



SSS Today

SPRING SEMESTER
2008

Volume 1

**ATTENTION ALL
SSS PARTICIPANTS!**

**BRING YOUR
SPECIALTY DISH TO
SHARE DURING THE**

**Spring 2008 Mandatory
Meeting**

Friday, February 22, 2008

9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

in the Harrison Room

In this meeting we will:

- Discuss how to access Trojan Web Express, E-mail and Black-board
- Important Financial Aid Information
- Explain new policy for checking out resources from the SSS library
- Discuss Cultural Events for Spring 2008

Come by M-116 today to sign up

Failure to attend may result in you being exited from the SSS program and your eligibility for receiving Grant Aid!

SSS Participants and Staff Attended Alabama Shakespeare Production of “Crowns” October 22, 2007



LET US WELCOME A NEW ADDITION TO THE STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES FAMILY!



Pictured above is Rinda Peacock with her beautiful baby girl, Hannah Grace, who was born October 13, 2007

Academic Seminars for February 2008

– **Elisa Paramore**– Learning Styles– 6:00 p.m.– Monday, Feb. 4 – Malone Hall- Harrison Room

– **Carroll James**– Logic: Statements and Truth Tables– 1:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11 and Wednesday, Feb. 13– Malone Hall Rm 106

– **Jason Griggs**– Jump Starting the Writing Process–10:00 a.m.– Friday, Feb. 15– Malone Hall Rm 106

- **Dr. Debora Pettway**– TRIO in a Nutshell– 10:00 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22 and Friday, Feb. 29– Malone Hall Rm 106

Student Support Services Staff

Director– Debora Pettway

Counselor– Elisa Paramore

TRIO Specialist– Robin Young

English Specialist– Jason Griggs

Math Specialist– Carroll James

Work Study Students– Rita Smith
Lindra Hill

ATTENTION PLEASE!

In order to better serve students attending evening classes, Student Support Services Counselor, Elisa Paramore, will be in her office until 8:00 p.m. on Monday evenings during Spring Semester, except for and March 10th .



A special thank you to all faculty who always complete and return academic midterm progress reports to Student Support Services in a timely manner! You help make a difference in the academic progress of our students, and we appreciate you.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!! IMPORTANT NOTICE...

For convenience, and in an effort to assist participants fulfill their Student Support Services Agreement of completing at least one academic seminar each semester, a variety of seminars have been placed on the SSS webpage www.dothan.troy.edu/tsud/student_support.html.

Also, remember to:

- report any academic difficulty to SSS staff
- participate in at least cultural event each semester

TENTATIVE CULTURAL ENRICHMENT EVENTS FOR SPRING 2008

February 14, 15, 16 and 18, 2008

“The Misanthrope”

Trojan Center

Troy, AL

7:30 p.m. each night

February 21, 2008

“Black Journey”

Wallace Community College

Cherry Hall

Dothan, AL

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

March 6, 2008

Higher Education Day Rally

Alabama Statehouse

Montgomery, AL

Bus will leave at Dothan Campus
at 8:00 a.m.

**Feb. 19th, Mar. 4th,
Mar. 18th, Apr. 1st and Apr. 22,
2008**

Movie Nights

Sony Hall

7:00 p.m. each night

Academic Seminars for March, April and May

– **Elisa Paramore**– Learning Styles–6:00 p.m.- Monday, Mar. 3 and Resume Writing.– Monday, Apr. 7– Malone Hall Harrison Room

- **Carroll James**– Set and Probability– 1:00 p.m.– Monday, Mar. 17 and Wednesday, Mar. 19– Malone Hall Rm 106 - Carroll James– Probability– 1:00 p.m.– Monday, Apr. 14 and Wednesday, Apr. 16– Malone Hall Rm 106

- **Debora Pettway**– Financial Planning and Scholarship Information– 10:00 a.m.– Friday, Apr. 4 and Apr. 25– Malone Hall Rm 106

- **Jason Griggs**– Developing Critical Thinking Skills– 10:00 a.m.– Friday, Apr. 18– Malone Hall Rm 106

SSS Congratulates Fall 2007 Graduates!

Andrea Baxter - B.S.B.A

TraSheba Harris– B.S. Ed.

Bessie McLendon– B.S.

Tracy Brannon– B.S.B.A

Kimberly Rawls Helms– A.S.

Paula Morris– B.S. Ed.

Kina Deming– B.S.

Jennifer Johnson– B.S.B.A.

Tiffany Rouse– B.S.

Reatha Gissendanner– B.S.

Tammy Kincey– B.S. Ed.

Annesha Thomas– B.S.

Evangeline Gunn– B.S. Ed.

Michael Lynn– B.A.S.

Kenneth Watfors– B.S.B.A.

Dikeysha Hall– B.S.B.A.

Amy J. Martin– A.S.

Congratulations SSS Program Participant, Yolanda McHenry-Murckson for Being Awarded the P. E. O. International and the AAHRA Scholarships!



This is my story of personal perseverance. Although I made choices that slowed me down, traveled down many side roads, and even made some U-turns, I made a vow, that no matter what, I would make the first step in the entranceway of my destiny by finishing my college education. I realized these little glitches were just getting me ready for the best part of the trip: receiving my degree and making a contribution to humanity. During the past couple of years, I have had to deal with some unpredictable events during my journey: including health, personal, and academic issues. Nevertheless, I am still here, in school and more on the course than I have ever been before. My mission is in sight and clear.

I began my journey toward my destiny in 1992 when I was admitted to Troy University Main Campus. In the beginning of Spring semester 2001, I was placed on academic probation because my grades were below the standard. I then moved to Dothan to attend Wallace Community College in an effort to improve my cumulative GPA, which I accomplished. After attending Wallace, I re-applied to Troy University and was re-admitted. All was fine, or so I thought. In Fall semester 2005, I discovered I was ineligible to receive financial aid because (again), I had fallen below the standard GPA requirements for financial aid recipients. Determined to return to school, I initially applied for the Troy University Dothan scholarships that became available during Spring 2006, but to no avail. My grades were not within the criteria requirement range.

However, through extensive research, I discovered seven scholarship programs that were concerned with character, community service, eagerness for an education, etc. - with grade point average a non-issue. Out of the 7 scholarships I applied for, I received two of them which totaled \$ 4,500. I was back in school beginning September 2007, enrolled in three classes, and earned an "A" in each.

Although I speak highly of my accomplishments here to date, I realize I did not achieve them alone. I also realized I would not be at this point in my journey if it were not for my support network. They have preached and exemplified the message in the poem "Stay the Course":

"It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're low on resource
It's when things seem their worst that you must -- Stay the Course!"