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Winter Term Workshops

The Learning Center is offering one-hour workshops on two topics for Winter term. The topic for the first workshop is **Scholarships** and will be presented by Suzanne Lossing of Financial Aid. This workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18 and Thursday, February 19 . These workshops begin at 2:30 p.m. This workshop will take place in the conference room in the library on the 2nd floor.

The second workshop, **Test Anxiety**, will be presented by Counseling & Student Development. It is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7 and again on Thursday, April 8. These workshops will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will be held in the Qwest Room in the Library.

Refreshments will be served at both workshops.

Tips for Taking Notes in Class

If you are taking notes for yourself, know what to record:

- Record the speaker's main points in your own words. Don't try to write down everything that is said.
- Listen for key words that tell you what is important ("The major cause was…," "The 4 main steps…," etc.).
- Copy all information written on the board.

Know how to record it:

- Use as few words as possible. Devise your own symbols or use common abbreviations.
- Leave a wide left margin so you can add notes and questions.
- Take notes in outline form, if possible.

Review your notes as soon as you can after class:

- Highlight the points that seem most important.
- Go over your notes at least once a week. This helps keep information fresh in your mind.

Attend every class! You cannot take notes if you're not present. It is not a good idea to rely on someone else's note taking.

Successful Studying — It's all Academic; 1993 Channing L. Bete Co., Inc.

Special points of interest:

- There is a calendar in the Learning Center with upcoming events.
- Pamphlets on Test Anxiety, Time Management and Reading skills are available in the Learning Center.

Workshops on the Web

Workshops are nice. They provide the opportunity to interact with other people and to get some new ideas. Unfortunately workshops do not always fit into our schedules, and sometimes they do not have enough time to cover everything that is important. That's where the internet comes in. It doesn't replace workshops, but it is available at all times of day and night. So, say it's eight-o-clock at night, you have a test tomorrow, and you'd really like to know what you can do about test anxiety right now. One of the things you can do is to go to The University of St. Thomas. Start at www.stthomas.edu/. Click on Academics and once you get to that page, click on Study Guides & Strategies. They have a page on test anxiety in the "Preparing for Tests" section. This is only one of almost 100 pages which cover every academic skill imaginable. The subjects range from preparing for tests, to classroom participation, to learning with others. There are sections on reading and writing as well as one on math/science. There are pages on note taking, studying in groups, and even a page on thinking like a genius.

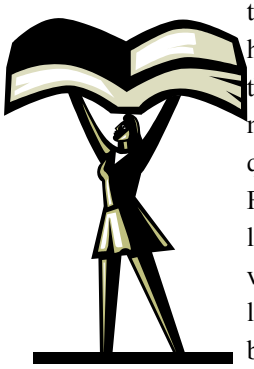
If you find that the University of St. Thomas site is overwhelming, try the University of Texas. The UT Learning Center has fifty pages of tips covering studying, reading, writing, math/science, and general interest. Start at www.utexas.edu/student/utlc/. Take the hotlink to Out Favorite Handouts. (The Study Strategies link takes you to a page which describes their study skills course).

Another good site is www.ratemyprofessors.com. You won't learn a thing about test anxiety, but you can find out what other students say about the professor who is teaching the class.

Learning Skills On-Line

Tutorial Services

Grades are important. Nursing and the Physical Therapy are just two of the programs here at Mott that have minimum GPA requirements. Four-year colleges and universities also look at grades before they admit new students. Many scholarships also require a minimum GPA.



The Learning Center, located in the Library offers free tutoring to help you get the good grades you need.

Tutoring is offered in: Allied Health, American Sign Language, Art, Biology, CADD, Chemistry, Computers, Drafting, English, History, Human Relations, Math, Nursing, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Spanish and more.

The Learning Center will attempt to find additional tutors when there is a demand for tutoring in classes that are not mentioned above.

The Math Study Room is also available on a drop-in basis.

To ensure your preferred time slot, sign up early because the tutors' schedules can fill up quickly. For more information, please call us at 762-0376.

Student Clubs

Just because it's winter does not mean that you have to suffer from 'cabin fever.' You can get out of the cabin and meet some new friends by joining one of the student clubs on campus. There are 22 student clubs that meet on the MCC campus:

Club

- Connoisseur Club
- Mott Ballroomers
- Latino Club
- MCC Gardening Association
- MCC Environmental Club
- American Sign Language (ASL)
- Transitions Cosmetology/Nail Technology
- Law Enforcement Resource Network (LERN)
- Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA)
- Dental Assisting
- Aspiring Artist Association
- Student Occupational Therapy Assistants (SOTA)
- Travel Club
- Respiratory Care Student Society
- Wrestling Club
- Phi Theta Kappa-Alpha Omicron Iota Chapter (Honors)
- Mott Student Nurses Association
- Studio 205 (Graphic Arts)
- MCC Drama Club
- Social Work Club
- Student Physical Therapist Assistant Club (SPTA)
- Street of Dreams - Miniature Club

Student Life is located in the Prahl Building across from Admissions.

Student Government is looking for Student Senators.

You can become a Student Senator by picking up a petition at Student Life and gathering signatures from 50 other MCC students.

Scholarships on the Web

The Jeannette Rankin Foundation lists eight websites that offer help in finding financial aid. They are:

- www.fastweb.com
- www.fastaid.com
- www.scholarsite.com
- www.petersons.com
- www.wiredscholar.com
- www.brokescholar.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.studentawards.com

The www.Fastaide.com site has a link to the top ten tips for getting a scholarship.

Be warned that some scholarship services are more interested in getting money from you than for you. Stay away from sites that say things like:

- The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back
- You can't get this information anywhere else
- This scholarship will cost some money
- "You're a finalist" in a contest you've never entered.

Also stay away from sites that ask for your credit card or bank account number.

You can find more information about scholarships on the Mott Community College Web site by visiting:

http://www.mcc.edu/6_finaid/fa_scholarship.shtml

You can find transfer scholarships for Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Ferris State and Grand Valley State as well as scholarships for here at MCC.

You can visit the Learning Center's Web site by going to: http://www.mcc.edu/learning/lc_index.shtml

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MCC Partners with UM-Flint

Mott Community College has partnered with University of Michigan-Flint to simplify the process for students transferring from MCC to UM-Flint. Officials with MCC's Administration and Student Services Division and UM-Flint's Student Services and Enrollment Management Division recently convened during a special ceremony to sign a memorandum of understanding, with both schools agreeing to deliver a "comprehensive set of services to assist students in their transition and transfer from MCC to UM-Flint".

The agreement outlines several components that include UM-Flint offering ten $1,000 scholarships to MCC students who transfer to the university. "Mott Community College and the University of Michigan-Flint have been neighbors in this community for many years, and we've worked together before on several initiatives," said Scott Jenkins, MCC Vice President of Administration and Student Services. "This new partnership is a mutually beneficial collaboration and an important first step toward future efforts that will ensure student success on both campuses."

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