

DSS NEWS Fall

"ACCESS TO SUCCESS"



Important Dates

December 19-January 03:Winter Break – College Closed

January 04-28:Winter Session

January 18:Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 01:Spring Instruction Begins

February 12-15:Holiday – President's Weekend

Student Educational Plan Appointments Available!

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 or in Counseling, Veterans or EOPS office, schedule SEP appointment right away.

More SEP appointments have been added, so don't hesitate to schedule one. Call or come by DSS!

DSS Welcomes our Newest Employees!

DSS would like to welcome our newest faculty, staff & student peer advisor.

Faculty Adjunct:

Christina Key, PD Instructor

Krystle Taylor, DSS Counselor

Brandi Behringer, PD Instructor/ DSS Counselor

Cristina Garibay, PD Instructor/ HTC Specialist

Staff:

Hong Ho, Instructional High Tech Center Technician

Jose Sandoval, PD Instructional Assistant

Student Worker:

Noemi Riveron, Peer Advisor

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
10:00 a.m. - 11:00am**

Location

Disability Support Services

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The Annual Southwestern College Disability Awareness Celebration - 2015

The annual Disability Awareness Month Celebration was held this year on Thursday, October 15.

The SWC DSS Director, Dr. Malia Flood, opened up the event. Dr. Angelica Suarez, Vice President of Student Affairs, kicked off the celebration. Dr. Suarez was asked by a student to try using a wheelchair so she could see how difficult it is to get around campus for manual wheelchair users. Dr. Suarez agreed and gave the Disability Awareness Celebration welcome while using a wheelchair. She and Andrew Rempt made an effort to visit various locations on campus under their own arm power. Dr. Suarez spoke about how challenging and

exhausting it was to navigate campus from the wheelchair. She will certainly continue her efforts in transforming campus accessibility.

Once again, our guest speaker and entertainer this year was Mr. Mark Goffeney. Mark is a native San Diegan who was born without arms. 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 3rd Annual ACCESS AWARDS Breakfast at Southwestern College

The Third annual Southwestern College Access Awards Breakfast and Scholarship Fundraiser was held on Thursday, October 15, 2015.



This year the keynote speaker was Mr. Mark Goffeney, of the "Big Toe Band". Mark is a Native San Diegan born in 1969 without arms. His talent and ambition have helped him to achieve ongoing success as a performer, speaker and television personality. Mark has been recognized for his work internationally and was nominated for an Emmy award in 1998 for his principal role in the Fox Network commercial, "Feet". His keynote was highly entertaining. With his sweet sense of humor he detailed some of the real challenges of growing up with a disability. He contrasted the remarkable changes that have evolved in cultural perceptions towards disability but also offered substantive evidence that our work in setting positive examples, fighting for greater understanding, equality, and acceptance has not ended.

This year's Access Awards Recipients:



Community ACCESS Award: Angela Van Ostran, Disability Rights of California. Angela Van Ostran is an SWC Alumni. While at SWC, Angela was named America's Best Student Newspaper Columnist for her time as an editor at the Southwestern

College Sun newspaper. Angela was also a recipient of the Student of Distinction Award. She transferred to San Diego State University where she was an advocate for accessibility and universal design. Today, Angela serves as a leader on the Board of Directors of Disability Rights California and is an outspoken advocate for individuals with disabilities. She also does workshops for regional news media organizations about the treatment of individuals with disabilities and deaf citizens in the news.

Diane Branman ACCESS Award: Dr. Chris Hayashi, SWC Professor of Psychology.

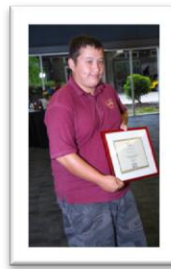


Professor Chris Hayashi is a full time faculty member in the School of Social Sciences, Business & Humanities. He previously served as the advisor for the Student Veterans Organization (SVO).

Professor Hayashi has gone above and beyond to encourage the

accessibility, growth, and potential of all students, especially students with disabilities. He has shown support of students in a variety of situations and considers the student's needs above all else.

Professor Hayashi's proactive approach provides students with every opportunity to achieve their potential.



Student ACCESS Award:

Chad Kleyman, SWC Student
Chad is a current member of the ABLÉ Club and previously served as the ABLÉ Club president. During this time, Chad initiated several activities designed to increase the number of students involved in the

ABLE Club and to increase the club's visibility on campus. Chad devoted his time to work with architects on the SWC Accessibility Improvement Project. He was instrumental in providing recommendations to make SWC restrooms, water fountains, and other areas on campus more accessible to individuals with disabilities.

WorkAbility III:



WA III has had several successes during the semester that they would like to share with you.

1. One of our students whose goal was to be a general office clerk began an internship this past August as a personal assistant to the director of a non-profit here in Chula Vista. He reached out to WAIII in late November stating that he absolutely loves his position and has just been told that out of the staff of 10, he is the only one who is being offered a continuing position into next Spring!
 2. A student originally referred to WAIII during the fall semester of 2014, began her job search during this past September. Never having worked in competitive employment, she found a part time seasonal job during November 2015 and is working at Williams Sonoma, wrapping holiday presents for customers. At 35, this student is experiencing employment for the first time in her life and is excited about receiving her first paycheck.
 3. A student in search of a total career change from pipe fitting and ship work landed a permanent part-time position working for the City of Chula Vista in the Accounting Department. He had enrolled at Southwestern College and enrolled in accounting coursework for about one year before being offered a position. He loves the work, loves the paycheck and is ecstatic about the outcome he has achieved! He has been closed with the Department of Rehabilitation as a successfully closed case.
- During the past year, a total of 6 students have achieved full time employment, 10 students have received part-time employment and 3 students have found volunteering positions in order to build their resumes and hone their skills as they continue working on their educational goals.
 - Touching 19 students' lives during the first full year in existence and producing such successful outcomes is a testament to how a need has been met in our Southwestern community.

ATTENTION DSS STUDENTS! **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

Academic Accommodations Request Form:

As soon as you register for Spring 2016 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.

DSS Tutoring

You can request DSS tutoring for your classes at the Academic Success Center (ASC) Room. You need to identify yourself as a DSS student at the ASC front counter.

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 every Tuesday at 12pm-1pm
For more information & location you can contact DSS