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Students for New Learning

1st Meeting of the Year!

January 27, 2016

5:30 PM rm 217

PIZZA

At 5:30pm on Wednesday, January 27, join us in ALEC room 217 for SNL's first meeting of the year. We'll be talking about getting your Spring 2016 semester off to a good start, the Extra Mile Awards for your favorite professors, and future leadership opportunities in the group. And as always, there will be lots of pizza! Hope to see you there.

Looking for a new planner?

Check out Passion Planners-which includes a ToDo list for personal and a ToDo list for work items. Color code and keep it with you and it will become your best friend!

<http://www.passionplanner.com/>



Letters for Accommodation for SPRING 2016 Semester !

Don't forget to order your letters from DASS. **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 will NOT get an email but your letters will be ready in 2-3 days; pick them up in Candy's office (202M) on school days, 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!** Additionally, do NOT present a letter to your professor right before a test and then expect all accommodations to be put in place immediately-that is stressful on everyone and is not professional. If you've had trouble with this process in the past, meet with a DASS staff person to help you navigate the process correctly.

Volunteer opportunity with DASS



Do you want to help out your fellow students? DASS needs some able-bodied students to identify accessible entrances to campus buildings as well as locate restrooms. Please contact alexat@smu.edu if you have 1-2hrs to volunteer.



Didn't have the Fall Semester you wanted?

Consider academic coaching!



DASS offers one-on-one academic coaching tailored to students with ADD and Learning Disabilities. The DASS coach considers the student's individual needs, then teaches time management and academic skills, such as note taking, textbook reading, and test-taking. *In a collaborative process, the coach and student determine realistic goals and the plans to meet them, then during regular appointments, assess progress, providing both structure and accountability.* Coaching promotes independence; over time, students learn to utilize their natural talents, build self-confidence, recognize and avoid pitfalls on their own, and self-advocate effectively. Ultimately, *coaching is a positive, supportive, and empowering experience*, and the DASS team at SMU is proud to be able to provide this valuable service to our students. Email **David Tylicki** (dtvlicki@smu.edu) to set up an appointment today!

ONLINE TEST SCHEDULER: The OS requires at least 7 days advanced scheduling to test at DASS: <https://dassscheduler.smu.edu/> It is the student's responsibility to discuss these arrangements ahead of time with each professor. Only when the professor directs you to test at DASS should you schedule using the Online Scheduler. Ideally, schedule all tests for your respective classes at one time so you don't forget and miss the deadline. FINALS can be added in the OS, starting 4/1/16.

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