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**Student Success Center**

Supplemental Instruction	0 student visits (Spring)
Small Group STEM Tutoring Lab	0 student visits (Spring)
LLC Tutoring	0 student visits (Spring)

**Department Sponsored Labs**

Hortense Parrish Writing Center	0 student visits (Spring)
Mathematics Learning Center	0 student visits (Spring)
Reading Center (Ed Studies)	0 student visits (Spring)

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**Snowmageddon 2018**

**Well that is a fine way to kick off the *Spring* semester!**

Luckily the Student Success Center was busy-busy right up to the “great snow” and we needed the break!

What we were doing:

1. Checking the schedule of all students on Academic Probation
  - a. They cannot take more than 16 hours
  - b. They may need to repeat classes
  - c. They may need to drop some classes
2. Adding probation students to GENS 134
3. Checking spring schedules for classes where a prerequisite was failed in the fall
4. Scheduling appointments with Freshman for the spring semester

Our Success Counselors, Tommy McGlown and Sheila Patterson have completed three NACADA advising trainings. Our staff is professionally trained and doing a great job.

1. Theory and Practice of Advising (Mar. 6 – Mar. 31)
2. Advising First-Generation Students (Jun. 5 – Jun. 30)
3. Advising Undecided Students (Nov. 13 – Dec. 22)

\*\*\* Please, Please, Please \*\*\*

*Faculty, if your class has a pre-requisite PLEASE make sure that it is MET.*

We have found students in Math 140 instead of Math 110, students in Engl 112 who have not taken Engl 111, students in Math 100 but in the Math 110 lab, and the list goes on.

**Service Hours**

Monday-Friday

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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## General Studies classes

The Student Success Center teaches three classes:

**GENS 134** – Success Strategies, a mandatory class for students who go on probation and who are academically a freshman.

**GENS 211** – College Study Skills, a class available to students who have 46-75 completed hours and who find themselves academically at risk. This class could be mandatory if the student has not had GENS 134.

**GENS 201** – Career Exploration, a class for the student who is truly undecided about a career path.

As needed, students are placed into these classes. We keep enrollment at “0” so that students cannot add this class on their own, if you feel a student would benefit from one of these classes all you need to do is request that they be enrolled. We will consider all requests. These classes are not to be used as GPA boosters or credit hour fillers. We will consider “need” on a case by case basis.

A student should not take both GENS 134 and GENS 211. If a student has passed GENS 134 they will only be allowed to take GENS 211 if the academic advisor and instructor agree it would benefit the student.

### Undeclared is a reality!

We see students every day who have no clue what they want to do as a career, let alone deciding on an academic pathway. **GENS 201** explores the career options in all 5 colleges. Students are exposed to careers they never knew existed and are directed into departments and programs of interest. A student may be added to this class upon request by the faculty advisor. Again, we keep enrollment at “0” so a student cannot add the class.

## Disability Services

The letters for accommodations have been sent! Please know that we have a record number of students who have registered for accommodations and we are working as quickly as we can to make sure each student receives the care they need.

If you have a student who will be testing with us, it is very helpful to give clear and concise directions for the test prior to the testing day/time. We do our best to make sure to provide the student with accurate directions, but when the test (and directions) come in minutes before the test is to be administered... sometimes it is challenging.

We are always available to discuss accommodations with faculty and staff. We will also discuss with you the behaviors and conditions that are common with certain disabilities. Let us help you...

We have hired a new Coordinator for Disability Services and she will start on February 12<sup>th</sup>. I will introduce her in my February newsletter.

## Testing Center

It has been a good year in the Testing Center and we are looking forward to 2018!

During 2017 we administered:

- 933 Senior Exit Exams
- 231 GRE exams
- 1,077 Praxis exams for education
- 128 Kaplan exams for nursing
- 2,968 other exams for certifications and entrance into other educational programs.
- \* 374 Major Field Exams
- \* 50 GMAT exams
- \* 65 NCEES exams for engineering
- \* 79 ACT Residual exams

Is there a test that we could administer for your academic program?