

DSS NEWS

Spring 2013



Important Dates for Spring 2013

May 5:	Air Cooled Fiesta 2013
May 7:	DSS 8 th Annual Graduation Reception!
May 18-24:	FINAL Exam Week Classes end May 24
May 27:	Memorial Day
May 29:	Commencement
June 24:	Fall 2013 Priority Registration Begins

A.B.L.E. Club Hosts First Car Show



A.B.L.E. Club

Abilities Beyond Limitation through Education

- Have a Great Time!
- Develop Leadership Skills.
- Discover the fun and rewarding school activities available to you.
- Make new friends.
- Participate on trips and local outings.
- Network with other students and community members

DSS Mission Statement

To develop an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable educational environment at Southwestern College that promotes student success through innovative accommodations, programs, training and partnerships with students, educators, and the community.

Office Hours

Monday	7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	7:45 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Thursday	7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Closed on Fridays during summer session.

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To request this material in alternate format please call:
voice (619) 482-6512 or TTY VP (619) 207-4480

DSS Test Proctoring Deadline for Final Exams!

If you want to utilize DSS Test Proctoring for any of your Spring 2012 final exams, submit your Test Accommodation Request Form(s) (TARF) to the DSS Test Proctoring Office, Room 420 A, before:

FRIDAY

May 10, 2013

NO Test Accommodation Request Forms will be accepted after the deadline date for Spring 2013 final exams.

New Course Repetition and Withdrawal Policy

If a student receives any combination of 3 substandard grades (D, F, or NP) or “W”, he/she will not be allowed to have a 4th attempt in the same class. If the student can demonstrate extenuating circumstances requiring one additional repetition, the student may petition and attach supporting documentation. If you begin to have difficulty in any of your classes, please immediately schedule an appointment with your DSS Specialist.

Success Tips for DSS Services

1. Keep all your appointments at DSS.
2. Get an up to date Student Education Plan (SEP) and follow the SEP so you only take the courses you need.
3. Submit your DSS Accommodations requests for counselor approval early.
4. To request DSS Accommodations email your name, student ID# to dss@swccd.edu or visit the DSS office and turn in a request form. You may also request accommodations at the Higher Education Centers, Student Services Counter.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Priority Registration Is Coming For Fall 2013

FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

1. Make an appointment to plan classes for Fall 2013
2. Priority Registration dates:
Fall 2013: June 24
3. You will receive your Priority Registration date by e-mail from the SWC Admissions office. Let us know if you do not receive an appointment!
4. If there is an error in your date, call 482-6512.

ATTENTION DSS STUDENTS! IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Academic Accommodations Request Form:

As soon as you register for Summer 2013 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 (audio books):

If you use Learning Ally, you must begin this process early!

1. As soon as you register for classes, make a ½ hour appointment with your DSS Specialist.
2. **BEFORE** your DSS appointment, determine what books will be needed for each of your classes by going to the SWC Bookstore Website. Carefully write down the books you will need with authors and editions included.
3. Bring the list of books you will need to your DSS appointment.

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.

Free cell phone and service for those on SSI

California residents who receive Supplemental Security Income, food stamps, Medi-Cal and other public assistance or who earn less than \$15,000 per year can receive free cellphones and service.

A federal program designed to help homeless and other needy people connect with family and friends, housing programs and potential employers kicked off Monday across the state.

Read more here:

<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/03/06/5239515/free-cellphones-for-californians.html#storylink=cpy>

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DSS Student Learning Outcomes

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO's) are statements that clearly identify what DSS wants our students to be able to do or be able to demonstrate upon completion of a course, an appointment or service.

- 1). Students talk to his/her professor and use academic accommodations and services in their classes.
- 2). Students develop and use skills to solve problems.

If you have any questions regarding any SLO or Academic Program review please don't hesitate to make an appointment to meet one of our specialists here in DSS.

❖ Congratulations to Steven-Andrew Uhl. He won the 2 movie tickets in the drawing for completing and submitting the fall 2012 SLO Survey.

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.

IMPORTANT Financial Aid News!!

- There are many new changes to financial aid for the 2013-14 year. These changes affect Pell Grants, loans, Ability-to-Benefit, BOG Fee Waivers, AB 131 (California Dream Act), course repeats and more. Please click here for more information.
- Fill out your 2013-2014 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) now! This is the first step to receiving financial aid, so please apply online [here](#).
- BOGG fee waiver applications for 2013-2014 are available. Click [here](#) to apply.
- Financial aid applications are not reviewed until they are complete and all requested forms and documents have been submitted to the office. Due to the high volume of financial aid applications submitted this year, please allow adequate time for processing. You will be notified via email for all document requests and award notifications.
- All award notifications and financial aid communication are being sent via email. Please double check to be sure that your correct email address is on file to ensure that you do not miss any important information. Click [here](#) to log into your WebAdvisor account.

Attention Southwestern College students

The state of California has mandated a new enrollment priority registration system which will be effective Fall 2014. Students who have completed 100 degree applicable units (excluding non-degree or basic skills classes) OR who are on academic/progress probation because they have less than a 2.0 overall grade point average or excessive withdrawals for two consecutive semesters will no longer be eligible for priority registration.

Here is important information you need to know:

- If you have already completed at least 60 or more degree applicable units, schedule a ½ hour appointment with a DSS Counselor to review your progress and class schedule..
- If you are on academic probation or progress probation, schedule a ½ hour appointment with your DSS Specialist to discuss your progress and to find out more about the new enrollment priority requirement.

You may schedule a counseling appointment at one of the following locations, the Counseling Center in Chula Vista or the Higher Education Centers at San Ysidro, Otay Mesa or National City.