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Group of Advisors & Faculty Attend NACADA

A group of seven attended the National Academic Advising Association in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 5-9, 2013. The conference provided sessions to include such topics as advising community college students, at risk students, transfer students, and veterans, as well as sessions related to advising theories and management of advising centers. This group is working to create an informative professional development session for the spring semester where information gleaned from the conference will be presented. Attendees: Dr. Barbara Gandy, Latessa Allen, Angelia Ryals, Casey Rawls, Sharon Clark, Jana Causey, and Dr. Amy Townsend.

Best Advisement Practice of the Month

This month’s best advisement practice is...

An advisor should know the policies and procedures of the college.
(HVCC, 2008)

Student Success Center Services

Computer Resource Lab & Quiet Zone for individual and small group studying
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

SI Positives!

♦ Students who have attended SI sessions for World Civilization in Poplarville have earned a significantly higher course GPA (2.13) than those who have not attended any sessions (1.53). For students at the Forrest County Center who attended 1-4 World Civilization SI sessions, their GPA was 3.5 compared to non-attendees at 2.31.
♦ Students who have attend SI Psychology sessions in Poplarville have earned higher grade averages (1-4 sessions – 90.25; 5-9 sessions – 82.00) compared to those who have not (70.88). For those who attended SI Psychology session at the Forrest County Center, they earned a GPA of 3.5 compared to those who did not attend – 1.19.

(Left and right) Students participate in one of SI Leader John-Taylor Corley’s SI sessions. His sessions are well attended boasting upwards of 14 students in his largest session.
**Title III Staff**

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

"Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."

– Aristotle

**Important Dates**

- November 1: Spring Registration Begins
- Nov. 25–Nov. 29: Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 5–Dec. 6: Last Day of Classes
- Dec. 10–Dec. 13: Final Exams
- December 16: Final Grades Due

**Peer Mentor Spotlight**

**Name:** Reneatha Newell, Peer Mentor FCC
**Major:** Social Work
**Hometown:** San Bernardino California
**Hobbies:** Hair, Socializing with others, Watching Movies, Singing, Dancing, and Directing the Youth Choir
**Favorite Movie:** “The Little Engine That Could”… I think I can, I think I can is my personal philosophy.
**Advice for Student Success:** I advise the students to be prompt, be prepared, stay focused, and aim high!

**Name:** John-Taylor Corley, SI Leader, Poplarville
**Major:** Landscape Architect
**Hometown:** Poplarville
**Hobbies:** Tennis
**Favorite Movie:** The Lone Ranger
**Advice for Students:** “Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” - Winston Churchill
My advice for success is to keep trying. Find your weakness and make that your strong point.