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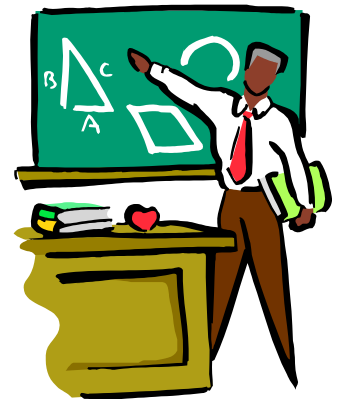
## This Newsletter is for You Because...

You're in a special program at Mott Community College! You may have come to the Learning Center for tutoring, for DisAbility Services, or for a scholarship and were enrolled in our Special Populations (SP) or the Student Support Services (SSS) program.

Both programs were created to help you succeed at college, and to accomplish this eligible students are offered a variety of academic supports such as mentoring,

cultural enrichment, free tutoring services and workshops. They also offer scholarships to help pay your way. The amount of money and the requirements for the scholarships are different for the two programs. (You'll find more about the scholarships on page 3 in this newsletter.)

If you don't know which program you're in, call The Learning Center at 762-0399 or stop in.



Special Populations and Student Support Services  
Helping You Succeed at College

## Special points of interest:

- Ferris State University now offers a BS degree in Elementary Education.
- Interested in Teaching? You will need to take the PPST to get into an Education Program at a University. Find out about the PPST on page 3.
- It's a new SSS grant year. See page 3 for details about the grant.

## Workshops—Test Anxiety and Study Skills

This past winter term, the Learning Center offered two workshops: one on Test Anxiety and one on Study Skills. Many of you have said you would like to have another chance to attend these workshops, so we're offering them again. Myra

White will present our workshop on Study Skills on Wednesday, September 17th and Thursday, September 18th. Test Anxiety will take place on Wednesday, October 15th, and Thursday, October 16th. All workshops are sched-

uled to start at 2:30 and last about one hour. Please stop by the Learning Center to reserve a spot or call 762-0399

Refreshments will be provided.

## New Degrees from the Universities at the University Center

**Central Michigan University** has added a B. S. degree in Business Administration to the programs it offers through the University Center. CMU now offers this degree in addition to their programs for a B.S or B. A. in Administration; and for a B. S. in Community Development.

**Ferris State University** has added a B. S. in Elementary Education to the

programs they offer. They also offer B. S. degrees in Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Nursing, and Secondary Education.

**Eastern Michigan University** has added a B. S in Applied Technology to the degrees they offer.

**Rochester College** still offers two B. S. programs: Early Childhood Education and Business Communication.

**SSS Students who are interested in transferring to Central Michigan University are invited to come along on a field trip to CMU on Saturday, September 27th. Call Mike at 762-0947 to reserve a place**

## How Good Students Become Better Students

How do you feel about your grades?

Are you satisfied with them or do you feel that they could be better? Are you in—or trying to get into—a program that requires a high GPA? Did you know that tutoring is for you?

People once thought that tutoring was for students who were struggling to stay in college. Today it is much more than that. Tutoring is for good students who want to be better students and the Learning Center is the place to go for tutoring.

Tutoring is free! Because you are already in either the SSS or SP program, you don't need to fill out an application. Just tell the attendant at the desk that you are in a grant program and they will assign you to a tutor.

Math is the most popular subject for tutoring at the Learning Center. Peer tutors for Math are available every semester. In addition to one-on-one tutoring, these tutors are also available for walk-in tutoring in the Math Study Room.

Tutoring in other subjects is also available. Professional tutors are on hand for tutoring English and the sciences—especially handy for students in the health care specialties.

A new professional tutor has been added to the staff this term. Beth Riseman, MSW, is now available to tutor in the social sciences.

## Future Teachers—PPST Workshop

Do you want to be a teacher?

Teaching programs at most four-year universities require the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) before granting admission to an education program. This test is like some of the other tests you may have heard of: the LSAT

for Law School or the GRE for Graduate School. The PPST is used by universities to choose who is admitted to their education programs.

Eastern Michigan University is offering a free Basic Skills Workshop to prepare you for the PPST. The workshop is

Scheduled for Thursday, November 20th, beginning at 4:30 p.m. This workshop is for the PPST scheduled for January 10, 2004.

If you want to take part, call EMU on the Mott campus at 762-0303 for more details or to reserve a seat.

## Attendance Cost Scholarships

If you are heading toward an Associate Degree in one of the many state approved programs, such as Nursing, Criminal Justice, Computer Information Systems or Social Work - to name just a few - you may be eligible for the Attendance Cost Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to help with your educational expenses, such as tuition, books, or required supplies when all other sources of Financial Aid have been exhausted. Satisfactory academic progress must be achieved each term. The award will be made on a semester-to-semester basis to students who demonstrate the greatest need.

You may qualify for this scholarship if:

- You are receiving a PELL grant;
- You have a GPA of 2.0 or higher, (2.5 or higher for Physical Therapist Assistants; 2.8 or higher for Nursing and Dental Hygiene);
- Are enrolled in a state approved program.

For more information, visit the Learning Center web site, stop at our office located in the MCC Library or call 762-0399.



## Student Support Services Scholarship

Student Support Services is a program designed to increase college retention and graduation rates for eligible students. It is also meant to increase the transfer rates of eligible students from 2-year to 4-year institutions, and fosters a supportive climate for the success of low-income and first-generation students, and individuals with disabilities. The Student Support Services grant year begins this September 1st. At that time scholarship money will be available for those who:

- Are in the SSS program;
- Are low income (receive PELL);
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher (2.8

or higher if you are in the Nursing program);

- Are carrying at least 8 credits for Fall term;
- Have an unmet need of \$400 or more;
- Are taking courses that are required for your major or transfer program.

For more information, visit the Learning Center web site, stop at our office located in the MCC Library or call 762-0399.

**Your unmet need is the difference between your Cost of Education (tuition, books, etc) and the amount of aid money you receive (grants, scholarships, loans, work-study)**

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## U of M—Flint Extension Program

Thinking about attending the University of Michigan—Flint after completing your associate's degree at Mott Community College? Want to be prepared for your transfer before taking classes at the university? Would you like a seamless transfer experience? If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions the Transitions Program is who you want to see.

The Transitions Program identifies and recruits qualified academically and economically disadvantaged students, as well as other underrepresented groups

at Mott Community College and provides them with comprehensive guidance, information, orientation and related support services to assure their smooth transition to University of Michigan-Flint. Once enrolled at UM-Flint, participants receive additional support through the Office of Educational Opportunity Initiatives to ensure their academic success.

The Transitions Program has offices at both MCC and UM-Flint to provide support services at every step along the way. The Transitions program can be contacted at the MCC office at 217 Prah College

Center, (810) 762-0421 or UM-Flint at Suite 280 University Center (UCEN), (810) 762-3365.

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