

# Student Support Services

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- SSS Scholarship Requirements have changed! Read the article for more information.
- It's that time of year! Stop by to get set up with a tutor or to get more information.
- It's never too early to start preparing for a career! See the article inside for tips on what you can be doing!
- ASC Cares Day will take place on September 24th.

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#### HOURS

Monday—Friday 8am-5pm

#### WEBSITE

[www.adams.edu/student/sss](http://www.adams.edu/student/sss)

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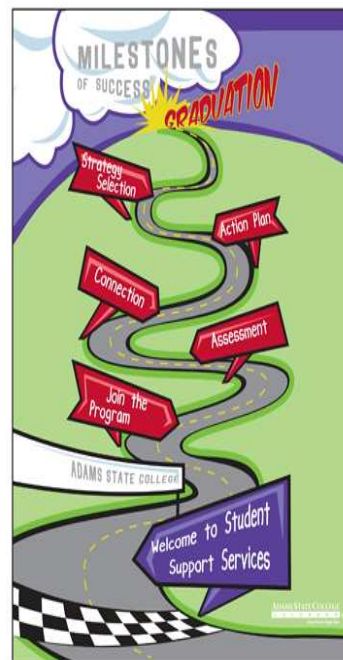
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## From the Director

Welcome back! We are happy to introduce the "SSS Milestones of Success" with five milestones for SSS students. Eligible students may join and proceed through a series of milestones ensuring their success as the SSS staff provides individualized services and monitors progress from start to finish. The milestones include the following:

**Joining the Program** - SSS offers enhanced support services to eligible participants in an one-on-one environment. Students who want access to these services and are eligible may enter the road to success by joining the SSS family.

**Assessment** - SSS understands one area of a student's life interacts and affects all other areas. We strive for students' overall and complete success by providing a variety of academic, personal, career, and financial assessments.



**Connection** - Making the transition from high school to college can be a challenge! The "Connections" class provides important information and tools to make the transition a smooth one. We want every student to have a good start on the road to college success.

**Action Plan** - Each SSS student has access to the expertise of the SSS staff, working together they will create an action plan that will meet the student's needs and ensure student progress and success.

**Strategy Selection** - SSS offers a variety of strategies for student success. We have kept most of our current services and added others. These include tutoring, course advisement, financial aid counseling, academic counseling, graduate program enrollment, and career services.

If you are a returning student from last spring, one change is the scholarship requirements. *We are changing the focus for juniors and seniors by offering more leadership opportunities.* Please see scholarship requirements on the next page. If you have questions, feel free to contact me at ext. 8176.

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# New SSS Scholarship Requirements

Welcome Back Students! Student Support Services offers scholarships to students who meet the requirements. There are changes to the requirements this year, so please come by and meet with your counselor.



## Freshmen Minimum Participation Requirements

- \* Complete Assessments
- \* Complete Connections/AAA course
- \* Complete 2 advisement/financial counseling sessions
- \* Complete 2 career counseling Sessions.
- \* Complete 2 academic counseling sessions
- \* Maintain a 3.0 GPA

## Sophomore Minimum Participation Requirements

- \* Complete advisement/financial counseling session
- \* Complete 2 career counseling sessions
- \* Complete 2 academic counseling sessions
- \* Participate in tutoring or 3 workshops
- \* Maintain a 3.0 GPA

## Junior Minimum Participation Requirements

- \* Complete career counseling session
- \* Complete one follow-up counseling session each semester
- \* Participate in tutoring or 2 workshops
- \* Complete leadership/service activity

\* Maintain a 3.0 GPA

## Senior Minimum Participation Requirements

- \* Complete career counseling session
- \* Complete one follow-up counseling session each semester
- \* Participate in tutoring or 1 workshop
- \* Complete leadership/service activity
- \* Maintain a 3.0 GPA

For scholarship applications or more information come visit us in Nelson Library or check out our website.

## Tutoring



The Student Support Services (SSS) Peer Tutoring Program at Adams State College is a fundamental form of academic support for students as they embark upon their college careers. Building positive peer tutor-tutee relationships early in the first month of classes is en-

couraged and is the catalyst to becoming an independent learner. Participants may request tutoring in a variety of subjects, however, there are tutors specifically available for assistance in English and math courses.

Tutors may apply by completing the Peer Tutor Application and submitting to the SSS front desk. Students requesting tutoring assistance may complete and submit the Tutor Request form. For more information

about tutoring or to obtain a tutor request form, please come see me, the SSS Tutor Coordinator! You can also visit our website for more information:

<http://test2.adams.edu/students/sss/tutoring/tutoring.php>

Wendy Heminger

# The One Important Thing I Did Not Learn in the Classroom

By Ed Venegas

A higher education degree can be proof that a person is competent in the discipline of study for which they receive his/her degree. It would make sense to think that since a person has proven competency with a degree in hand that she or he is ready to be employed right out of college. But often that is not how employers look at it! Most employers expect that college graduates have at least one year of experience in the pursued career field. What is more of a problem is that most college students do not know how to effectively prepare for attaining a job after college. Some college students do not know how to write effective cover letters and resumes, nor do they know about interviewing etiquette.

Why are some college undergraduates not prepared for a career by the time they graduate? Career preparation is not something usually taught in the classroom. Students often become solely focused on their academic disciplines and they do not think about career options until their last year of college. However, career preparation actually begins when a student enters college, the freshman year. The following is a list of career preparation tasks to complete during each year in college to prepare for your future.

## Freshman Year

- ⇒ Self-assessment & self-exploration.
- ⇒ Research careers and/or

majors.

- ⇒ Be sure to declare major with advising in order to be assigned an advisor.

## Sophomore Year

- ⇒ Gain awareness of the career options available with your degree.
- ⇒ Talk with professionals in your career field.
- ⇒ Collect information about the companies or organizations of interest.
- ⇒ Become familiar with higher educational training requirements for the profession.
- ⇒ Seek internship opportunities.

## Junior Year

- ⇒ Begin cover letter and resume.
- ⇒ Practice interviewing skills.
- ⇒ Search and participate internship/ work study experience.
- ⇒ Decide if you want to pursue graduate school or get a job after undergraduate studies.

## Senior Year

### *Career*

- ⇒ Begin searching for possible career opportunities using the internet and local ads.
- ⇒ Create a cover letter and resume that is tailored to each career position applied to.
- ⇒ Participate in mock interviews.
- ⇒ Research the average salary/ money earned for your career field.

### *Graduate School*




- ⇒ Create "personal statement" rough draft.

- ⇒ Participate in an internship.
- ⇒ Ask faculty and/or internship director if they can write a strong letter of recommendation.
- ⇒ Sign up to take a standardized test (GRE).
- ⇒ Request transcripts to include your fall semester grades.
- ⇒ Make arrangements to visit the campus of the graduate school.
- ⇒ File your income tax return if you plan on receiving financial assistance.



The list of career preparation tasks seems long and most students would not know how to begin to complete each task. Adams State College has a Career Center where all enrolled students can receive assistance on how to complete each task. However, Student Support Services (SSS) provides enhanced career preparation services to its students. SSS students will have access to hands-on and comprehensive career preparation guidance that is only available to them, which can increase their ability to compete in the job search market after college. In addition, there are also graduate school preparation services available to those SSS students who are interested in attaining a degree beyond a bachelor's degree. For more information about the career preparation service and how to commit to your future career needs speak with Mr. Venegas. My office is located in the Nielsen Library, Student Support Services, Room 109.

# September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>GAB Treat Day</i>	2	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day (No Classes)</i> 	6 <i>GAB Movie Night</i>	7 <i>Add/Drop Deadline</i>	8	9	10
11 <i>Patriot's Day</i> 	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Autumn At Adams Week!</b>						
18	19	20	21	22	23  <i>First Day of Fall</i>	24 <i>ASC Cares Day</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Homecoming</i>	

## ASC Cares Day



This year SSS is excited to participate in ASC Cares Day. The event will take place on September 24th, and will begin around 8:00am. this is a great way to get involved on campus and in the community. **If you are a junior/senior and need to**

**fulfill the leadership requirement for your scholarship, participating will fulfill the requirement.**

Pre-organized teams travel to assigned worksites around the SLV where they work together on volunteer projects.

Team recruitment is underway and will continue until all projects are filled. A team may opt to design a project that fits its mission. To submit a project or to simply sign up for a pre-organized project, please visit the website at: asc-

[cares.adams.edu](http://cares.adams.edu)

We hope all of you will join us in serving others during the ASC Cares

Day events. All participants have the opportunity to get a free T-shirt!

If you have any questions about ASC Cares Day, please stop by the office!

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