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Tiffany Sunday spoke with chartered student organization Students for New Learning (SNL) on Nov. 5th to discuss dyslexia/ADHD and answer

students' questions.

Students enjoyed hearing practical advice from Sunday on the importance of self-advocacy and remembering their worth. She also emphasized recognizing our innate talents. Sunday wants students to remember their lives aren't defined by their disability, and their creativity, problem-solving skills and resilience are valuable strengths inherent in students with disabilities. As finals approach, remember the positive qualities living with your disability has taught you, and remember, you got this!

FINAL exams at DASS

If your professor has directed you to schedule your final exam at DASS, please book it early! Finals can be added to DASS Link starting **11/1/19**.

The **deadline to schedule is 12/3/19**, but many times/rooms will be full by then so don't wait. Please schedule your final as close to the class time as possible (based on the Registrar's final exam schedule).

Please note **DASS has set start times** for our finals (ex: 9am, 11:30am, or 2:30 pm).

If your professor allows you to take it at a different time than the class, please forward that email confirmation to dass@smu.edu.

If you schedule at DASS and then decide to test elsewhere, please cancel it in the system well ahead of time!

There is more important information about Finals at DASS on our website (*like start times, Saturday finals, etc.*) to review. There is information for instructors there, as well.

[DASS Test Proctoring](#)

SMU Scholarship \$ for students with disabilities

SMU has three scholarships that are designated specifically for disabled populations.

1. **Ryan Siddique scholarship**, for students with epilepsy
2. **Peggy R. and Constance Harrison scholarship** for students with disabilities who demonstrate financial need, with preference given to those with speech, language, or hearing problems
3. **James A. Sutton scholarship** for students with disabilities, with priority given to those with a physical limitation.

We encourage ALL to apply for scholarship #2 or #3 at this time. *To do so, submit a 1 page essay to dass@smu.edu on why you are deserving of either of these scholarships (Sutton or Harrison), and if you have financial need, please explain.*

Deadline to submit essay in NOVEMBER 30, 2019.

Use subject heading "DASS scholarship essay". If you want to be considered for the Siddique scholarship, the application process happens in mid-spring. All scholarships are open to undergraduate and graduate students and you must be in good standing with the university.

How to Request Letters for Next Semester

For JanTerm and Spring 2020 classes, please request your letters to be shared with each professor by completing a "Semester Request". You should not submit a semester request too early. Though, we recommend 1-2 weeks before the semester begins to improve the likelihood your schedule is set and minimize chances that the email notification gets lost in your instructors email inbox.

SO... *do it early but not too early!*

If you change a class after your letters have been shared, you must complete a NEW semester request for that course.

Instructions link: <https://www.smu.edu/Provost/SASP/DASS/DASS-Link/StudentInstructions/SemesterRequest>

Student survey-please complete

Please complete the VERY short survey about our new DASS Link

System: <https://smu-accommodate.symplicity.com/sso/students/login>

From your Menu button, select Surveys.

Answer the questions and submit. Thank you for your feedback!



The **2020 Google Lime Scholarship** application is now open for current students with disabilities who are pursuing Computer Science, Computer Engineering or related degrees.

Application Deadline: Thursday, December 5, 2019, at midnight PST / 3am EST.

[Click here](#) to view full eligibility requirements