WELCOME TO
SPRING 2015

-CalWORKs-

*Portraits of Student Success Scholarship Winner -
Jason Hoefler, of Shasta College CalWORKs, has been named the winner of a $500 scholarship for Region 1. Jason is invited to accept his scholarship at the Annual CalWORKs Association Training Institute in San Diego. The Shasta College CalWORKs program has regional effort dollars from the Chancellor’s office to fund Jason’s travel to San Diego.

*Portraits of Student Success Publication –
Jason and 5 other Portraits of Student Success from Shasta College will be featured in the Association’s annual publication, available April 2015.

*Tutoring for CalWORKs Students -
The TRiO program has graciously collaborated with CalWORKs to help us offer tutoring to the CalWORKs population on campus! Starting February 1st CalWORKs students can access tutoring Tuesdays 8:30-11:30, Wednesdays 9:30-11:30, or Thursdays 12:00-3:00, on campus, by calling Mary Beth Griffin, 242-7749 and making an appointment.

—SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS—
FROM THE GATEWAY TO COLLEGE PROGRAM:
Congratulations to Allegra Davis, she and her husband JT welcomed a bouncing baby girl on January 19th!

-EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES -
Student Senate Valentines Day/Club Kickoff
Feb. 12th.

-ENROLLMENT SERVICES-

Non-Credit Student Success & Support Program (SSSP) Allocations:
This year, our non-credit SSSP allocation is $14,456. This allocation is based on the number of students enrolled in non-credit courses. There is a 1:1 match requirement. For every dollar received, the district is obligated to match one dollar.

Welcome New Counselors:
Welcome to Irma Leal-Cervantes, Sonia Randhawan, Rebecka Renfer and Michelle Saelee who will be joining us as part-time counselors. These positions are made possible through Student Success and Support Program funding.

Road to Academic Success Project:
Thanks to Michelle Knudsen, Cindy Silva and Kristen Ruano for their efforts this past semester to kick-off the Road to Academic Success Project. They set up a series of proactive interventions designed to assist students who were experiencing academic difficulty.

Trauma Informed Campus Training:
We have this training scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2015. Thanks to Debbie Goodman and Becky Bogener for their work to bring this workshop to our campus.

Transcript Evaluation Pilot:
This spring, initial placement for recent high school graduates into math and English courses will be based on high school transcripts. The Office of Research and Planning will evaluate the results of this project.

Student Employment:
Supervisor and Student Handbooks are being updated. Thanks to Leann Williams for her work on this project. Please provide feedback directly to Leann.
On December 19th, 22 Gateway to College students completed the credits necessary to earn their high school diplomas. We recognized our graduates at the first “GtC’s Got Talent!” talent show held in the Student Center.

- New and continuing Gateway students started their spring semester on January 6th having minimum days for high school classes only until college classes begin. New students will be taking College Success and Proofreading and returning students will be enrolling in a wide variety of college courses where they will earn dual credit to assist in completing their high school diplomas. Examples of the college courses GtC students are taking this semester include Beginning Welding, Math 102, History of Rock and Jazz, ASL, Intro to Computer Science, and Interpersonal Communication.

- GtC is delighted to announce that Allegra Davis, our Assistant Director/Resource Specialist, and her husband JT became a family on the morning of January 19th with the birth of their new daughter — Palmer Vivian Davis. We are pleased to welcome Corrine Minnard, who will be substituting for Allegra during her maternity leave, to the GtC team!

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**GATEWAY TO COLLEGE Spring Graduates**

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**RESIDENCE HALLS**

- We’ve been officially tracking and measuring GPA information on Residence Halls students since fall 2010. Fall 2010 through spring 2013 the percent of all Residence Halls students that received below a 2.0 GPA averaged 33.65% over six semesters.

- For example: in fall 2010, 39 of 115 students received below a 2.0 GPA resulting in 33.91%. In fall 2013 lowering the percent of Residence Halls students falling below a 2.0 GPA became an annual area plan initiative.

- In fall 2013 we started using two pamphlets; “How to Get Good Grades in College” and “College Success in 1 and 2 year Colleges”, along with a “How to Improve Your GPA Tip Sheet” that we created in house. Since then, the number of students below a 2.0 GPA average have been:

  - Fall 2013=24.47%
  - Spring 2014=26.61%
  - Fall 2014=23.20%

  *3 semester average of 24.76% as compared to the previous 6 semester average of 33.65%.

- We continue to assist our Residence Halls students with our previous initiative and will also provide assistance through The Student Equity Plan for weekend tutoring sessions, and also developing a student survey to fine tune the student needs and determine the hours of operation for the tutoring.

- The appropriate signage for the closed circuit camera system has been posted. The cameras are functional; the system is undergoing calibration and evaluation.

- More than the average number of students moved out toward the end of the fall 2014 semester and at the semester break. We had 33 students that completed our new exit survey, some of the highs and lows of the 19 questions are listed available @ shastacollege.edu/dorms “exit survey results fall 2014”.

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