The Fall semester, and a new academic year, is fast approaching. We are seeing a new group of students entering our offices. As we meet with these new students, we are reminded of the students who just successfully completed the 2011-2012 academic year, and where they were when they first began in our program. We hope the successes of those students will serve as great motivation for our incoming CalWORKs students.

Unfortunately, again last year, as a result of budget cuts, we were unable to have a Student Success Ceremony. However, it is always important for us to celebrate the successes of our CalWORKs students. Our students face many challenges and overcome many obstacles and we are so very proud of their numerous accomplishments. We will be creating a tribute to their successes in our office and we invite them to stop by and take a look!

From Summer 2011 through Spring 2012, a total of 169 CalWORKs students realized an academic accomplishment worthy of recognition. Those students received 81 AA degrees, 15 AS degrees and 38 certificates. 26 of those students were multiple degree earners and five students also earned multiple certificates. 93 students made the Dean’s List with a GPA of 3.0 to 3.69. 34 students made the President’s List with a GPA of greater than 3.7.

This year, three of our students, Andrea Flores, Brandy Howard, and Jasmine Bowman will also be recognized statewide in the CalWORKs Portraits of Student Success publication for their scholastic and personal achievements. We are very excited for each of them.

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- Student Success Story: Jasmine Bowman
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Here is some of Jasmine Bowman’s story: Jasmine is a single mother of three young children, the youngest of whom is only 11 months old. As a young child, Jasmine always dreamed of entering a profession where others would be able to look up to her and view her as a role model, and as an individual who puts the well-being of others before her own. As she grew older, she realized that the nursing field was the perfect career choice for her. When she opened her nursing school acceptance email, she was overcome with joy. She had worked so hard, under very difficult personal circumstances, to get to that point. It was at that moment that she realized that despite personal background or struggles in life, if you put your heart, mind, and soul into your dreams you can achieve anything. Her road to success, and entering the Nursing Program, was not an easy one, and she overcame many barriers and challenges which further drove her commitment to pursue a career in nursing. Jasmine was accepted into the Nursing Program in the Fall of 2010.

Jasmine says that attending Delta College has allowed her to grow into a strong and independent woman, mother, and student. She has encountered students and professors from all walks of life here who have inspired her to strive for excellence. Enrollment in the Nursing Program has made a difference in her life, and her confidence and motivation have increased dramatically.

She has found comfort and support from the CalWORKs Program as well. She always found that she could turn to the staff in the program for guidance and assistance and knew that they would work diligently to do what was in her best interest. Jasmine enrolled in Job Specific Basic Skills and Supervised Study Time and then participated in CalWORKs Work Study and became a student employee. As a student employee, she interacted with and assisted other students like herself and stated that she felt honored to hold such a vital position.

In May 2012, Jasmine received her AS in Nursing (Registered Nurse) and her Nursing Certificate. She immediately began searching for work and was just offered a job as a Registered Nurse at a nearby hospital!

But Jasmine’s goals don’t stop there. In the next five years, she plans to give back to the community that helped to mold her into a strong and competent professional nurse. Now that she has obtained employment, she wants to immediately pursue her Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing, with an emphasis on Public Health Nursing, so that she can care for underserved communities and educate clients about health issues, improve community health and safety, and increase access to care. Following her Bachelor’s Degree, she plans to pursue a Master’s Degree to become a Family Nurse Practitioner. She plans to have this goal complete by 2017. Her commitment to providing quality care to underserved communities is top priority and she hopes to make a difference in the lives of many. We know she will. She is already making us proud!
Tips on How to Successfully Study with Children Underfoot

DEVELOP A ROUTINE
Develop a routine in which you study for certain periods of the evening. If children get used to the fact that you are studying from 7 to 8 p.m., for example, they will be more likely to develop ways to play or to do their own homework independently during that time.

CHILDPROOF A ROOM
Childproof a room in the house and allow your children to play freely with their favorite toys in this room while you study. Set a time limit and reward your children for playing together quietly with a treat or a special activity.

USE THE TV IF NECESSARY
If your child has a favorite television show that you have already approved of, use the time when he or she is watching that show to get some homework done. This should be done in moderation, however, to avoid encouraging your child to become a “couch potato”.

PLAN TASKS AHEAD OF TIME
When you need to study, plan tasks ahead of time for your child. Get out some toys or games that allow your child to be creative, and set up a “work station” for him or her to use while you study.

FIND A QUIET PLACE
If you can, find a quiet place on campus and study for half an hour before and/or after class, when you know you will be able to concentrate.

INCLUDE YOUR CHILDREN
Include your children in your studying, if possible. Have them drill you using notecards that you have created, or have them ask you questions that you give them to help you study for tests. Children can learn to be good students in this process as well.

ADJUST YOUR STUDYING
Try to study in ways that allow for interruptions when you are with your children, like looking over your notes or skimming through a chapter, instead of doing work that requires more uninterrupted attention, like writing a paper.

PUT YOUR CHILD FIRST
When you get home, put aside at least 10 to 15 minutes to spend entirely with your child. Ask about his/her day, give him/her a hug, or read a short book together. Then tell your child that you need 30 minutes to study before dinner. Your child will be more likely to leave you alone to study if he/she feels like he/she has come first.

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FIND A PLAYMATE FOR THE CHILD
Some children can play with their friends quietly in their rooms with minimal supervision, allowing you to get some homework done.

ASK FOR HELP
Ask other adults for help, as your classmates are likely to feel the same demands. Maybe you could take another student’s children for several hours one evening, in exchange for that student taking your children for several hours another day. This way you can both get some homework done while knowing your children are well-supervised.
What’s New

WiFi Now Available!

San Joaquin Delta College is proud to offer Wireless (WiFi) services to Delta College students with laptops or mobile devices capable of wireless connectivity!

Those connected to The SJDC Student Wireless Network will be able to access Internet, e-mail, and all Delta College web sites, however SHARED NETWORK RESOURCES WILL NOT BE ACCESSIBLE ON THE STUDENT NETWORK. Shared network resources include campus printers or any files or applications shared by you or others. Goleman Library is currently the wireless zone. Other locations will become available as we continue to upgrade the network.

Please visit www.deltacollege.edu/student_wifi.html for frequently asked questions, system requirements and steps on how to connect. Happy surfing!

Professional Clothing Vouchers Available for Job Seekers

According to an article in the Sacramento News & Review, published on January 19, 2012, some banks and credit unions levy surcharges and fees on low-income people who receive federal cash aid on state-issued plastic debit cards (EBT). In fact, the Electronic Benefit Transfer surcharge paid by welfare recipients totaled a whopping $2 million a month statewide last September, said Kevin Aslanian with the Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations, Inc in Sacramento. These surcharges range from $1.50 to $3 for each transaction.

The good news is there are some banks and institutions that do not levy a surcharge to welfare recipients such as Citibank, First Northern Bank, U.S. Bank and Safeway ATM. For a complete and updated list of California institutions that do and do not levy these surcharges, please visit: http://www.ebtproject.ca.gov/Library/Cash_Access.pdf.
Tools to Succeed Workshop Series
San Joaquin Delta College CalWORKs Program
Fall 2012

Campus Safety - Protect Yourself At All Times
Thursday, August 30, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.*
A college campus is not immune to crime. Learn about ways you can protect yourself from becoming a victim on and off campus. Identify suspicious activity and learn how and when to call police. Learn about Delta’s Alert U system, services offered through the Campus Police Department and what we can all do to make this campus a safe and secure community. In addition, How to Respond to an Active Shooter will be discussed.

Presenter: Sergeant Mario Vasquez, San Joaquin Delta College Campus Police
***Location: DeRicco Building Room 275

Road To Credit Recovery
Thursday, September 13, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Do you have less than perfect credit? Learn how to recover financially and rebuild your credit after a financial setback. Also, learn how your credit history will affect your credit future and how to make credit work for you.

Presenter: Cassandra C. Burroughs, CPA, CRCM, F&M Bank

Cleaning Up Your Criminal Past
Tuesday, October 16, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
If your criminal background is hindering your ability to secure employment or even to obtain credit, join us for this workshop. An attorney from the SJC Public Defender’s Office will present information on the legal process of dismissing criminal records (known as expungement), reducing charges, correcting errors and obtaining a Certificate of Rehabilitation. Note: not all “offenses” are eligible for these legal proceedings.

Presenter: Peter Fox, San Joaquin Public Defender’s Office

Communication Skills for Success
Wednesday, November 14, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Do you need help improving your public speaking skills? Want to sound confident and credible, organize your thoughts, or find new and effective ways to communicate? Learn these practical speaking skills to help you succeed in life.

Presenter: Dr. Steve Graham, Former San Joaquin Delta College Speech Instructor

September through November’s workshops will be held in Mustang Room, Danner Hall at San Joaquin Delta College

Seating is limited. Please call 954-5151 ext. 6200 to Sign Up!

Dates and times are subject to change.
The Family Law Facilitator’s Office is now offering free workshops/classes to the public. Information on how to establish first time custody/visitation and legal separation, nullity, and dissolution will be presented. Each workshop is designed to help determine what forms to use, how to complete them and file. These workshops are available in English and Spanish. For a workshop schedule, please contact our Resource Specialist at: (209) 954-5151 ext. 6200 or visit the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin website: www.stocktoncourt.org/courts/selfhelp1.htm

To qualify for $9.95 a month Internet service through Comcast and a low-cost computer, your household must meet all these criteria:
* Be located where Comcast offers Internet service
* Have at least one child receiving free or reduced price school lunches through the National School Lunch Program
* Have not subscribed to Comcast Internet service within the last 90 days
* Not have an overdue Comcast bill or unreturned equipment

How to apply:
Call 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376) to request an application

ReachOut Wireless offers government assisted wireless service with The Federal Lifeline and Link-Up Programs. Federal Lifeline is a federal government program that provides discounts on monthly telephone service for either a traditional, wireline telephone or a wireless telephone to eligible households. Plans start as low as $2.50 a month for 250 minutes. Please call or visit website: https://www.reachoutmobile.com/

In order to protect your records and personal information, San Joaquin Delta College recommends that each student establish a Personal Identification Number (PIN), instead of using date of birth. To establish a PIN, log on to Online Registration and select the “Create PIN” option. Be sure to record your PIN in a safe place where others cannot gain access to it.
Did You Know?

The Y continues its tradition of being the county’s premier provider of family and youth services including preschool, before and after school child care, youth sports, teen enrichment, water safety-swimming, noon-time sports, break camps and father/child (Y Adventure Guides) programs. They provide programs in Stockton, Linden, Lodi, Modesto and Tracy.

The YMCA welcomes people from all socio-economic backgrounds. Financial assistance is available for all program areas for those who can demonstrate financial need. Please contact the YMCA for details or an application.

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We are committed to providing CalWORKs students with quality service by assisting them in achieving their educational and life goals. We accomplish this with dedication, compassion and understanding.

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