



Fall 2018 Newsletter

"Fall" Into a Great Semester!

Hello students!

I hope your fall semester is off to a good start. A new year to set new goals, form new habits, and make new friends. I would like to remind those of you that are already in the program to take advantage of all the services that we provide. You have resources that not all students have access to, so use them and participate in what we have to offer. If you have questions about any of these resources, please contact me.

Peer Tutoring
Math/English Specialists
Social Events
Learning Workshops
Transfer Assistance

The semester is off to a fast start and we are already halfway into the semester. So, make sure you are staying on top of things, attending classes, and seeking out help if you need it.

We have about 60 spots left to take new students into our program, so if you have a friend or know of someone that could benefit from being a member of Student Support Services, please bring them by. We would be happy to visit with them to see if they qualify.

Have a GREAT semester!

~Lisa

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"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

-Gandhi



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Meet The Staff!

Kim Bechtold, Transfer Advisor

My name is Kim Bechtold and I'm beginning my 6th year working with the SSS program. I love HCC and working with students! I am an advisor on campus, but my main job is as the transfer advisor for the SSS program. This means when it's time to start thinking about leaving HCC, I can help with the process. If you plan to apply to universities, please let me know beforehand so I can help get the application fee waived. This is extremely helpful, as some fees can be \$40- \$50.

Outside of work, I enjoy hanging out with my husband and two kids. We also have a wild boxer named Bella. I also enjoy watching reality TV; mainly Real Housewives, Southern Charm and Vanderpump Rules. Don't judge me; it helps me destress!

I look forward to meeting our new SSS members and reconnecting with old members. See you all soon!

Kristen Allen, Administrative Assistant

Hello everyone! My name is Kristen Allen and I am the administrative assistant for the SSS Program. I have been working with the SSS program for a little under a year! I do a little bit of everything and help those that need it, if and when possible, out in the main SSS room! You will see emails from me when I send out flyers for our upcoming events or reminders to sign up. I graduated from HCC in 2016, after being a part of the program, and now I am pursuing my bachelor's degree from Peru State College and will graduate in May 2019, so I know how you all are feeling.

In my spare time, I like to spend time with my family and hang out with our new pups. I am a creative person, so the flyers you see are normally made by me. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to come ask!

Justine Salgado, Retention and Tutoring Coordinator

Hey everyone! I am so excited to be a part of SSS this year and I hope you are too! My name is Justine Salgado and this is my first year here at HCC. I started working with the SSS program in July and will be the Retention Coordinator and an advisor. One big part of my job is supervising the Tutor Center, so if you need help with a certain class please let me know. I have many years of experience working in education and have a ton of tips on how to be a successful student. I want to see you be successful in your educational goals, and the SSS program has a ton of resources to help you with that.

I love to travel, watch movies, and hang out with my dog (Madden) and my husband (Gary). One of my favorite things to do is talk, so stop by my office and let me know how things are going!

Michelle Hurn, Math Specialist

My name is Michelle Hurn, and this is my first year back as the math specialist for the HCC SSS program. Twenty-one years ago I was first hired for the position of SSS math specialist, and I have taught and tutored math at HCC since that time. I live in Hiawatha with my husband, who also works for HCC, and my daughter, who is a sophomore in high school. My son is a junior at Truman State University. In my spare time I like to read. If you would like to talk about what you can do to succeed in your math class, please stop in to Irvin Hall during my SSS Hours.

Joy Meyer, English Specialist

My name is Joy Meyer, and I am starting my 4th year as the SSS English Specialist. Prior to working at HCC, I taught English, reading and math in the Highland and Doniphan West schools for 26 years. My job at HCC is to help students who are seeking assistance in subjects requiring editing or revision of essays or major papers, as well as classes requiring oral presentations or speeches. Sometimes it is difficult to ask for help, but it is important to realize that even the best writers do not sit down feeling wildly enthusiastic or confident about their first drafts. Writing is a process that takes practice and patience, therefore I encourage you to pop in and see me for some of your reading or writing needs. Please don't be shy; just come on by!

I love to play piano and sing for fun, as well as hang out with our five grands when possible. My husband and I are both K-State grads and our two sons are passionate Wildcats. Hope to see you soon!

WHY ENGLISH IS HARD TO LEARN

We'll begin with *box*; the plural is *boxes*,
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *oses*.
One *foal* is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*,
Yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meece*.
You may find a lone *mouse* or a house full of *mice*;
But the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hice*.
The plural of *man* is always *men*,
But the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.
If I speak of a *foot*, and you show me two *feet*,
And I give you a *book*, would a pair be a *beek*?
If one is a *tooth* and a whole set are *teeth*,
Why shouldn't two *booths* be called *beeth*?
If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*,
Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?
We speak of a *brother* and also of *brethren*,
But though we say *mother*, we never say *methren*.
Then the masculine pronouns are *he*, *his*, and *him*;
But imagine the feminine . . . *she*, *his*, and *shim*!
- ANONYMOUS



Happy Birthday!

August

8/4- Logan Wichman
 8/6- Jordan Lahi
 8/7- Brittany Klaus
 8/8- Bailey Malovic
 8/10- Alejandro Zappa-Gonzales
 8/11- Xavier Shephard
 8/16- Niya McAdoo
 8/27- Abigail Rush
 8/28- Alphonso Killen
 8/31- Ty Ellerman

September

9/3- Hailee Miller
 9/5- Stephanie Babella
 9/7- Joshua Jackson
 9/8- Kori Bennett
 9/8- Treyton Jenkins
 9/10- Garret Davis
 9/10- Robert Dean

9/12- Phillip Simmonds
 9/13- Austin Helmick
 9/13- Brooklynn Stanley
 9/18- Rachel Edwards
 9/21- Viviana Mejia
 9/23- Jahkeem Green
 9/23- Makayla Webster

October

10/3- Darius Johnson
 10/9- Kevin Brown
 10/22- Cameron Hefner

Upcoming Events!

Pumpkin Carving-Monday, October 29th, & Tuesday, October 30th
 [Come and Go]

Etiquette Dinner-Wednesday,
 November 14th [Details to come]

Past Events!

Vison Board Goal Setting Workshop-
 Wednesday, September 26th [Come and Go]

Fall Social- Monday, October 1st [Klinefelter
 Farm-transportation provided]



Joy, Justine, Lisa, Kristen, Kim, Michelle

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