

## Identity Crisis Resolved

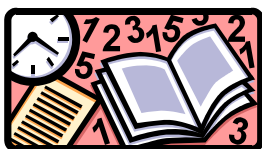
The Success Center Newsletter has a name! There were many great suggestions but our team of judges awarded Don Distler, CIS Faculty member, a super prize for his winning suggestion. Distler teaches Computer Information Systems classes and has been a faculty member at Southwestern since 1970. Distler stated, "I consider myself one of the luckiest people in the world because I love what I do!"-And it shows! Thanks for all you do to promote student success.



Many thanks to our judges: Paula Wade, Math Specialist; Winnie Kenney, English Specialist; Debbie Alford, Director of Success Center; Sue McClure, Retention Program Developer; Carolyn Smith, Title III Secretary and Ray Burnett, Computer Technician. However, when our crack team of judges couldn't decide on just one name, the top three finalist's names, (similar to the Final Four) were presented to students for their input. Thanks to our wonderful student participation, we have a name!

## You Asked for It

The suggestion box runneth over with suggestions to increase math tutoring hours. And that's just what we did. Beginning last fall, the Success Center extended its Saturday hours to 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



## FREE! FREE! The Best Things in Life Are Free And Our Tutoring Is No Exception

Did you know that the Success Center offers over 360 hours a week of free tutoring? Did I say free? Yes! Absolutely free! No appointment is necessary; check the schedule for tutoring times. The Success Center offers tutoring in:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Math</b></li> <li>• <b>Writing</b></li> <li>• <b>Reading</b></li> <li>• <b>Social Sciences:</b> Psychology, Political Science, History &amp; more</li> <li>• <b>Economics</b></li> <li>• <b>Nursing</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sciences:</b> Chemistry, Biology, Physics &amp; Earth Science</li> <li>• <b>Accounting</b></li> <li>• <b>Study Skills:</b> Test taking, Time management, Note taking &amp; more</li> </ul> |
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## Who Says They Don't Know What They're Talking About

Congratulations to two of our current peer tutors for obtaining national certification in tutoring. Amanda Langendorf and Ray Bennett II have been awarded national tutor certification credentials through the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). Additionally, this semester, 7 more tutors are scheduled to earn the certification.

Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. ~~Will Rogers

Look for the schedule of upcoming workshops

## What's New

Laura Bonucchi and 30 hours of additional math tutoring were added last fall to the tutor schedule. Laura is really not a new face to the Success Center. She began as a peer tutor in the fall of 1999. In addition to tutoring math, she also tutors accounting and teaches GED classes for the college.



## What's Not

Have you needed help with a writing project lately? If so, you may have met with Winnie Kenney, our English Specialist. Winnie began in the Success Center in the fall of 2000 and tutors students with any phase of the writing process: identifying a topic, organizing the material, grammatical structure and more. In addition to tutoring, she teaches English classes at Southwestern.



Winnie Kenney,  
English Specialist

## Calling All Professors

- Do you have academic software, textbooks or other course materials you would like us to purchase for student use in the Success Center?
- Are you aware of websites that could be beneficial for your students?
- Do you want your course syllabus on file with the Success Center for student access?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, contact Debbie Alford at Ext. 5634 and she'll be happy to assist you.

## Website of the Month

This semester, our focus is on study skills. If you want information on test taking, textbook reading, note taking, memorization or time management, go to [www.ucc.vt.edu/stdysk/stdyhlp.html](http://www.ucc.vt.edu/stdysk/stdyhlp.html). There are self-scoring inventories to help you assess your time management and study skills and links to helpful techniques.

## Dear Gabby

Dear Gabby, What's with those English tutors? I went to the Success Center to have them proofread my paper and they said that wasn't exactly what they do. They just read the paper and talked to me about grammar stuff. What's with this? Signed, Bewildered

Dear Bewildered, Our English tutors are there to help you become an independent learner by helping you understand where you tend to make grammatical or punctuation errors. By pointing out these areas, they'll heighten your awareness and understanding of grammatical rules and soon they'll just become new skills you've acquired.

### Time Management Tip:

Does all the paper in your life feel overwhelming? Create a system by designating binders, folders or drawer space to file or store all that paperwork. When you receive the mail, try to "touch it only one time." That is, put it where it belongs: in a bill drawer to be paid later, on your nightstand for bedtime reading, in the trash or in a folder/binder to be addressed or filed later. Once a week or twice a month, establish a time to go through the folders and complete the paperwork. Keep a "To Do" List always (and don't forget to look at it!)



Think Spring

Want help with time management so this Spring Break you can return feeling rested instead of exhausted? Come see us.