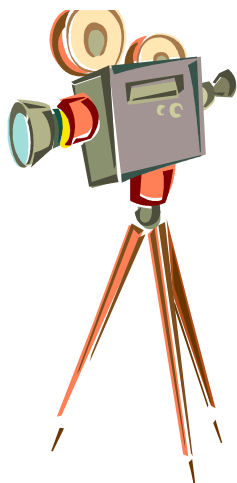
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Important events coming up in September

- **September 2** Holiday—Labor Day
- **September 6** Last day to file a petition for independent study. English, Reading, Math Assessment Test
- **September 8** Last day to withdraw from a class without receiving a “W” grade.
- **September 9** Steps to Transfer Workshop
- **September 13** Last day to file a petition for Pass/No Pass
- **September 20** English, Reading, Math Assessment Test
- **September 25** Career/Assessment Research Workshop
- **September 27** Last day to file a petition for credit by Challenge Examination. English as a Second Language Assessment Test

Picture ID

Get your SWC picture ID Card
Starting on September 3



Monday
8:00am to 4:30pm

Tuesday to Friday
8:00am to 6:45pm

Saturday
7:45am to 3:45pm

First time ID—FREE
Replacement - \$5

*Please stop by Student
Services for your picture ID*

ESL CLASSES ARE BACK!!

- * NEW practical classes
- * New schedule
- * MORE conversation
- * **NO TESTING NECESSARY**
- * LEARN to talk in everyday situations

HECSY will be closed on
Monday, September 2, 2013
Hours of operation will resume on
Tuesday, September 3, 2013



Need help with FAFSA?

Don't miss the opportunity and sign in for the following workshops.

How to complete an online FAFSA application

Tuesday, September 10	11:00am—12:00pm	Room 5201	(English)
Thursday, September 12	11:00am—12:00pm	Room 5201	(Spanish)

How to pay for college education

Friday, September 13	3:00pm—4:00pm	Room 5201	(English)
Wednesday, September 18	3:00pm—4:00pm	Room 5201	(Spanish)

To reserve your space, please call Student Services at (619) 216-6790 Ext. 4902, 4903.



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