



STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAMS
Q-215

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STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACHIEVEMENT AND REWARDS

What is SOAR?

SOAR (Student Opportunities for Achievement and Rewards) is Edison College's student success program and is designed to help students become better learners. SOAR is located in Q-215 on the Lee Campus in Fort Myers. Students can visit with SOAR staff personally about goals or obstacles they are encountering that relate to their academic progress. SOAR's focus is teaching students active learning techniques that will enhance memory skills and promote more efficient use of their study time.

SOAR ON THE ROAD

On Thursday, May 14, 2008, Teresa Grissom, Coordinator of Student Success Programs, and Pat Gordin, District Director of Institutional Effectiveness & Program Development, represented Edison College at the 2008 Achieving the Dream Connections Conference in Fort Lauderdale. The title of their presentation was: Do Student Success Workshops Really Work?

INTRODUCING COACHING PROGRAM

New summer 2008 – This program is available to all attending summer 2008 in order to help them achieve academic success. Students are encouraged to meet one-on-one with a SOAR coach to determine students' needs and work out customized plans. For example, if student need assistance with time management, a coach will help set-up a calendar, identify priorities and continued support throughout the semester. Students are required to return to share progress reports and adjust study plans as needed.

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In consortium with a focus group, SOAR staff has been able to solicit students' critical input and feedback in creating custom-made services to fit their needs.

Here is a list of student advisory committee members:

Tura Birdsall	Richard Marte
Cynthia Conzatti	Diana Niglio
Marguerite Fillion-Demos	Isaac Ruiz
Wideline Jeune	

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



"My name is **Diana Niglio**. I am an education major here at Edison College and I expect to graduate in 2009. My favorite hobbies are wireless communication, FBLA, FCCLA, and computers. My dream job is to be an English or business teacher. I think SOAR is valuable because they help students succeed in college and in life".

SOAR HIGHLIGHTS

FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SOAR has also established a faculty advisor committee comprised of faculty teaching college level, college prep and adjunct classes to discuss strategies to motivate students referred to Early Alert Program; and, address specific intervention for students. Members of the Committee are:

Pam Mangene	Adjunct Services Manager
Earl Biggett	Professor of Accounting
Gail Tracey	Professor of Nursing
Karlene Alexander	Professor of English
Bonnie Lawler	Adjunct Psych Professor

SINGLE PARENT PROGRAM

Students are asked to stop by Bldg. Q-Room 215 for more specific information about how to become eligible to benefit from this program.

Featured Summer Workshops

- Take Better Notes
- Selecting a Major
- Fear of Math
- Tackle Test Anxiety

SOAR OFFICE HOURS



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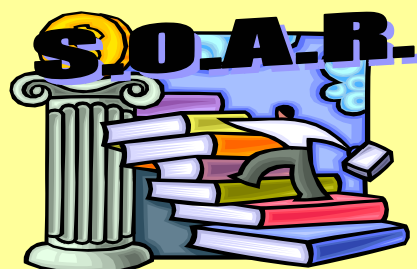
Lee Campus

Building Q, Room 215

Mon - Thurs
8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Phone #: 239- 452-5205

QUOTE OF THE MONTH



"There is an important dimension to hanging tough that you dare not miss. It is the thing that keeps you going. It is called a dream".

Charles R. Swindoll

Upcoming Events

Ultimate Road Trip

Tuesday, September 16, 12:00 P.M. S-117

This is an energetic and interactive presentation about the choices students make during college...choices that can turn potential into success and help them reach goals at Edison and beyond.

Money Management Workshop

Friday, October 5, Time TBA. O-204

This workshop is offered (free of charge) to all Edison College students. Guest speakers from the Department of Education will be providing information about understanding student loan repayment options and how to remain financially responsible in the process.

SOAR STAFF

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