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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

FROM THE DIRECTOR

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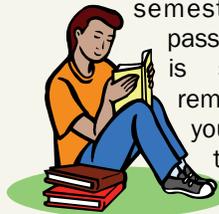
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It's not too late!

Now that midterms are over and spring break has ended, bring on the good weather! This has been a long winter season. I know you are ready to get out and enjoy some good weather.

I just want to say how extremely proud I am of my SSS students for a job well done the first eight weeks of this semester. Even though the first half of the semester has passed, there is still time remaining! As you attack these final weeks,



remember to set a plan of action. There are a lot of distractions headed your way: Springfest and SGA Elections among them. Remember that each credit hour of class time requires at least one hour of study time!

This is a busy time for SSS as well. We have some great workshops planned for the remainder of the semester. We are also planning several cultural trips in hopes of sparking a re-

newed interest in expanding your education. We are excited about all of this planning. Stay on the lookout for SSS activities, because some great experiences are headed your way!

Student Support Services provides free services for you. Without you, there is no SSS. Please continue to take advantage of this opportunity. Let's continue to work hard together and make this a successful semester!

Mrs. Stewart,
Director

WORK NOW. IT WILL PAY LATER: SUMMER JOBS

By Jan Curtiss

With many new graduates competing for jobs, employers seek those who "bring the most to the table" during the selection process. The summer break between semesters is the most opportune time for college students to start fulfilling the requirements for landing a good job upon graduation. This will become more apparent when it comes time for you to prepare that all-important job resume.

Who will review your resume first when it appears at your job prospect? The question is not "who" but "what." As we move deeper into the age of high-tech computers and digital technology, resumes are less often reviewed by an employer in the form of a sheet of paper. Most large companies and government agencies use electronic scanners to determine if resumes are worthy enough to be viewed by an actual person. Gone are the days when employers spent hours weeding through stacks of resumes to find the right person to fill a

position. An electronic scanner saves time, allowing only a select few to make it to the hirer's desk. Doesn't sound fair, does it? Well, for most businesses, time is money. The open position will need to be filled quickly and with the most qualified person.

And what does the scanner look for, you might ask? A resume scanner can be programmed to detect certain words pertinent to specific job requirements. If your resume is lacking "key

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AVOIDING A CREDIT CRASH

Students were excited when Mr. Kevin Thompson, VP of the Consumer Credit Bureau visited SSS for a workshop. They were so excited that that workshop was the best attended this semester.

Surrounded by participants, Mr. Kelly taught that a credit report consists of an individual's credit liabilities, and its use is permitted by the Fair Credit Reporting Act to help potential creditors determine whether a person is a good risk for a loan or credit services. Companies may use this information when you apply

for loans, credit cards, housing, utilities or insurance.

A typical credit report includes the following:

- Your name, current and previous addresses, phone numbers, Social Security number, date of birth, and current and previous employers. This information comes from your credit applications, so its accuracy depends on your filling out the forms clearly, completely, and consistently each time you apply for credit.
- Specific information

about each account, such as the date opened, credit limit or loan amount, balance, monthly payment, and payment pattern during the past several years. This information comes from companies that do business with you.

- Federal district bankruptcy records, state and county court records of tax liens and monetary judgments and, in some states, overdue child support. This information comes from public records.

- The names of those who have obtained a copy of your credit report. This information comes from the credit reporting agency.

(from a handout provided by Accudata Credit Systems)



DID YOU KNOW...

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(Continued from page 1) words" according to the scanner, it will likely end up as mere digital data on a computer chip, and you will never receive a call for an interview.

Key words that impress the scanner are mostly found in the meat of your resume, under WORK EXPERIENCE. Now do you see the point this article is getting to?

Summer jobs give college students opportunities to build work experience prior to graduation. Why not take advantage of semester breaks, not only to earn a

little cash, but to gain skills that may be required by a future employer. Doing volunteer work is also an excellent way to acquire valuable job skills. Duties such as organizing a project, executing a plan, researching resources to assist others, etc. catch the "eye" of a resume scanner and set it apart from others. Never underestimate your job skills. Some job tasks may seem menial at the time, but they may actually translate into a "key word" or characteristic that an employer is seeking in a potential employee. When writing

your resume, use strong action words (conducted, performed, assisted, etc.) when describing your job responsibilities.

There are many resources you can use in your efforts to find meaningful work experience. You can begin your search for summer jobs and internships at Lincoln's Counseling and Career Services in Founders Hall. You can also find jobs listed in the classified ads of your local newspapers or visit online job postings. Don't just seek jobs related to your academic major; be open to other career fields as well. Consult your church or other community organizations to see if there's an

opportunity to help plan events, create newsletters, or raise funds for a worthwhile cause.

Remember: Knowledge is gained from experience, and experience is gained from working with people. The good work you do now may not immediately put you on the list of Fortune Magazine's Top Ten, but it will hopefully pave the way for you to make it there.



SPOTLIGHT: RENAURD

Joseph Ward III

Habla usted español? If you don't know what that means, ask Lincoln University's own Renaurd Robertson. Not only is she a Lincoln University student, but she participates in Student Support Services. What's the big fuss, you may be asking? Read on and you will see.

All semester long, Renaurd has been working diligently, taking advantage of all that Student Support Services has to offer. She has participated in the workshops, gone on the trips and assisted with the office's community service efforts. She visits the office regularly, keeping in the know.

All her hard work has paid off. Renaurd was selected to participate in the College Consortium for International Studies program. Renaurd was notified on April 4, 2008 that she has been accepted by Broward Community College of Fort Lauderdale, FL, and the International College of

Seville (Spain) for the fall semester of 2008.

Why study abroad?

Renaurd, a Spanish major, will have the opportunity to gain an international dimension and a global perspective on her Spanish major. She will be able to expand her range of course options in hopes of developing a global resume. Renaurd will have the opportunity to sharpen her interpersonal and communications skills through interacting with people from backgrounds different than her own. She will be able to enjoy new and different activities that are native to Spain. Most importantly, she will achieve competence in a foreign language.

Renaurd would like to thank her advisor, Gabrielle Malfatti-Rachell for pointing her in the right direction and having the confidence and the patience in knowing that her hard work would pay off. She also thanked Student Support Services. "If you



RENAURD ROBERTSON

don't know about SSS and all that SSS has to offer, I suggest that you try it. You might just like it!"

Congratulations to our own Renaurd Robertson! We are proud of you.

The College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS) is an American consortium which offers students a choice of 32 programs in 24 countries. Sponsoring institutions develop and maintain pro-

grams with international institutions. These programs are rigorously reviewed by both CCIS and American accrediting agencies. The course content focuses on language learning, the social sciences, the humanities, and business.



Ingredients

- 1/8 cup olive oil
- 1 small green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp. ground white pepper
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1/2 cup pimento-stuffed green olives, sliced
- 1/4 cup canned diced green chilies, drained
- 6 cherry tomatoes, seeded and coarsely chopped
- 4 (8 oz.) red snapper fillets
- 1 tbsp. capers, rinsed and drained

SNAPPER VERACRUZ

Directions

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add green pepper, onion, and garlic, and cook until pepper is soft, about 5 minutes. Mix in the white pepper, cinnamon, lime juice, olives, and chilies; cook for 2 more minutes, to blend the flavors. Stir in the tomatoes, and cook until thickened, about 10 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Place the snapper filets into a lightly greased 9x13 inch baking dish. Pour the tomato sauce over the filets, and bake for 10 to 15 minutes in the preheated oven or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Stir in the capers just before serving.

Servings: 4

CALENDAR
APRIL

Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th
WORKSHOP: WHY GRADES MATTER

Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th
REGISTRATION MADE EASY

Thursday 17th
HEISINGER BLUFFS NURSING HOME VISIT

Thursday 19th
ROCK BRIDGE PARK TOUR

Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th
HOW TO SET GOALS THAT MATTER

Friday 25th
LAST DAY TO TURN IN GRANT ACTIVITIES AND MATERIALS



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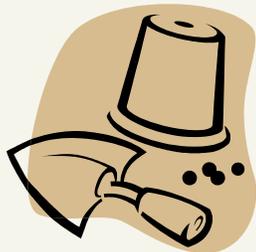
Thursday 1st
SSS END-OF-YEAR AWARDS BANQUET

Sunday 4th from 6:00 to 12:00 p.m.
BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL 6 - 12 PM

Monday 5th until 7:00 p.m.
BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL – SSS OPEN LATE

Tuesday 6th until 7:00 p.m.
BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL – SSS OPEN LATE

Saturday 10th at 10:00 a.m.
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Jennifer Greene	8
Ajia Williams.....	11
Andrew Sutherland	13
Mercedes Washington	14
Tenika Sims	16
Ebony Holden.....	18
Ariel Mosley.....	21
Cherita Mclaughlin	22
Tianna Richards.....	27
Erica Nunley-Mason.....	28
Corey Robinson.....	28
Jennifer Williams	28



BIRTHDAYS!

