

THE BSI NEWSLETTER

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Highlights In This Edition

- ✓ GCC's First Annual Collaborative Conference-March 27th
- ✓ Keys to Success Pilot
- ✓ Declassifying BSI Funds
- ✓ Student Success Advisory Taskforce

WELCOME TO THE SPRING SEMESTER. THE GOALS OF EACH EDITION OF THE BSI NEWSLETTER IS TO OFFER CURRENT INFORMATION THAT WILL BE HELPFUL TO YOU AND TO KEEP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION CONTINUALLY OPEN. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR BY THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH.



Save The Date - EXCITING EVENT

"The New College Student and You: Putting the Pieces Together" is the title of the conference being offered by GCC on Saturday, March 27th from 9:00AM-3:00PM in collaboration with Pasadena City College.

Attendees will walk away with a wealth of information and ideas that they can immediately use in their classroom and a thorough understanding of the "new college student" and services that can be helpful to faculty and staff.

Lunch will be included, flex credit can be earned. Registration information will be emailed soon. Don't miss this great event.

Conference Planning Committee

GCC: Bill Shamhart, Ellen Oppenberg, Hoover Zariani, Alexa Schumacher, Henan Joof

PCC: Chuck Ward, Lynn Wright, Dona Mitoma



Convention Committee Is Looking for Speaker

Session 3 of the convention will offer each participant a choice of four workshops to choose from. Currently the Convention Planning Committee is looking for faculty or staff interested in offering a collaborative workshop. Each presenter from GCC will be teamed up with a presenter from PCC to offer the workshop.

The focus of the workshops remaining for which we are looking for potential presenters are:

Lastly, we are looking for instructional and student service personnel who would like to be on the Resource Panel that will address audience questions about problems that come up in the first week of class.

If you would like to be considered as a speaker or would like to help at the conference in some capacity, please contact Ellen Oppenberg (ext. 5529) before February 20th.

KEYS TO



A NEW PILOT – YOUR STUDENTS WELCOME

At the completion of the Fall semester, students on academic probation and enrolled in Basic Skills classes were contacted by the Keys to Success (KTS) team and invited to speak with a representative from the team about their schedule for the Spring semester and obstacles that have prevented them from having continuous success in college.

The goal of KTS is to monitor student progress, offer them workshops to inspire goal setting and coping with impacting issues. Additionally, each student will make 4 contacts with a KTS counseling intern and learning specialist.

The first 2 weeks of the semester are the most critical for at risk students. PLEASE refer students to Ellen Oppenberg whom you know will be able to benefit from this pilot service.

The KTS Staff: Ellen Oppenberg, Zepiour Shabani, Hoover Zariani, Henan Joof, Christine, Ilse, Mariam, Vosgan, counseling interns.

Volunteer Consultants: Roxanne Rafii, Cindy Daniels



BSI FUNDING UPDATE

In January you may have read in the news that the Governor proposed certain categorical funds becoming flexible at mid year. Basic Skills is one of the funds he has listed. This means that Basic Skills money, for example, does not have to go to enhancing Basic Skills but can go to wherever the college deems necessary.

The effect this proposal will have on future funding of Basic Skills projects and programs remains to be seen. Right now it is best to say things are looking a little uncertain. Keep checking your email for updates.



STUDENT SUCCESS ADVISORY TASKFORCE

Last November a large group of faculty and staff representing Student Services and various disciplines came together to discuss innovative ways to link together for the benefit of basic skills students. Borne out of the taskforce's first meeting was the idea for Keys to Success, for a conference and so much more.



Periodically check the following websites for helpful information.

Basic Skills Initiative: <http://cccbsi.org/>

GCC BSI Connections: <http://glendale.edu/index.aspx?page=3822>

COMING NEXT ISSUE

- On-going BSI funded projects update
- Foundational Skills Committee highlights
- More Conference Information
- BSI Workshops in the Southland