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Students for New Learning is SMU's student organization for anyone with LD/ADHD.

Join us for pizza and our first meeting of the spring semester !



ACADEMIC COACHING



DASS offers free, one-on-one academic coaching for undergraduate students with LD/ADHD. During coaching meetings with a DASS staff member, you will build valuable skills in **time management, organization, and studying**. If you are interested in scheduling a coaching appointment, email Learning Specialist, David Tylicki at dtylicki@smu.edu.

ACCOMMODATION LETTERS FOR SPRING 2018

Don't forget to order your letters from DASS.

And– pick them up and deliver to your professor

If you have never requested letters before, the process is simple.

Go to: <http://www.smu.edu/Provost/ALEC/DASS/DisabilityAccommodations/Forms/requestforletters>



Complete the short form and hit the submit button (you won't receive an email response). Your letters will be ready in 2-3 days and you may pick them up in Candy's office 202M from 8:30-4:30.

Ideally, deliver letters to faculty within the first two weeks of school during office hours and discuss with them how the accommodations will be implemented. Don't forget to discuss how finals will be handled at that time, as well!

Assistive Tech Can Help!

From time to time, we at DASS get the chance to try out new assistive technology that could make a huge difference in our students' lives.

The latest is the **C-Pen**. Popular in Europe for most of this decade, **C-Pens** are just now finding their way to the US. Surprisingly, these pens don't write! Instead, they're fitted with a scanner and text-to-speech tech. The user passes the "point" of the pen over lines of text, which are uploaded into the memory of the pen, and then the pen reads the text to the user out loud or through ear buds.

Such a device can be a game changer for students with reading disorders or visual impairments.

The **C-Pen** has 2MB of memory, a dictionary, and can read in 5 different languages. Once we become proficient in the pen's use, we'll begin offering demos of the pen and purchase information.



Kurzweil—Did You Know?

Did you know that the electronic text reading software Kurzweil 3000 is available for free to SMU students?

You obtain or create a document in e-text form, upload it into the program, and a natural sounding voice reads it back to you as fast or slow as you want.



For more information or to sign up for Kurzweil, contact DASS (dass@smu.edu)