



## Director's Message

Welcome to the winter 2013 semester!

The Office of Academic Services (OAS) is committed to your success, and we want you to make this semester your best yet. As part of this effort, I invite you to peruse this newsletter and learn about the variety of academic support resources and services we are proud to offer you.

I am pleased to announce the continuation of the supplemental instruction (SI) program. SI sessions are guided by an SI leader who holds weekly out-of-class study sessions. This is an opportunity to meet with students in your class to compare notes, develop strategies for studying the subject, and to test yourself before your professor does.



We are also still offering the *EyeQ* software program, which allows you to work on increasing your reading speed and comprehension in preparation for graduate school standardized exams.

In order to continue to assess our efforts going forward, please provide us with your feedback. There are various survey instruments within the office, and I encourage you to take a moment to let us know how we are doing.

We are eager to be of service to you. Best wishes for a great year ahead!

Lisa Walther-Austin  
Director, Office of Academic Services

## OAS Now Offering Services at the NSU Residence Halls

The Office of Academic Services is proud to announce the start of an extensive collaboration with NSU's Residential Life and Housing. Located in The Commons residence hall, OAS tutors will now be available for face-to-face sessions on Sunday evenings and on Tuesday nights after typical operating hours at the main office. The tutors currently working in the residence hall also maintain a schedule at the main office and can be visited during regular office hours.

We are currently offering tutoring services in select math and science courses and hope to expand our repertoire in order to cover the full array of services we provide at the Parker Building's main office.

Appointments are scheduled for 20 minutes each, and students should expect to bring their notes and written work with them. We hope to see those students living on campus take advantage of this wonderful program.

## Tutor Profile

### Lauren Llorente

Tutor Lauren Llorente is graduating this year, earning a B.S. in Biology with a minor in chemistry from NSU's Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences.

A South Florida native, Lauren plans to attend dental school in the fall of next year. She enjoys mentoring students in math and science, and especially takes pride in helping students understand and succeed in their organic chemistry classes. She has been a member of the Office of Academic Services family for two years.

During her time at NSU, Lauren was an Orientation Leader and a teacher's assistant and has been involved in many student organizations on campus. She enjoys spending time with friends and family, reading and practicing martial arts. This summer, she is traveling to Europe before she starts the rigors of graduate school.



## Tutor Profile

### *Andrea Dulanto*

Andrea Dulanto is the newest addition to the OAS professional tutoring staff, and she is looking forward to her first semester as a writing tutor at NSU.

Andrea's tutoring methods are centered on helping students to develop their own writing process. She also strives to build confidence in their abilities as writers.

Outside of school, Andrea often writes arts and culture articles for LGBT, feminist, and pop culture publications such as *South Florida Gay News*, *PopMatters*, and *Elevate Difference*.

Her poetry, fiction, and nonfiction have been published in several literary magazines including *Sinister Wisdom*, *Gertrude Press*, *BlazeVOX*, and *Court Green*.

Recently, her short story "Winter Clothes," was selected as a runner-up in the 2012 Kenyon Review Short Fiction Contest.

We are happy to welcome Andrea to the OAS team.

## New Tutors for OAS

Please help us in welcoming our newest tutors:

### Writing Tutor:

Andrea Dulanto - Andrea Dulanto has a B.A. in Literature from Antioch College and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Florida International University.

### Math and Science Tutors:

Reena Dholakia – Reena joined the OAS staff in fall 2012. She is a psychology major specializing in neuropsychology.

Emily Lazowick – Emily joined the OAS staff in winter 2013. She is a biology major.

Shivani Patel – Shivani joined the OAS staff in fall 2012. She is a biology major and, in addition to her duties at our main office, serves as one of our residence hall tutors



Cortney Palmacci, Robert Miyares  
Tutoring Coordinators

## Lending Library Expansion

The Lending Library housed in Testing Services got a boost this past fall.

We were able to more than double the number of resources we have to lend to students preparing for many graduate school entrance exams. These test preparation books are available for in-house and two-week, take-home loans.

MCAT and LSAT flashcards were always available, but now we also have flashcards for the PCAT, OAT, and DAT.

Further additions have been made to our collection of study guides for the LSAT, MCAT, PCAT, OAT, DAT, and GRE.

Please come in to check out these testing resources.



Hilary Malave, administrative assistant,  
joined OAS in August 2012



## Contact Us

### Main Campus

Parker Building, Suite 100

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.  
*These hours are subject to change.*

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### Student Educational Centers

Tutoring hours vary. For appointments, call 800-757-7257, ext. 28350

## Tutors Needed

If you want to become a peer tutor (math and/or science), you must have the following:

- minimum of 30 earned credits
- overall GPA of 3.4 or higher
- “B+” or higher in courses you want to tutor

To apply, visit [www.fcas.nova.edu/services/academic\\_services/index.cfm](http://www.fcas.nova.edu/services/academic_services/index.cfm), fill out an application, and drop it off at the OAS office: Parker Building, Suite 100.

## Testing Basics

Testing Services continues to be a test administration site for CLEP, DSST, and NYU Foreign Language Proficiency exams. Students must contact their academic advisor before making appointments to take any exam and then contact Testing Services for specific dates or appointments. Students can also contact the Office of Student Disability Services for more information on individualized accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

## Testing Reminders

We hope your efforts to stay on track and keep up with the rigors of college-level study are effective. However, if there are topics that you are struggling with in your attempt to reach this goal, please stop by the Office of Academic Services and see what we have to offer—You may be surprised.



Chanel Burth,

Work Study Student  
for Testing

## Testing Services News

Testing Services completed its second administration of the LSAT in NSU's Shepard Broad Law Center with record-breaking attendance. February's LSAT will be the third test hosted by NSU, and it is filling up fast.

November's Mock MCAT was filled to capacity, and the participants who are interested in going to medical school were thankful for this opportunity to get a feel for what the real MCAT will be like.

Testing Services is planning to offer this mock test every November. If you missed this chance, look for signs in the fall or stop by OAS Testing Services to ask about it. Students get the chance to take one of the retired MCAT exams in a simulated test setting, and the institutional rate is passed on to the student. This covers the cost of the exam itself, and you get an entire year of access to the AAMC website and all of their resources to assist in study preparations for the real thing!



Pat Krauss, Testing Coordinator

Tutoring centers come in many shapes and forms. Some have a multitude of resources—such as computer labs, study rooms, textbook resources, and satellite locations.

But the goal for all remains the same:  
**Assist students to become active and independent learners!**