ASC Receives Exemplary Practice Award

The Daytona State College Academic Support Center’s Partnership for Success: Faculty Involvement in Academic Support was selected for the 2010 Exemplary Practice Award by the FACC Library Resources Commission. Dr. Judy Campbell, Director of the ASC, submitted the proposal to recognize the exceptional faculty engagement at the ASC and the faculty’s impact on student success.

Dr. Campbell cites the “wonderful synergy between the faculty and the ASC staff” as a key factor in increasing student retention. Between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010, 148 faculty members contributed 5,421 hours of ASC service.

Without the active and consistent faculty participation in ASC activities, it would be impossible to provide support to the thousands of students who seek academic assistance. In fact, there were over 280,000 student visits in 2009-2010 fiscal year. By their repeat visits, students confirm that the help they receive in the ASC is valuable to their success. The extraordinary response from faculty directly benefits the students who seek ASC assistance.

Faculty Service

Between August 30 to November 13, 2010, 129 DSC faculty have contributed over 2,174 service hours: an exceptional contribution to the success of DSC students!

Revitalization of Library

Two years ago, when Associate Vice President Dr. Michelle McCraney walked into the DSC Library, she saw the potential to revitalize a hub of student activity that has long-served our student body with little evolution over the decades. In response to this opportunity, Dr. McCraney, Mercedes Clement, the chair of Library Services, and the Library Advisory committee initiated a project that has seen the introduction of the Faculty Innovation Center, the ASC English-Humanities-Education lab, the College Writing Center, a popular coffee shop, and soon the Honors College. These achievements not only allow the College to expand its variety of services, but also exemplify the talents and innovation of the departments and staff who have come together to bring these changes to fruition.

This project also benefitted from the talents and effort of Anthony Zaffuto, a retired Associate Professor in Business and member of the Library Advisory Committee, who drafted the business plan; Bethany Creamer, Assistant Chair of the School of Technological and Occupational Programs and Interior Design Program, who drafted the Interior design plan and volunteered additional time, effort, and talent in maintaining the aesthetic balance and integration of new centers, styles, and color schemes as the project progresses; and Butch Johnson and staff of the physical plant, who have provided the craftsmanship and care in the construction, painting, and detailing of the Library building.

Staff Notes

Carlos Diaz is excited about joining us as a Learning Specialist here at the ASC in building 210. Carlos comes to us from DSC Florida Online, where he was working with online courses for faculty and students. He is a graduate of Boston University, where he obtained his Master’s in Education. Carlos has taught ENC-0001 & 0002, SP0001, ESOL for Adults and has exemplary computer and software skills. Carlos is currently providing support for ASC students in English, Spanish, Florida Online and computer software. He brings with him a wide-range of experience in various areas, as well as his passion for teaching and helping students learn more about the different ways we all learn.

Erin Scott has joined the Academic Support Center after working with us as a part time Math Learning Specialist for two years. Specializing in math and physics, Erin received her AA from DSC before she went on to earn a Bachelor’s in Civil Engineering from Florida Institute of Technology. A lifelong student, Erin is currently taking Modern Geometry, with Stats 2 and History of Math planned for next semester, along with a refresher Calc 3 and says that she enjoys the “opportunity to learn new math skills and ideas from students and instructors, every day.”

John McManus Congratulations to John McManus and family! A retired New York City Fireman and professional tutor in our Deland ASC site, John will have the pleasure of escorting his two sons onstage when they graduate from the Daytona State School of Emergency Services – Fire Science Programs on Nov. 29 & Dec. 6.