Best Advisement Practice of the Month

This month’s best advisement practice is…

An advisor should monitor student progress, and contact them if they see certain ‘at risk’ issues surfacing (such as not attending class or poor mid-term grades).

Student Success Center Services

- Computer Resource Lab & Quiet Zone for individual and small group study-
ing
- Online tools for Career Exploration and Improving Study Skills
- Supplemental Instruction in English & Math

Check the Title III Website for additional resources
http://ssc.prcc.edu/title3

Drs. Butler & Purvis Present at NACADA Region 4 Conference

On March 3-5th, Drs. Butler and Purvis attended the NACADA Region 4 Conference in Biloxi, MS. They delivered a presentation titled “Navigating to Success: Peer Mentors and Student Success.”

The presentation highlighted the goals of the peer mentoring program, showed participants a glimpse of peer mentors and how they impact students, and provided a CD of handouts that the participants can use at their home institutions. Drs. Butler and Purvis also discussed the challenges and surprises they’ve experienced starting a peer mentoring program and how these differ on the separate campuses.

One of the findings presented is the persistence rates of students who have attended classes with peer mentors. Since the fall of 2010, 467 students have enrolled in LLS classes. Of those students, 80% of students passed the LLS courses with a grade of C or better. Fall-spring persistence rate is 77% with Fall-Fall persistence rate at 57% (compared to a baseline of 47%).

Check Your Mid-Term Grades

If you haven’t done so already, be sure to check your mid-term grades on GradesFirst while there is still time to improve them. To do so follow these instructions:

- Log in to your RiverGuide account
- In the middle of the screen, you should see a box labeled ‘Wildcat Web’. Click it and click the folder labeled ‘Banner Self-Service’.
- Click on the second of the three folders labeled ‘Students & Financial Aid’.
- Click on the second of the three newly appeared folders labeled ‘Student Records’.
- Here, the second page link says ‘Mid-term Grades’. Click on it.
- Select your term from the drop down list and submit.

Reminder!

Summer & Fall Early Registration Going on NOW
Finishing the Semester Strong

The end of the semester is coming. Final projects and term papers will soon be due, and exams are just around the corner. So we’ve put together a few ideas to help you finish the semester strong:

- Get plenty of sleep. You’ll be smarter if you’re well-rested.
- Make an exam schedule, so you know ahead of time when each test falls.
- Plan out the rest of the semester:
  - schedule when you’re going to work on each remaining assignment
  - schedule when you’re going to study for each exam.
- Talk with an advisor, counselor, or instructor to make your schedule for the fall.
- Pre-register.
- Take advantage of the resources we have here at the Student Success Center.
  - Peer Mentors
  - Quiet Study Areas
  - Computer lab

Food for Thought

“The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will”

Vince Lombardi

New Courses Added to Supplemental Instruction for Fall 2013

The Student Success Centers in Poplarville and Forrest County are supporting three new courses with Supplemental Instruction beginning Fall 2013. Western Civilization I (HIS1163), General Psychology (PSY1515), and General Biology I (BIO1133) will all have SI Leaders on each campus. The Poplarville campus will continue to have SI support in Intermediate English (ENG0123) in the fall. Both campuses will offer tutoring in all algebra courses as well as provide writing assistance by appointment or walk-in. Keep an eye out for notifications about which sections will be supported with SI as well as when the tutoring hours will be.

“It seems the harder I work, the more luck I have.”

- Thomas Jefferson

Work hard so you can finish this semester feeling lucky.