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**Student Success Center**

Supplemental Instruction	2042 student visits (Fall)
Small Group Math & Science Tutoring	421 student visits (Fall)
LLC Tutoring	54 student visits (Fall)

**Department Sponsored Labs**

Hortense Parrish Writing Center	1298 student visits (Fall)
Mathematics Learning Center	1023 student visits (Fall)
Reading Center (Ed Studies)	15 student visits (Fall)

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**We deal with the craziest stuff!**

*So what is it that the Success Counselors do? Here is a glimpse...*

The lost transcripts - a student called frantic about transcripts that were missing. The student needed the coursework posted before advising. After a day of super sleuthing, the Success Counselor ended up finding the transcript in Gooch Hall. (Transcripts had been sent in July)

Students of Concern – the Success Counselors have referred several students to the Care Team. They often hear about odd behaviors and events that require further investigation. Students are quick to tell us what they see and hear.

Tickets – A Success Counselor worked with a student who had gotten a ticket for drug paraphernalia... besides a lecture, the student got some guidance about court.

It’s a baby – A Success Counselor had to learn very quickly about the resources in town and on campus to help a pregnant student.

Hunger Strikes - Students came to the SSC because their meal plans were frozen and their Skyhawk cards “turned off,” because they owed money with the Business Office. Food was found for several students who had to scramble to find some additional monies to make their payment. We were able to help get the Skyhawk cards reinstated quickly.

Move it or lose it - A student with a moped (scooter) who lives in the dorms kept getting up in the morning only to find that the moped had been moved to free up a parking space. Parking is so tight at the dorms, that students were moving the scooter (sometimes into handicap spots which resulted in tickets). So, the Success Counselor worked with Allen Farmer in Housing and representatives from the Physical Plant to build a motorcycle parking only spot near the dorm, so there is now a designated spot for the scooter.

**Service Hours**

Monday-Friday

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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## NEWS TO KNOW!!!

### Coordinator Search

Search for the coordinator of the Office of Disability Services is underway. There are 29 applicants and we will begin interviews soon. In the meantime, continue to send any questions you have to Jeanneda Gilbert [jgilbe18@utm.edu](mailto:jgilbe18@utm.edu) or 881-7605.

### Don't park on the sidewalk

Please remind your people that we have students who are in wheelchairs or who are visually impaired. When there is a vehicle on the walking path it causes the student to navigate around the vehicle. This is unsafe and has resulted in the service animals getting off their mark and leading their student in the wrong direction. Please do not block automatic doors, ramps or handicap accessible entrances. If you find that an automatic door is not working, please let disability services or physical plant know. (Safety and Security on weekends)

### Mid-Term grades and Advising

Please talk to your student about their mid-term grades. If you are advising your student to take a class in the Spring that requires a passing grade in a class currently being taken...make sure your student knows. We will be running reports to see if students are enrolled in classes that they do not meet the prerequisite. We have met with Dr. Helgeson and this is just one more way we can keep our students on track.

### STEM Tutoring & SI

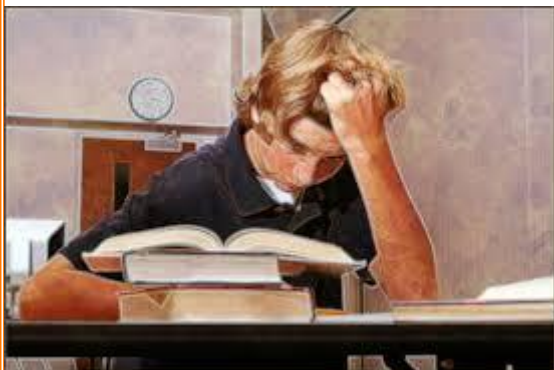
Don't forget that these services are in full swing. You can see by the numbers that they are well attended and any student is going to feel welcomed and get the help they need.

### GENS 101 in the Spring

The FYI Academic Committee has decided that there should be a few GENS 101 sections in the spring semester. There are some local high schools that are allowing students to graduate in December and there are a few students who sat out a semester. The data is showing that these first time freshman do not persist as well as those students who have had the GENS 101 in the fall.

## Reading Center

The Reading Center is a collaborative effort of the Student Success Center and the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. It is located in Gooch Hall, second floor, rooms 226 & 227. *For those students who wish to increase their reading comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency, we offer Reading 100* to assist in the transition from high school to college. This instruction is designed for students who scored 21 or below on the reading portion of the ACT test. Additional small group and individual tutoring is available for those who need further support. Our mission is to increase reading, writing, and critical thinking skills for a successful college career.



If you have a student who cannot keep up with the reading or is lost and confused by the volume of reading, send them to the reading center. There are reading teachers there to provide your student with the tools they will need to be successful readers.

Reading at the college level can be overwhelming for a weak reader or student who is not a primary English speaker. The Reading Center is underutilized by the students. Like the other labs and centers on campus (writing, math, STEM, SI), all the services are free.