



# NEWSLETTER

## Important Dates

Veteran's Day	Nov. 10
Last day to Withdraw	Nov. 21
Thanksgiving	Nov. 27-28
Spring Priority Registration	Dec. 2
Holiday Party	Dec. 3
Final Exams	Dec. 10-18

## Office Hours

Monday-Friday

7:30-4:30

### • Evening Hours

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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Welcome to another academic year! The new semester brings a great deal of excitement and anticipation. I, too, am excited about being the new Director of DSS. I look forward to representing the students we serve in a positive and effective manner. Many of you know me as one who has an open-door policy for anyone who has constructive ideas for improving the services provided by DSS. I also like to be kept informed as to any access issues on campus.

I plan on using this newsletter to challenge all DSS students. These challenges are meant to enhance your educational and personal experiences. My first challenge to each of you is to take a step toward improving the voice of students with disabilities across the Fullerton College campus. Become involved in student government, join a campus club or even better yet, help to revive the Disabled



Students Club. One voice at a time is all we need to make a difference. Ask any of the DSS staff for help and guidance with this. We can direct you to the places you need to go in order to "get involved". I have been an active member of at least 14 campus committees and organizations. I choose to be involved for one reason and one reason only - to assist Fullerton College in serving students with disabilities in an effective manner.

**Do you accept the challenge???**

## PLAN AHEAD TESTING

For those of you who are approved for testing accommodations, this is just a friendly reminder to make a testing appointment in the Testing Center in the back DSS office area. You can do this in person, or you can call (714) 732-5364. Get the goldenrod testing form to your instructor at least one week before you're scheduled to take a test. You should plan to take every test on the same day and at the same time as the rest of the class. If this poses a problem, check with DSS ahead of time to get approval for an alternate time to take the test. Your instructor should be informed of this BY YOU too. Remember that planning ahead can make for a more pleasant experience in testing **and in life!**



## Reminders –

- When scheduling counseling appointments, please plan ahead as we are booking out approximately two weeks in advance. A 48-hour notice would be appreciated if you need to cancel or reschedule your appointment. Our office phone is (714) 992-7099.
- The first 10 students to bring this newsletter to our office will receive a prize!
- If you need registration assistance, please plan ahead to schedule a 30-minute appointment to meet with one of our counselors.
- There will be 15 minute walk-in appointments available on Monday, December 1 and Tuesday, December 2, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
- If you utilize alternate media accommodations, please meet with Tania McKeown, (714) 732-5365, as soon as you register for your classes. All you need to start the process is your class schedule.

## Assistance Available

Would you like to do better in your classes? Sign up for the Adaptive Computer Lab classes and receive individualized instruction in your areas of need—it is not too late to sign up!

### *ACL News*

The Adaptive Computer Lab will be adding new staff to help with the great demand for assistance in the lab. Remember, the lab is less crowded in the afternoon, Tuesday evening (we are open until 7p.m.) and Friday mornings.

## Featured Student



You may already have read about John Lien; after all, he had a two-part, front page story in The Register this past July. His story bears repeating, however, and the reader will be enlightened as a result.

John Lien's first semester at Fullerton College has been a challenging one so far. But the challenges are quite different from the ones that most students experience. Oh, those typical challenges exist as well for John, but in addition, he has had to deal with navigating the campus in a wheelchair, relying on personal assistants who don't always show up, and having to learn adaptive equipment in order to access a computer to complete homework assignments.

You won't hear John complain about any of this, though. Instead, he'll probably make a wise crack which will surprise you and make you break out in laughter! A once active student athlete, John suffered a brain aneurysm two years ago which left him with very limited mobility. In fact, John is only able to move a few muscles in his hand. These muscles allow him to operate the joy stick on his electric wheelchair. His voice is a weak whisper.

But, his smile lights up a room!

John is taking 12 units including Math 40, and he really appreciates the way his instructors have assisted him with his educational accommodations. Students and staff alike find John a delightful person to know. Thanks, John, for the many lessons that you have taught us!

## See's Candy Fundraiser

Stay tuned for details on the annual **See's Candy® Fundraiser!** Order forms will be available in the DSS office and the ACL. Top sellers will be recognized at the DSS Holiday Party on **December 3, 2008.**



### SAVE THE DATE!

#### DSS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Same place – Same time  
Wednesday, December 3,  
2008

11:00am – 1:00pm  
Staff Dining Room

Good food – good desserts  
– good company!