



ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER NEWS

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ASC Celebrates Tutors & Student Leaders

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ASC Student Leaders Earn Recognition



ASC student leaders Stephanie Epifanio and Russell Sandberg received honors for their exceptional contributions to the ASC at Daytona State College's Awards Convocation on April 14th. Epifanio received the "SI Leader of the Year," and Sandberg accepted "Tutor of the Year." Epifanio ensured students were successful in her college algebra sessions by creating supplementary handouts and materials

and even provided one-on-one assistance to struggling students on her own time. Sandberg offered students math and science expertise and patience, and like Epifanio, he also spent extra time with students to guarantee their understanding of the material. Both student leaders serve the Deland campus and are invaluable assets to the Academic Support Center's SI and tutoring programs



TRiO Achiever Award Nicole Groft has been the Head Tutor for the TRiO Student Support Services Program for two years, assisting with tutor scheduling, preparing monthly reports, and tutoring students in Human Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology and Statistics. In addition to her leadership skills and subject matter knowledge, students and staff appreciate her winning smile and her willingness to help everyone. Miss Groft plans

to transfer to San Diego State University to major in Nursing upon earning her Associates of Arts degree from Daytona State University in May 2010.

Business Spotlight



The ASC now offers business students one-on-one assistance on a daily basis in building 500 at the Daytona site.

Professional Business Tutor Dawn McDonough spends forty hours a week tutoring students in classes ranging from beginning accounting courses to the BAS finance, accounting, and business courses. With over fourteen years experience, McDonough offers a wealth of knowledge and is trained in Excel, Access, Word, and QuickBooks as well as the keyboarding and medical transcription software. McDonough loves translating the "new language" of accounting and business to students and especially enjoys seeing the "light bulb go on" when students master difficult concepts. In addition to McDonough's sought-after guidance, students can also attend faculty led business learning sessions in areas of finance, accounting, and taxes. Business faculty members also hold office hours at the ASC and welcome students' questions.

ASC Tutors Talk about Tutoring

Asheev Sarna – Professional Math Tutor, Daytona

"As a professional tutor, I have the opportunity to teach and learn at the same time. While serving, I have realized each individual has a specific need and unique learning style. Tutoring is an art of fulfilling the specific need while communicating in the unique style. Furthermore, tutoring has allowed me to acquire new concepts and theories while strengthening my knowledge base. I sincerely enjoy my job."

Lawrence Nicaastro – Professional Math Tutor, Flagler

"Tutoring at the Flagler campus for Daytona State College has been a rewarding experience in more ways than one. I feel that projecting my own knowledge in mathematics to help students has been a valuable accomplishment to me and it feels great to know that I am helping with their success."

Christina Sills - English/Math Tutor, Deltona

"Being a tutor is a wonderful experience. I am beginning the Bachelor Program for Education in the fall and hope to be a teacher in the near future. Tutoring has helped me get a feeling for teaching and has shown me that I truly do have a passion in helping someone learn. There is nothing better than the feeling you get when someone thanks you for helping them do well on their test and the appreciation that they have. This is the best job I have ever had and I have quite a few jobs."

Eric Galarza - English Tutor, Deltona

"The experience of tutoring has not only benefited me, but more importantly, it has given the people I tutor a better understanding for what is expected of them... I always let them know what is wrong and together we try our hardest to improve each other's understanding of things. That way the end result can be more influential in the future. I tutor students so that they can leave and feel like they have taken something with them to use throughout their college experience... Knowing that I have helped create and shape a contender is enough to make me happy."

Stephanie Roberts –Math Tutor, Daytona

"I am an education major, so working as a tutor is a great experience and opportunity to help students accomplish tasks they didn't think they could do when they first walked into the center. As a tutor, I learn the skills and patience needed to be an effective teacher and find it incredibly rewarding to watch students take pride in their work."

Jessie McClain–Math Tutor, New Smyrna

"I was once the one struggling with my classes, and coming to the Academic Support Center to work with a tutor really saved me more than once. It's a really positive feeling to be able to return the favor. I can't think of many things better than being there with someone in that moment when everything starts to click."



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