

TUTOR PROFILE



Celeste Banfill

I am a senior majoring in marine biology. As a tutor I enjoy assisting students through difficult problems. Although the answer may not come right away, it is extremely rewarding when the student does reach the answer and is then able to approach future problems with more confidence and understanding. I also greatly enjoy refreshing my own skills while tutoring!

During my time at Nova, I have been a member of the Bossa Nova Chorale, and participated in several of the musical productions. I enjoy singing and playing piano in my free time. My academic interests include genetics and the study of marine invertebrates.

I hope to gain admittance to the University of Miami's Integrative Biology Program, where I would work towards earning a Ph.D. in evolutionary biology. My career goals are to continue research as part of a national organization or as a university professor.



HAVE YOU MADE ANY RESOLUTIONS?

It's hard to believe that the winter semester is now fully underway. By now students have returned, are settled in and will quickly begin studying and preparing for upcoming papers, exams, and quizzes.

For those that made New Year Resolutions, we are hopeful that utilizing all that the Tutoring and Testing Center has to offer made it on your list. We are here to maximize your learning potential so you can succeed at NSU and beyond.

Our drop in tutoring locations have expanded, our senior tutors are now looking forward to graduation and our SI (supplemental instruction) program has grown to 16 classes for the winter term. I encourage students to avail themselves of all that is available.



Lisa Walther
Director

Best wishes for a great year ahead!

Need a Quiet Place to Study?

Want to ask a tutor some last minute questions before tomorrow's quiz?

Studying with friends and want a tutor close by?

Want a writing tutor to provide some strategies to craft your essay?

Drop in tutoring might be right for you!

Fall semester drop in tutoring was available from 8-10 pm in the Goodwin and Commons residence halls, as well as the Library. This service will once again be available during the winter semester.

Students especially enjoyed our milk and cookies study nights prior to final exam week.





What Does a Student Have to Say About Tutoring, Math Coaching and SI? About Tutoring,



Corey Betron
Freshman, Pre-Nursing

The transition from high school to college was a big step for me. Although I have always been determined to do well in school, math started to become a stumbling block for me early in the semester. I was referred by the Office of Undergraduate Student Success to see a math coach in the Tutoring and Testing Center. With the math coach, I was able to map out a success plan. This plan included seeing my math coach, Gail Levine, once a week and attending tutoring and SI sessions an additional 2-3 times per week. I found that putting in hard work and dedication allowed me to go from an unsatisfactory math grade to passing with flying colors. This was not just a math lesson, but a life lesson!



Fall Events

KICK START The Semester

The Tutoring and Testing Center welcomed new and returning students to a mini breakfast and an opportunity to meet some of their tutors, SI leaders, and staff in an informal setting.



Coffee and Conversations

The Tutoring and Testing Center in conjunction with the Office of International Affairs launched a new program this semester called Coffee and Conversations. The monthly socials gave globally minded students the opportunity to practice conversational English skills and learn about different countries and customs. Each month light snacks indigenous to a particular country along with coffee were provided. In September cookies from The Netherlands called Stroopwaffles were served. In October we enjoyed treats from Saudi Arabia. In November the featured country was the United States. A Thanksgiving feast was provided to over 60 students.

Brownie Points

Who would have thought that decorating brownies and studying would go together? SI Leaders, tutors, and students were able to participate in an enjoyable activity and learn study tips in preparation for midterms. A yummy time was had by all.



New and Returning Tutors and SI leaders?

TUTORS

Writing

Murtaza Akbar Mindy Blum
Ashley Irizarry Karina Lozano
Izabelle Peters
Stephanie Wietrychowski

Math— Science—Computer Science

Alma Alfarrá Celeste Banfill
Lindsey Chacko Chrissy Durrance
Deepthi Gangaram Brandon Golub
Fady Guigati Karl Haro
Max Itkin Kevin John
Mekha Mathew Priscila Reyes
Kyle Sheridan

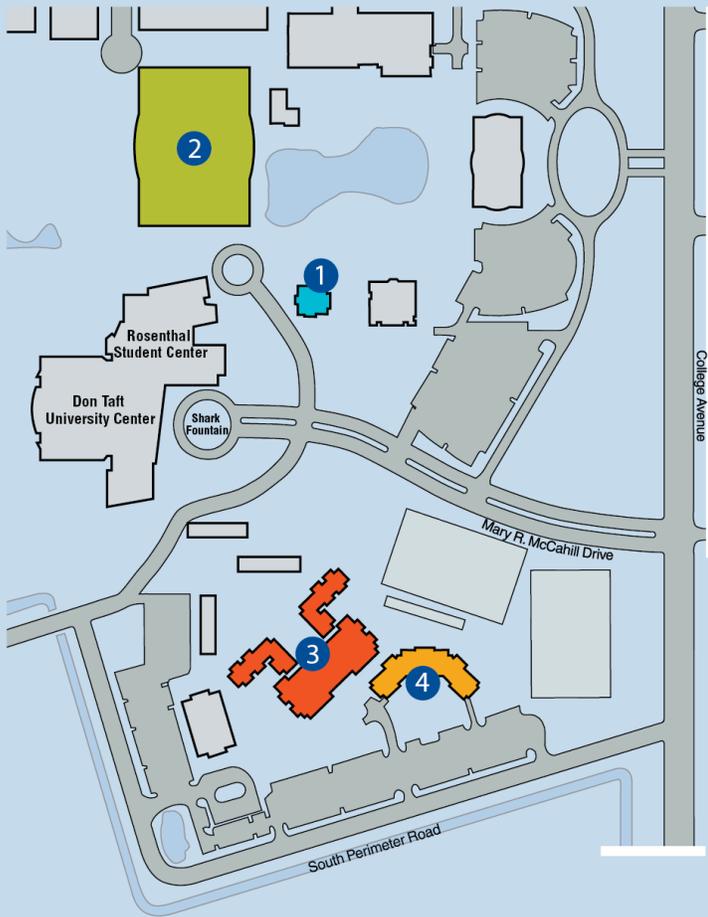
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Returning SI Leaders

Bernardo Jordan Mariah Knowles
Karina Lozano Ava Pasnon
Valentina Ramirez Rachel Ruffalo
Kyle Sheridan Qaas Shoukat
Sabrina Vazquez Miriam Zelden

New SI Leaders

Ignacio Falcon Prianna Nadal
Nikhil Nagabandi Hanna Steward



TUTORING ACROSS CAMPUS

Math • Science • Writing

- 1** Student Affairs Building, 2nd Floor
Monday–Saturday
45 minute appointments
- 2** Alvin Sherman Library, Lab A, 2nd Floor
Wednesday, 8:00–10:00 p.m.
Drop in tutoring
- 3** Commons Residence Hall
Thursday, 8:00–10:00 p.m.
Drop in tutoring
- 4** Leo Goodwin Sr. Residence Hall, 1st Floor
Tuesday, 8:00–10:00 p.m.
Drop in tutoring

Testing News

Testing Center Experience

I have used the Testing Center multiple times throughout the semester for make up exams. I especially love the entire staff and the support that they provide to me. The welcoming environment brings out a positive energy. The staff has earned my trust and I enjoy taking advantage of their services.

- Isabella Holguin
Freshman



See us for your professional exam preparation needs.

Resources available include:

- Personalized study plans
- Lending library
- Mock exams
- Test prep workshops

CONNECT WITH US

HOURS OF OPERATION

Ft. Lauderdale Campus

Monday - Thursday

8:30am - 7:00pm

Friday

8:30am - 5:00 pm

Saturday

10:00am - 2:00 pm

Regional Campuses

Tutoring days and hours vary

For appointments

call 800-757-7257, ext. 28350

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TESTING

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It's All In The Numbers!



The tutors, SI leaders, and staff take great pride in assisting students. Research continues to prove that students who attend tutoring and/or SI sessions tend to have better gpa's than those who do not. Take a look at our numbers from last semester

and join us.

Tutoring Appointments*	1667
Drop-In Tutoring	136
SI Visits	1213
Tests Proctored	1066
Workshops Delivered	36
Math Coaching Sessions*	58
Test Preparation Sessions*	24

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Tutoring for

Math

Science

Writing

*Computer
Science*

Psychology