

DSS NEWS 2014

"ACCESS TO SUCCESS"



Important Dates for Fall 2014

November 27-30:Thanksgiving Holiday

December 02:Open Registration

December 05:Deadline to turn in TARF

December 13 -19:Final Examination Week

December 19:Last day of classes-End of semester

January 21:Spring Instruction Begins

Important Information.....Enrollment Priority!

This could hold you up from registering. If you have more than 24 units, you must have an SEP or you will lose access to financial aid and priority registration.

All students are required to do an SEP (student educational plan). If you have not already done one, either here in DSS, Counseling, Veterans or EOPS office, schedule SEP appointment.

More SEP appointments have been added with Jason Constein and Natalie Walker, so don't hesitate to schedule one. Call or come by DSS!

DSS Test Proctoring Deadline for Final Exams!

If you want to utilize DSS Test Proctoring for any of your Fall 2014 final exams, submit your Test Accommodation Request Form(s) (TARF) to the DSS Test Proctoring Office, Room 420 A, before:

FRIDAY

December 05, 2014

NO Test Accommodation Request Forms will be accepted after the deadline date for Fall 2014 final exams.

DSS Mission Statement

Southwestern College's Disability Support Services provides an inclusive, fully accessible, and engaging educational environment that empowers student success through innovative accommodations, programs, services, training and partnership with students, educators, and the community.

Office Hours

Monday	8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

High Tech Center Hours

Monday	8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

****Monday & Wednesdays closed
from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00am***

Location

Disability Support Services
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Chula Vista, CA 91910
Voice (619) 482-6512
VP (619) 207-4480
E -mail us at: dss@swccd.edu

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Voice (619) 482-6512 or VP (619) 207-4480

DSS Celebrates Disability Awareness Month



The Annual Southwestern College Disability Awareness Celebration - 2014

The annual Disability Awareness Month Celebration was held this year on Tuesday, October 7. We usually hold the event at the end of the month but this year and last year we did not want to worry about the possibility of rain. So, last year we had a very sunny day but this year we had rain sprinkles in the morning. Thankfully it did not actually rain and the sun peeked out for a little while. It was also a very humid day. About 25 community agencies that provide disability related services attended. We also invited some different vendors to the event who sold food, records, clothing, art, and jewelry.

The SWC DSS Director, Dr. Malia Flood, opened up the event and then we were honored to have our Southwestern College President Superintendent, Dr. Melinda Nish, kick off the celebration! Dr. Nish was asked by a student to try using a wheelchair so

she could see how difficult it is to get around campus using one. Dr. Nish agreed and gave the Disability Awareness Celebration welcome while using a wheelchair. She spoke about how difficult it was for her to navigate campus from the wheelchair and she enunciated a commitment to making accessibility on campus a serious priority.

Our guest speaker and entertainer this year was Mr. Mark Goffeney. Mark is a native San Diegan who was born without arms in 1969. He is an accomplished musician who has produced his own music CD, entitled "Big Toe". The CD is a collection of Mark's greatest, original songs. His band "Big Toe" travels nationwide and internationally. Mark has also spoken to audiences all over America advocating for the rights of people with disabilities.

The 2nd Annual ACCESS AWARDS Breakfast at Southwestern College

Southwestern College hosted its Second Annual Access Awards Ceremony and Breakfast on Tuesday, October 7th in the Student Union East. The Director of SWC Disability Support Services, Dr. Malia Flood, was the host of this extraordinary event.

The ceremony also featured a very distinguished guest, Rusty Krumm. Mr. Krumm completed his B.A. in Business Administration from Husson University, in Bangor, Maine and graduated with a M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling from San Diego State University. He worked 4 years with the San Diego Housing Commission developing career assessments for housing residents and has worked with the San Diego Community College District as a Vocational Specialist ever since. Mr. Krumm also worked at Access to Independence, a State independent living agency specializing in disability issues. Mr. Krumm has experience as a presenter at San Diego State



University, San Diego Community College District and the state conference for California Association for Postsecondary Education and Disabilities. In addition, Mr. Krumm served as member on the City Heights Town Council and was a committee member on the Disability Day Committee and San Diego Justice Center Steering Committee. Rusty also brings over 40 years of personal experience as an individual with a disability who has successfully transitioned from Social Security Disability benefits to self-sufficiency, adding to practical work experience as a career counselor in the field of disability.

The Second Annual Access Awards Ceremony recognized two outstanding individuals and an invaluable community partner who have all positively impacted the lives of individuals with disabilities and have done so with distinction, pride and determination.

**The Community ACCESS Award:
SAN DIEGO AIR COOLED, CAR CLUB**



San Diego
Air Cooled
originated
in Tijuana
Baja
California

in late 2002. It was in late 2005 when members made the move across the border into San Diego and brought the passion for Air-Cooled Volkswagens with them. San Diego Air Cooled works with their counterparts in Tijuana to support charity shows.

For the past 2 years San Diego Air Cooled and ABLE Club have partnered to present the Air Cooled Fiesta Volkswagen car show at Southwestern College. The Air Cooled Fiesta is a family oriented fundraising event that promotes disability awareness and a love for VW bugs. The event has been a tremendous success raising funds to benefit ABLE Club scholarships, supplies and adaptive equipment for students with disabilities.

San Diego Air Cooled was nominated by students and it is with great pleasure for SWC to present the Community ACCESS Award to San Diego Air Cooled.

Diane Branman Faculty/Staff Award:

TONY McGee, SWC LIBRARIAN



Tony McGee is a full time faculty member in the Learning Resource Center and member of the ADA/Universal Design in Education committee for several years.

In his role as a campus librarian, Tony championed for the inclusion of accessible computer stations in the library. He also advocated for licensing updates in order to keep this accessible technology current

and relevant. As an ADA/UDE Committee member, Tony has been part of the team that promoted the need for restroom accessibility, an accessible campus van and has been instrumental in putting

together captioning guidelines and resources for faculty. Tony has greatly contributed to making SWC a user-friendly accessible campus for students with disabilities.

It is a great honor to present Tony McGee with the Diane Branman Faculty/Staff ACCESS Award.

Student ACCESS Award:

KARINA MENDOZA, SWC STUDENT



Karina Mendoza is majoring in communication and would like to transfer to SDSU to pursue a degree in Communication with an emphasis in American Sign Language Interpreting. Her goal is to have a career working with individuals with disabilities.

Karina served as ABLE Club president 2013–14. During this time Karina noticed students using wheelchairs having difficulty with restroom access on campus. Karina took the initiative to advocate for these students and spoke about

restroom access at a Governing Board meeting. After the meeting college leadership made a pledge to correct access issues with campus restrooms. Karina participated in a “restroom walk-through” with college leadership and pointed out the difficulties students are experiencing with access. Because of Karina’s advocacy, the District added push button automatic doors to several campus restrooms. Recently, Karina worked with Facilities to identify accessibility issues with restroom soap dispensers that will be fixed soon.

Karina’s dedication and advocacy has resulted in a more accessible campus for students with disabilities. We are proud to award this year’s Student ACCESS Award to Karina Mendoza.

Thank you to our all the volunteers and all who attended!



ATTENTION DSS STUDENTS! **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

Academic Accommodations Request Form:

As soon as you register for Spring 2014 classes please complete an Academic Accommodation Request Form in the DSS Office or at the Higher Education Centers, Student Services Counter.

Test Accommodation Request Form (TARF):

If your accommodations include Test Proctoring you must plan ahead for each test. Complete the TARF and submit it to Test Proctoring in Room 420A, or at the Higher Education Centers, Student Services Counter at least four (4) school days prior to each test. You can obtain the TARF at DSS or at the Higher Education Centers, Student Services Counter.

Learning Ally Process:

If you would like to be able to listen to your text books on your phone or computer, schedule a ½ hour appointment with your DSS Specialist in order to sign up for Learning Ally.

Sign Language Interpreting (ASL) and Real Time Captioning (RTC) Services

To request ASL or RTC services, students must plan their classes with a DSS Counselor and complete the service policy and contract at least 4 weeks prior to the beginning of the semester.

Department of Rehabilitation

The Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) assists Californian's with disabilities in job preparation and placement. DOR services can also include financial assistance with school tuition, fees, books and transportation. Apply for DOR services and attend an orientation meeting. If you qualify for services DOR will assign you a counselor who will write your job preparation plan and assist you each semester with your school costs.

For more information contact DSS or the local Department of Rehabilitation Office at:

678 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista
Voice: 619 426 3671
TTY: 426-8781

If you have any questions visit DSS in Room S108 or call us at (619) 482-6512 for voice or (619) 482-6470 for TTY and we will be happy to assist you.

A.B.L.E. Club

Abilities Beyond Limitation through Education

- Help raise funds for the club
- Develop Leadership Skills
- Discover the fun and rewarding school activities
- Make new friends
- Participate on trips and local outings
- Network with other students and community members
- Have a Great Time!

Meetings are in room 435 every Tuesday at 11am
For more information you can contact DSS