

What's New

The Success Centers have several new initiatives including a new focus for *The Success Story*. The updated newsletter, sent to faculty and staff, will highlight services, programs, and new resources in the Success Centers. Students can still locate success strategy handouts and other helpful tools in the Success Center or on our homepage: www.swic.edu/successcenter.



Business Assistance on the Rise



September brought about an increase in tutoring for accounting, economics, and other business courses with the addition of a Business Specialist, Sharon Gugliotta. But Sharon is not really new to the Success Centers. During her former stint as a peer tutor from January 2004 through December 2005, she earned her

College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) Tutor Certification. After graduating from SWIC, Sharon transferred to SIUE and earned a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy in May 2008. She will be working 20 hours a week including some day and evening hours. Welcome Back Sharon!

Accounting Workshops Add Up

Nine accounting workshops are scheduled this spring for students enrolled in Accounting 105, Basic Accounting Principles. Chapter specific assistance as well as help with Excel will be covered.

New Chemistry Workshop

In the fall, two new chemistry workshops, Chemical Nomenclature and Gas Laws were offered for the first time. This spring, students will have the opportunity to attend another new workshop: Dimensional Analysis which will cover unit conversions from English to metric and metric to metric. This workshop will be offered on January 27 at 2:45 and again on January 28 at 5:15. The free workshops are offered in the Belleville Campus Success Center II, IS-Room 1145, by Physical Science Specialist Dean Schwarz.

Did You Know?

Did you know that in FY07-08 that the Success Centers district-wide received over **65,000 visits** by more than 6,500 different students? Tutoring, computer access, workshops, models, and other learning supplements were the primary services students utilized.

E. St. Louis Success Center Expands

The E. St. Louis Success Center was renovated during the fall semester nearly doubling its space and giving it a much needed facelift. The renovations allowed for an increase in open hours. Students also have access to 16 computer stations and a larger, roomier tutoring space.

Easier Access to the Early Alert System!



Project Success, the college's Early Alert System (EAS) can now be accessed through eSTORM and iSTORM! Existing users, watch your mailbox for details. If you would like a refresher or are new to EAS, please contact Sue McClure at Ext. 5635.

Change in English Tutoring Hours

Beginning Spring 2009 Semester, Success Center II will be open from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. for math and physical sciences tutoring; however, writing tutoring will no longer be offered on Saturdays. Students who need writing assistance can submit their papers to the Online Writing Lab (OWL) and tutors will respond to those papers within two school days. The change allows for additional writing assistance during peak weekday times.

Reshaping Rough Drafts

English Specialists Cathi Teel and Judy O'Heron have been busy designing new success tools. One of those is a form, Reshaping Your Rough Draft, which tutors will use to help students focus on paper improvements by asking them a series of questions about the focus, audience, the introduction, mechanics, etc of the paper. Students leave with specific questions to address and with suggestions of how to improve the paper.

A PowerPoint presentation on citation styles is available in the Success Center for students to view. It's a great visual tool to guide students through using Modern Language Association (MLA) and American Psychological Association (APA) citation styles.

