Supplemental Instruction Program is Hiring SI Leaders for Math 84, 81, 31, & 20

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is an academic assistance program that provides out-of-class, peer-facilitated study sessions to help students succeed in selected course sections. The SI Program is hiring SI Leaders who conduct study sessions to help students learn course concepts through active group activities, learn effective study skills, and prepare for exams.

Benefits for SI Leaders include the following:

- Improved leadership skills.
- Improved communication skills—public speaking skills.
- Improved presentation skills.
- Improved classroom management skills.
- Improved problem solving skills.
- Learn collaborative learning strategies.
- **Excellent experience for future teachers** and managers—students interested in graduate school.

No experience is needed. Training is provided. Do not need to have Federal Work-Study to apply. SI Leaders are paid $8.00 per hour and work 8 to 10 hours a week. For additional information, please contact Cynthia Lopez, SI Project Manager, at (310) 434-4121 or LOPEZ_CYNTHIA@smc.edu.

Early Start Pathway Grant—3rd Year of the Project!

Attention, Early Childhood Education students! Most of you already know that the ECE program has a grant to help you with the costs of textbooks and school supplies. The grant is funded by LAUP and its third project year will begin on July 1, 2009. To be part of the Early Start Pathway project and enjoy its benefits, simply visit the Educ/ECE department at the Bundy campus and ask Linda Sallovitz for an application. Then be sure to make an appointment with the Educ/ECE counselor, Jose Cue, to receive an education plan. Once you have submitted your completed application and education plan to the ECE department, you will be eligible to receive SMC Bookstore gift cards to purchase ECE textbooks required in your classes, or have the option to borrow ECE textbooks for the course of the semester. Either way, you save money! This project also sponsors activities & events that help prepare you for transfer, earn higher degrees, etc. So fill out that application, get on our mailing list, & stay informed!
SMC-National University Cohort to Begin in July!

The very first SMC-NU cohort will begin in July! Thirty-five students who are either ECE majors or who currently work in the field have signed up to complete their BA degrees in Child Development through National University’s accelerated program. The required upper division courses in Child Development will be taught by NU faculty on the SMC Bundy campus! The accelerated program will require students to take one course per month (beginning in July) through NU until all upper-division requirements of the major are fulfilled. All lower division and GE courses can be taken through SMC! Furthermore, the Early Start Pathway (ESP) grant funded by LAUP can help many students with partial support for tuition. And together with the Teacher Academy, the ESP grant will also provide support for textbooks and school supplies. What a great deal and opportunity for students to complete their BA degrees!!

The Educ/ECE department is excited about this new collaboration and hopes that future cohorts with NU can be established as well.

Teacher Academy Grant Ending Soon

The Title V Cooperative grant that has funded the Teacher Academy for the last four and half years will be ending early in the Fall semester (9/30/09). The grant has been instrumental in helping the Teacher Academy establish a Teacher Assistant Training Program, the Teacher Resource Room, Apple-courses, and individualized counseling. It has also allowed the Teacher Academy to help sponsor teacher-education related events, workshops, and outreach activities. What does this mean for the Teacher Academy (Educ/ECE) now that the grant is ending? We won’t be able to hire Teacher Assistants for our Apple-courses anymore, or help fund events and activities, or send out newsletters. BUT, the following services and supports will continue to be available for all Educ/ECE students (i.e., future teachers!):

- Individualized counseling with Jose Cue! :)
- Teacher Resource Room—Bundy 429
  - Borrow videos, curriculum materials and other fun stuff to help with your Education and ECE courses — or to use in your own classrooms
  - Access computers, printers, laminating machines and die cuts at no cost
- Textbook lending program (textbooks for some required Educ/ECE courses are available to borrow for a semester!)
- Apple-instructors - Don’t forget our awesome instructors who are dedicated to working with future teachers! You have to take general education classes anyway, so why not take them with fantastic teachers?
  
  Biology—Thom Chen
  Speech—Deborah Kraut
  Physics—Peter Morse
  English—Dana Morgan
  Chemistry—Muriel Walker Waugh
  Geography— William Selby
  Counseling— Nancy Hanson
  Math—Fran Manion

The Teacher Academy team has enjoyed working with all of you future teachers! We wish you much success in your academic and professional careers — so go ahead…. **TOUCH THE FUTURE…..TEACH!!!!**