



SOAR NEWSLETTER



STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAMS
EDISON STATE COLLEGE
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SOAR STAFF EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO ALL NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS!!

The staff at SOAR took on a new role over the summer term. New enrolled students who completed their college placement tests attended SOARorientations where the students learned their test scores and then (with SOAR staff's help) registered for classes. They also learned more about services offered by SOAR and the benefits of taking college prep classes and how they can make a positive impact on readiness levels for college level classes. Since June 2, we have "oriented" and advised almost 1,000 students.

Some comments from those who attended our orientation:

"I was surprised that Edison takes the time to inform new students. It is refreshing!" -Stephanie Ebbert

"I was surprised the leading cause of dropping out of school is poor time management." -Jeremy Azinger

"I was pleased that all the information was well presented and if help is needed - it's there!" - Rony Saint-Louis

"I learned that going to college is not as easy as high school, but with support, you can make it." -Easter Peterson

"I am pleased that the orientation was very informational and I know where to go if I have problems." -Caitlin Jones

UPCOMING EVENTS

Come take the Ultimate Road Trip with SOAR!

The Ultimate Road Trip is part of www.Monster.com's campus programs and it is a fun-filled one hour program that provides first year college students with important information on how to survive their first college year and use their entire college experience to drive themselves toward future career success. The featured motivational speaker will help students recognize choices they can make at several important "stops" along the college journey. **SOAR will be giving out \$5 lunch vouchers to all who attend!** The Ultimate Road Trip is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16 at 12:30 in S 117.

Don't miss it!

Challenged with money issues?

SOAR will be featuring Margaret Joffe from the Florida Department of Education who will be speaking about managing credit, budgeting, preventing ID theft and handling student loans.

Come to SOAR's "Navigating Your Financial Future" presentation on Wednesday, October 8 at 12:00 noon to Sabal Hall (Building O), Room 204.

Mark your calendar now!

SOAR HIGHLIGHTS

NOTICE

SOAR is so happy to welcome *Helen A. Algernon* as our newest Program Specialist. Helen replaces Amanda Gilmore who was accepted at the University of Washington to pursue a doctoral program.

Helen A. Algernon is a relative newcomer to South West Florida. She originally hails from Barbados, but she has lived in different parts of the States. She went to school in Brooklyn and in South Carolina, so she is now a big South Carolina Gamecocks fan. Sumter South Carolina is her second home. Helen is very happy and excited to be working with the SOAR team.

SOAR is proud to report that our new Student Success Coaching program has been quite popular with the students. The program started in the summer term and will continue in the fall. Students meet one-on-one with their coach (SOAR staff) to work on their educational and career goals. They can also discuss any challenges they are facing that could be jeopardizing their academic success. Students can complete the online coaching form at <http://www.edison.edu/soar/> or complete one in Q 215.

SOAR OFFICE HOURS



Lee Campus

Building Q, Room 215

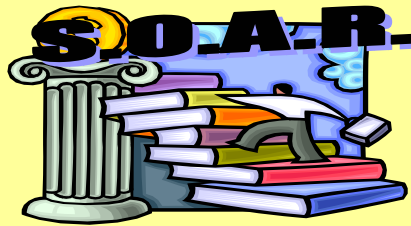
Mon - Thurs

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

Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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MOTIVATIONAL POEM



My School Promise by unknown

Each day I'll do my best
And I won't do any less.
My work will always please me,
And I won't accept a mess.
I'll edit very carefully,
My writing will be neat.
And I will not be happy,
Till my papers are complete.
I'll always do my homework,
And try my best on every test.
I won't forget my promise,
To do my very best!

SOAR STAFF

Jane Stavely,	Staff Assistant
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