

# Student Academic Assistance News

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## Director's Corner



### MATH SUCKS!

I've heard students say that: "Math sucks," "I hate math" . What if you are one of those students looking at that endless list of classes your counselor has told you about: Mt 084, 085, 098. Then there's one, final college level class that for many of you will be the last math you will take in college. And you wonder how you are going to do it.

Think about doing it differently. Our Math Dept. offers a program called STATWAY, and it may be just the ticket for you. It's based on statistics, which in this world is critical to know. Why? Because statistics are quoted to us every day for all kinds of reasons and all kinds motivations, not all good for you. You need to be able to think critically about statistics to better understand the information you're downloading.

Instead of four quarters of math, you would need only three: 091,092,136. Done in three quarters, studying math in context, looking at real world problems and issues. It makes sense.

## Scholarship Opportunities

NePage Scholarship: TBA winter quarter

Pride Foundation Scholarship: 01/31/12

Seattle International District Rotary Scholarship: 01/27/12

SCCC Foundation Scholarships: TBA end of winter quarter

AARP Foundation Women's Scholarship Program: 02/01/12

For more information see your counselor.

## Dates to Remember

Tuesday, Jan. 17th—Last day to add classes, drop w/out a "W."

Friday, Feb. 24th—Last day to drop classes.

Monday, Jan. 23th —Last day for 50% refund for dropped classes.

Wednesday, March 21st—Last day of the quarter.

Monday, Feb. 13th—Registration for Spring Quarter.



This Student Support Services Project is  
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## Tutoring Services

### Tutoring began Jan. 9th!

Don't wait until the end of the quarter to get help now. Students in the Student Academic Assistant program are eligible for **two hours of tutoring per week** for each subject they are taking.

**Winter Tutoring Hours for SAA**  
**8am-4pm M-F**  
**Room 1102B**  
**Questions?**

## Financial Planning

When you want something in life, plan for it. A financial plan is simply a roadmap for how you will manage your money on an ongoing basis. At its most basic, a financial plan involves defining your money goals, identifying the steps it will take to reach those goals, and then following through with those steps.

**Make a budget and stick to it.** A budget is just a self-imposed guideline for how much money you can spend and what you can spend it on. You will be amazed at how much farther your money goes when you have a budget. Start with tracking all your weekly expenses for a month and then set limits on what you spend based on that record. Life is unpredictable, so don't forget to allocate money for unexpected expenses in your budget.

**Start saving.** A few dollars here and there can make a big difference later in life. Saving and investing your money puts your money to work for you. If you have a job, pay yourself first. Have your bank automatically deposit a set amount from your paycheck into a savings account. Experts recommend saving 3 months of living expenses as a safety net before saving for a car, vacation or new television.

**Avoid credit cards.** In college, you'll get tons of credit card offers. Your best move? Shred them. Don't sign up for a credit card just to get something for free. If you feel you need a credit card or you want to start building your credit history, apply for one credit card with the lowest interest rate available then charge only what you can afford to repay. Also, pay the balance in full each month to avoid interest charges.

**Additional Web Resources**

Free financial literacy videos from NSCC & AFS <http://www.myfinancialgoals.org/education/classes.htm>

Federal website for financial aid application-[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Great general financial aid information website-[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

Scholarship search-[www.thewashboard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org)

Online budgeting programs-[www.mint.com](http://www.mint.com) <http://www.gosimplifi.com/>

## Winter Campus Visits

### Sign up and go for a visit with us!!!

**UW Bothell, Bothell**

**Friday, Jan. 27th, 9-2pm**



**Evergreen State College, Olympia**

**Friday, February 3rd, 8-5pm**



# WINTER WORKSHOPS

01/17 Tuesday

Take Great Notes

01/19 Thursday

Time Management

01/24 Tuesday

Strategies for Math Test Anxiety

01/26 Thursday

Why College?

01/31 Tuesday

Critical Thinking

02/02 Thursday

Stress Management

02/07 Tuesday

Master Math Problems

02/14 Tuesday

Budgeting

02/16 Thursday

Time Management

03/01 Thursday

Stress Management

03/13 Tuesday

Finals 911