



# ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER NEWS

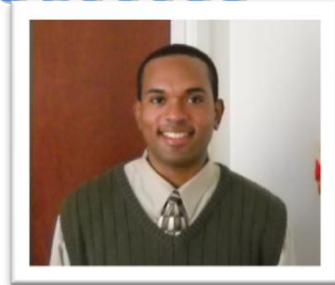
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## ASC + Faculty = Student Success

*On the surface, I believe it is beneficial to the students to know that faculty are available not only during office hours, but also in labs and centers like the ASC for help. While the support in the ASC is exceptional, the visibility of faculty who are responsible for encouraging the students to go to the ASC is indispensable.*

Dr. Harun Thomas, School of Humanities and Communication



### Welcome Back

Welcome back faculty, staff, and students to the ASC. The partnership between the ASC and Daytona State College faculty has notably increased student success and retention. Here's to our team!

### A Learning Specialist's Thoughts on Faculty Participation

With the explosion of student enrollment for the fall of 2009, the activity in the Academic Support Center has been at an all time high. To accommodate and meet the demand for math assistance, the math faculty has increased the number of hours of service in the ASC. In addition to extra hours, we have implemented forty-two math learning sessions within the ASC to assist with the math courses offered at the College. The math faculty involvement has been, and is, vital to the success of the ASC.

**Robert Balsamo, ASC Math Learning Specialist**

### An Ever-Evolving ASC

In addition to the increased faculty participation, new ASC locations on Flagler and Deltona campuses, the renovation of the learning session room and the installation of more computers on the Daytona campus, another major change occurring in the ASC is a newly updated computer load set to provide students easy access to programs and the increased resources being offered online. For the fantastic service and support that they have been providing the ASC to make these resources available, the Academic Support Center would like to thank the following Academic Computing personnel:

Eric VanAmberg at DeLand; Jonathan Cemelich at Deltona; Mike Paciello at NSB; Gary Benefield, Ryan Stowers and Sam Satkunas at the ATC; Leo Jean at FPC; and Chris Gatrell, Kathy Clarke, Kevin Donlin, Yudith Day, Sam Woodruff, Andrew Takla and Ken Shoaf at Daytona; as well as their student workers: Billie Santos, Mohamed Ayoubi, Tom Melton, Matthew Hall, Cameron Moore, Michael Hecht, Kyle Day and Joseph Bond.

### Faculty Service

Between August 25, 2008 and June 30, 2009, 100 faculty members contributed 2,524 hours of service to the ASC.

### Faculty Perspectives on the ASC

I stay involved with the program and value it because the students who have engaged with the ASC seem to develop higher skill levels more quickly than those who do not. In addition to the academic skills, the students seem to gain better organizational skills and more confidence than their peers. I think that makes an enormous difference in student retention and success. I enjoy working in a context where students aren't trying to mobilize their E.S.P. to divine what I'm looking for as a grader, but are able to focus on how to get their ideas on paper effectively.

**Maggie Karda – School of Humanities and Communication**



My students like the fact that I am in the ASC on Friday mornings. Several of my students come on a regular basis so that I formed a study group with my Intermediate Algebra students. We meet every Friday and so far the results have been very positive. Their test grades have improved, and they like it so much that they me asked to meet more than once a week in ASC. We now meet on Wednesday afternoons as well. Overall my students like seeing a familiar face, someone they are comfortable with and not shy to ask a question. Helping my students in the ASC has been a very positive experience for my students as well as for myself. My students always know to ask me questions whenever I am available.

**Gabbi Booth– School of Mathematics**

I hold office hours at the Academic Support Center in Palm Coast to make myself available to the students there. Being accessible to the students outside of the classroom is beneficial to everyone because they are often more comfortable approaching me, and their questions allow me to focus and expand on certain topics during the next lecture.

**Dr. Diana Miller – School of Physical, Biological and Marine/Environmental Sciences**



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ASC Fall Schedule

Daytona, Deland, Deltona, Flagler & New Smyrna : Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM, Fri. 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Daytona & Deland: Sat. 9:00 AM -1:00 PM ATC: Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Fri. 9:00 AM –11:00 AM

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