



NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

Spring Recess	April 6-10
Last day to Withdraw	April 25
Priority Reg. Summer 09	May 11
Fall 09	July 20
End of Year/ Graduation Party	May 5
Commencement	May 20
Final Exams	May 13 -21

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Monday-Friday

7:30-4:30

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Did you accept the CHALLENGE?

In my previous article I challenged you in several ways. College should pose many more challenges to a student than just the academic ones. There are social and personal challenges that must be addressed effectively if we are to grow as individuals. I want to hear about the challenges you face for two reasons. First I want to share in your accomplishments as conquering challenges is something to be celebrated. Secondly, I want to hear about the "difficult" challenges you face so I can assist you in addressing them. The Cadena Cultural Center just finished a series on "Women and Men of Character." The individuals showcased all have something in common - they have overcome tremendous challenges. Conquering challenges builds character. My goal is to offer support so that all Fuller-

ton College students, including those with disabilities, reach their potential and build a tremendous amount of character. So once again I challenge you. I challenge you to build character beyond what you ever envisioned. Do not avoid a challenge but meet it head on. You always will have someone in DSS to help you with any of the challenges you face at Fullerton College.



Paul's Birthday vest

The challenge continues!

Paul McKinley

SPRING SCHOLARSHIPS

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

It is that time of year again to **APPLY** for DSS spring scholarships!

- The **Jason Horn Memorial** Scholarship
- The **Frances Wahl** Scholarship
- Students who have suffered from a **stroke** and are in need of financial assistance
- **Shawna Morrill Scholarship**: Female students who are in need of financial assistance in order to remain in school.

Stop by DSS and pick up an application or apply online at <http://dsp.fullcoll.edu>

Deadline for Scholarship

Application:

Friday **April 17th by 4:00 p.m.**

THE SWEETEST FOLKS OF ALL!

Many thanks to all the students who participated in our fall See's Candies Fundraiser; our top student sellers were Christine McKee and Adrian Corfar. Both Christine and Adrian were recognized at our Holiday Party in December. Profits from this fundraiser will go toward this year's spring scholarships.



DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

FEATURE ARTICLE

by Ruth Sipple

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Massage anyone? This is what one hard working student will be able to offer now that she is close to finishing her Massage Therapy Program at Fullerton College. Success did not come easy on her path filled with road blocks, however, never once did she doubt herself along the way.

Meet Estee Boggs. Some of you might have had the pleasure of listening to her at this month's Women of Character Event sponsored by the Cadena Transfer Center. She was part of a panel of three women who were chosen because of their accomplishments and strength of character despite facing significant obstacles throughout life.

When Estee lost her vision at the age of five, she was faced with having to do things differently. She had to leave her familiar school, friends, and way of learning to get the help she needed elsewhere. It was difficult being away, and Estee decided to try to return to her home school as soon as she could. By applying excellent work habits and self-advocacy skills, Estee eventually returned to her home school where special equipment and accommodations were put into place. Then another obstacle came along as Estee became pregnant with her first child. Leaving high school to raise a family, she vowed to herself that she would never give up on her education.

After her second child was ready for preschool, Estee decided it was time to continue her goal. Her hard work again paid off as she completed her high school degree with honors in 2006 through the district's School of Continuing Education program while also being enrolled in Fullerton College's Adaptive Computer Lab where she trained on adaptive hardware and software.

As Estee entered Fullerton College's massage therapy program, she faced new obstacles. How does someone pass a Biology lab without sight? How can a student navigate a campus without vision? How can books be read and essays be typed? These tasks have been possible with the help of Estee's guide dog, Columbus, the use of tactile props and tutoring in labs, and the application of screen reading software for reading and typing. But most of all, it is Estee's can-do attitude, her smile and her willingness to accept challenges that have gotten her only one semester away from accomplishing her goal!

ARE YOU USING YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS?

As a DSS student, you are authorized for a number of accommodations specifically tailored to your individual disability and how it affects your learning. Do you know for which accommodations you are authorized? Are you using them? If you aren't sure, stop by the DSS office and ask a staff member to check your file and remind you of what services and accommodations you could be using. Remember, accommodations can't help you if you don't use them, and they don't happen automatically. Did you know that you need to come in and request your accommodations each semester? Make sure you ask for the services you need! We are here to help you be the most successful student you can be—you just have to let us know what you need!

SAVE THE DATE

DSS Will hold its End of Year Graduation Party on Tuesday, May 5, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm, in the Staff Dining Room. Come by for refreshments and to congratulate our scholarship winners and '09 graduates!



HEALTHY LIVING

- Paul burns about 1500 calories an hour riding his bike.
- Walking upstairs burns 500 times more calories than taking an elevator.

INTERESTING FACTS:

- 3/4 of the earth's surface is water. (ThinkQuest)
- 89% of European children are being taught English (jound.com)

DSS Students are on the Dean's & President's Lists!

Congratulations to the DSS Students who were named to the Dean's & President's lists for the Fall, 2008 semester! We had 17 students on the President's List and 29 students on the Dean's List for Fall, 2008. This is quite an honor! Each semester, students who officially complete 12 or more degree applicable units and earn a GPA between 3.0 and 3.74 are placed on the Dean's List; while students who earn a GPA of 3.75 and above are placed on the President's List. Drop by the Disability Support Services office and check out our display honoring these students. Way to go!

