

College of Central Florida

Student Support Services

Spring 2017

HIGHLIGHTING OUR SSS STUDENTS



Barbara Poe came to College of Central Florida in 2012 as a non-traditional student. She entered SSS because she was on academic probation. Barbara has been persistent since 2012 and has taken two classes a semester on a continuous basis with no breaks. She received her A.A. degree in December 2016, and will transfer to St. Leo University or the University of Central Florida for a bachelor's in Criminal Justice. Barbara is a first-generation student with three adult children and four grandchildren; she has been married to a supportive husband for 18 years. She comes from Crystal River, graduated high school in 1986, and has always wanted a college degree. Her SSS career goals is to become a probation officer. SSS is proud to be a part of Barbara's educational journey.

Alain Saint Clair came to CF through the Project EAGLE summer bridge program in 2014. Alain is currently working on prerequisites for Pharmacy to transfer to the University of Florida. Alain has been a participant of the SSS program, and has been employed with the program as a tutor for a year. Alain says he likes how SSS takes time and individualize services for students. He said CF's smaller class sizes have been good for him and he has saved money. He has participated in clubs on campus such as the International Club, Pre-med Club, Educational Opportunity Center Club, and Future Health Professionals. Alain keeps busy and still maintains over a 3.0 GPA. SSS is proud of Alain and is glad that he has started his educational journey with us and remained a part of the SSS family.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SSS Transfer Workshop - **March 2**

UCF Campus Tour - **March 9**

Project EAGLE - **June 5-29**

Summer Registration

40+ credits - **March 20**

20+ credits - **March 27**

10+ credits - **April 3**

If you have not completed your FAFSA, please contact Willie Morris at 352-854-2322, ext. 1677, or Julio Serna at 352-854-2322, ext. 1258.

PROJECT EAGLE JUNE 5-29

We are gearing up for our summer bridge program, Project EAGLE, Early Achievement of Goals and Learning Enhancement.

This free three-week program will:

- * Prepare students to take college-level math and English classes.
- * Help students select a college major through career assessment.
- * Familiarize students with the CF Ocala Campus.
- * Teach students study and time-management skills.
- * Guide students through completing financial aid forms and help them discover scholarship resources.
- * Help students register for fall semester.
- * Offer students an opportunity to retake the PERT.

Eligible students must be a first-generation college student, from a low-income family, or have a physical or learning disability. Students must also be seeking an associate degree at CF.

Participants will be required to:

- * Have a standard high school diploma or GED.
- * Attend **all** classroom and lab instruction sessions in the students deficient academic area(s).
- * Apply for and participate in the Student Support Services program.

For questions or more information, contact CF's Student Support Services office at 352-854-2322, ext. 1761 or 1243. More information is available online at: www.cf.edu/sss.



FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID, OR FAFSA, IS CHANGING IN TWO WAYS:

The FAFSA is available three months earlier than previously – Oct. 1, 2016. The income used on the FAFSA will be from two years prior to the application year (referred to as “Prior-Prior Year”). This means students will use their 2015 tax return to apply for 2017-2018 aid.

This important change streamlines the college application process for students. Now they will be able to apply for aid at the same time many are applying for college.

If you have questions, visit CF.edu/FinancialAid.



SSS 2016 Graduates

We would like to congratulate our 2016 summer and fall graduates! Great job, everyone!

Beth Acevedo

Raymeka Adams

Mohamad Aysheh

Parker Berger

Andrew Denn

Jacqueline Edwards

Korine Eugene

Derek Fernandez

Reina Fernandez

Rene Cruz Funes

Ebony Hampton

Mirzhan Haroon

Mariah Hilliard

Jamari Hilliard

Shanikwa Jamez

Claudine Jean

Abraham Juste

Terri King

Karina Lamb

Ruth Latimer

Xiaoming Lu

Hansel Maxey

Trina McCants

Peter Alexander Millet

Bruce Parker

Natalie Perez

Stephanie Plazas

Barbara Poe

Emily Puzar

Ashleigh Sampat

Darla Sheffield

Khevendra Singh

MyCalah Stuckey

Nathan Treherne

Roberto Valdes

Holly Watson

SHEN YUN CULTURAL TRIP

On Jan. 25, seven SSS students had the opportunity to travel to the University of Florida for a campus tour and viewing of the Shen Yun cultural performance about the ancient traditions and histories of China. Student Support Services program offers cultural trip opportunities for our SSS participants. For more information about upcoming cultural trips, please contact the Student Support Services office at 352-854-2322, ext. 1761.



FAMU/FSU COLLEGE TOUR

In November 2016, Willie Morris escorted five SSS students to the Florida A&M University and Florida State University campuses for a tour. Tours were conducted by former CF students presently attending FSU and FAMU. Throughout the year, the Student Support Services program offers several state university campus tour opportunities for our SSS participants. During these campus tours, students meet with university advisors and acquire information on various programs of study. For more information about upcoming campus tours, see Willie Morris in the Student Support Services office, Building 2, Room 205, or call 352-854-2322, ext. 1677.



FINANCIAL LITERACY INFORMATION

Continuing your education is often the first step toward achieving your career and personal goals, but it can be expensive and full of challenges. When you know how to manage your money, you will be better prepared to successfully meet your goals and have enough money to make them a reality. Please visit: Navigating your Financial Future on your portal under the Financial Aid tab.



SPRING 2017 TUTORING

Student Support Services offers tutoring to its participants. Tutors are available Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help in various subjects. For more information, contact Student Support Services at 352-854-2322, ext. 1761.

SPRING 2017 TUTORS

Alain: MAT0057 up to Pre-Calculus, CHM1025, and Anatomy I & II



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Raymeka Adams



Please stop by the Student Support Services office for a free gift.

CONGRATULATIONS, WILLIE MORRIS & LISA SMITH!

SSS Director, Lisa M. Smith, recently completed her doctorate degree in Educational Leadership and Management from Capella University.

Transfer Specialist, Willie Morris, recently completed his master's degree in Leadership Management from Webster University.

Congratulate them on a job well done!



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