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Director’s Welcome

We are delighted to launch the fall 2008 issue of this online newsletter. As you may know, the mission of the Office of Academic Services (OAS) is to provide undergraduate Nova Southeastern University (NSU) students with innovative academic support services that promote student success. The purpose of this newsletter is to create a medium for communicating with the NSU family on a regular basis to raise awareness about the various services, projects, and initiatives underway in OAS. Beyond highlighting what is new, we would like for you to get to know our hard-working and dedicated staff, as well as hear the voices of those we service. The newsletter will feature tutor profiles and student testimonials that tell the story of how we fulfill our mission.

Once again, we are excited about this new endeavor and invite you to become a regular reader of this publication.

Best wishes for a great fall 2008 semester!

Lisa Walther-Austin, Director
Office of Academic Services

Student Testimonials

I was very pleased with my writing tutor Marissa’s assistance during our online appointment. I found the information and the materials she provided to be very helpful.

Patricia Baker,
Business Leadership, Jacksonville

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As a “returning” student, my math skills needed to be updated. With the assistance of the math tutors, I received the one-on-one attention I needed in order to successfully bring my skills up to date.

Anne-Marie Rodewald,
Psychology, Main Campus

Tutor Profile

Jenny Brain
Writing Tutor,
Miami (Kendall) Campus

Jenny has been a writing tutor at NSU for nearly nine years. She has a bachelor of arts and master of arts degree in English from the University of Florida and an educational specialist certification from Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Jenny has taught high school English for 28 years, as well as ESL and humanities at Miami Dade College. Jenny loves her job, stating, “It makes me happy when I can explain a concept in a creative way so that the student ‘gets’ it.”

Have you seen our renovations? We now have two additional tutoring rooms, two additional testing rooms, and one study room available by reservation.

The First Annual Tutor Recognition Ceremony, May 2008
Do You Dare To Be Excellent Or Just . . . Pretty Good?

by Charles Osgood

There once was a pretty good student,  
Who sat in a pretty good class  
And was taught by a pretty good teacher  
Who always let pretty good pass.

He wasn’t terrific at reading,  
He wasn’t a whiz-bang at math,  
But for him, education was leading  
Straight down a pretty good path.

He didn’t find school too exciting,  
But he wanted to do pretty well,  
And he did have some trouble with writing  
Since nobody taught him to spell.

When doing arithmetic problems,  
Pretty good was regarded as fine.  
5+5 needn’t always add up to be 10;  
A pretty good answer was 9.

The pretty good class that he sat in  
Was part of a pretty good school,  
And the student was not an exception:  
On the contrary, he was the rule.

The pretty good school that he went to  
Was there in a pretty good town,  
And nobody there seemed to notice  
He could not tell a verb from a noun.

The pretty good student in fact was  
Part of a pretty good mob.  
And the first time he knew what he lacked  
When he looked for a pretty good job.

It was then, when he sought a position,  
He discovered that life could be tough,  
And he soon had a sneaking suspicion  
Pretty good might not be good enough.

Faculty Corner

Would you like to enhance student success in your classroom?

We now bring workshops to your door.  
Tell us what topic you would like us to cover, and we will design it just for your group of students.

Requests for workshops and brief informational sessions can be submitted through our Web site:  
www.undergrad.nova.edu/academicservices
Tutor Recognition Week

October 6–10, 2008, is designated as National Tutor Recognition Week. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize all of our tutors for their hard work and dedication:

Math/Science/Business
Sonya Chacko - sophomore, biology
Jeanina Diaz - 3rd-year pharmacy student
Annie Hayat - 1st-year biomedical science
Hina Ismael - senior, accounting
Jessica Klein - sophomore, biology
Nena Lara - sophomore, management
Tania Lopez - senior, biology
Briana O'Dowd – senior, psychology
Rutu Patel - junior, biology
Kenrick Raza - 1st-year, pharmacy
Adailys Trincado - sophomore, biology
Trinidad Samaniego (Miami) - professional
Leo Strzyzewski (Miami) - professional
Du Nguyen (Tampa) - professional
Dorothy Simmons (Orlando) - professional
Jeff Ware (Jacksonville) - professional

Writing
Mindy Blum - professional
Marissa Cohen - professional
Racquel Fagon - graduate, writing
Manuel Jaramillo - professional
Janissa Khalk - graduate, writing
Ed Reardon - professional
Alyssa Rothenberg - graduate, psychology
Myrna Santos - professional
Sarah West - graduate, psychology
Jenny Brain (Miami) - professional
Rita Martinez-Puccio (Miami) - professional
Matthew Williamson (Orlando) - professional
Louisa Ogle (Tampa) - professional

Contact Us
Main Campus—Hours:
Monday–Thursday
8:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Friday
8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Saturday
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
(Hours subject to change)

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Miami (writing) (954) 262-3434
Orlando (407) 264-5616
Tampa (813) 393-4997

Testing Services
The purpose of Testing Services is to:

- Facilitate testing accommodations for students with documented disabilities;
- Administer challenge exams that allow students to be placed in appropriate course levels;
- Offer credit-earning exams, such as CLEP and DSST, which can facilitate completion of student degree requirements;
- Proctor faculty-approved make-up exams in an environment that helps preserve academic integrity through the use of closed circuit cameras.

Do You Want To Be A Tutor?
If you want to become a peer tutor (math, science, or business), you must have:

- A minimum of 30 earned credits;
- An overall GPA of 3.4 or higher;
- A “B+” or higher in any course to be tutored.

To apply, go to www.undergrad.nova.edu/academicservices, fill out an application, and drop it off at our office (Parker, 100).