Supplemental Instruction Kicks Off for the Spring

Forrest County Campus

The PRCC Student Success Center continues to support Supplemental Instruction (SI) which is an academic support model that uses peer-assisted study sessions to improve student retention and success within targeted historically difficult courses. The SI program provides peer support by having students who succeeded in traditionally difficult academic courses help other students complete identified courses. Although the FCC SSC is only offering Supplemental Instruction in General Biology I and General Psychology this spring, we provide peer-peer tutoring assistance in other subject areas such as Anatomy & Physiology, Intermediate and College Algebra, Chemistry and English Composition.

Emily McIntyre  Psychology SI sessions held in the Student Success Center Quiet Zone
Mondays  8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Thursdays  10:50 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Biology SI Sessions  Laken Arrington
Held in the SSC Quiet Zone Tuesdays  12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Held in Building 1, Room 108 Thursdays  9:25 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

Poplarville Campus

Supplemental Instruction (SI) has also gotten off to a good start this semester. We are continuing to pilot General Biology, World Civilization II, and General Psychology. We are also working with English Composition I this semester. If you need help in these classes, take advantage of the SI sessions offered throughout the week.

Biology: Tuesday 12:00 p.m., Wednesday 12:00 p.m., Thursday 1:30 p.m.
History: Wednesday 2:00 p.m., Thursday 11:30 a.m., Friday 12:30 p.m.
Psychology: Tuesday 11:00 a.m., Wednesday 12:00 p.m., Thursday 2:00 p.m.

All of our SI Leaders from last semester have returned to teach again with us, John-Taylor Corley, D’Shannel Fowler and Reese Gill.
Title III Staff

- Dr. Amy Townsend, Director
- Dr. Leslie Butler, Learning Specialist
- Tim Dedeaux, Information Systems Developer/Data Analyst
- Rhonda Ladner, Tech Support
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Food for Thought

“Our academic system rewards people who know a lot of stuff and, generally, we call those people ‘smart.’ But at the end of the day, who do you want: The person who can figure stuff out that they’ve never seen before, or the person who can rabble off a bunch of facts?”

–Neil deGrasse Tyson

SI Success in the Fall Semester

This fall, the SSC provided SI in Psychology, Biology, and World Civilizations for the first time, on both the Poplarville and Forrest County Campuses. A total of 416 students were in class sections supported by SI. Of these, 86 students, over one in five, participated in SI sessions, which were optional and were held outside of class time. Satisfaction with SI was high, with every section scoring at least 70%, and achievement was also high.

In five out of six sections, students who attended SI succeeded at a higher rate than students in the same course who did not attend SI. Also in five out of six sections, students who attended SI succeeded at a higher rate than students in classes that did not offer SI. For example, in Poplarville, in World Civilizations I, students who attended SI sessions passed at over twice the rate of students in courses that did not offer SI (66.7% versus 30.2%).

Christmas Service Projects at the SSC

The Forrest County Student Success Center sponsored a toy and book drive this year. Items collected were donated to the Mississippi Children’s Home Services CARES Center of Hattiesburg.

The Care School of Hattiesburg is a campus based residential care facility of The Mississippi Children’s Home Services that furnishes programs that provide children the counseling, education, nutrition and support they require for children who have experienced emotional or physical abuse or both.

The Poplarville Student Success Center co-sponsored a toy drive with Seal Hall, the Development Foundation, the Business Department in White Hall, the Wellness Center and the Math Lab.

Together the departments collected over 250 toys to benefit Brother’s Keeper Ministries in Poplarville. Brother’s Keeper is a non-profit multi-denominational Christian organization dedicated to meeting the needs of those in all of Pearl River County by networking with local churches, government agencies and other volunteer groups to provide food, counseling, spiritual guidance and mentoring.