

“THE PROGRESS REPORT”

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Reflections From the Director

Special points of interest:

- “Operation Catch-up” - Nov 10th thru Dec 17th
- “A.S.C’s Study-A-Thon” - Nov 30th thru Dec 17th
- “Seek students know what to do...at Cheyney U”

This edition of the Academic Success Center, “Progress Report Newsletter” is especially important to me. October 30, 2009 marked my twentieth year of service at Cheyney university of Pennsylvania with eighteen of those years as Director of the Academic Success Center.

As I reflect on the past years, my mind is filled with memories of the manner in which services at the ASC have expanded. Today, there are more professional and peer tutors providing services in more subject areas, two computer labs, and more students utilize the center.

There are proposed innovations for future services including an

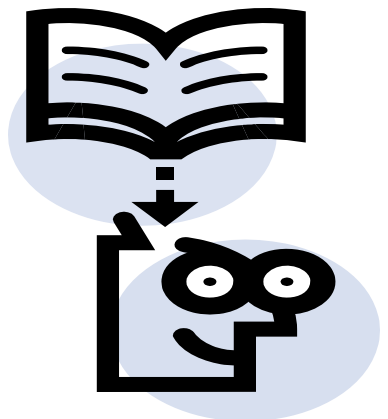
ASC webpage with guidelines to be used by students to write successful papers.

To help them my advice to all of our students to be successful in all of their endeavors is as follows:

- * Stay focused
- * Take advantage of all positive opportunities to grow
- * Always strive to be the best in all you do
- * Expand your horizons

* Seek to mature and grow in all aspects of your life

*Manage your time wisely...do not wait until the last minute!!



“SmartS” the ASC’s symbol of Success

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What’s New @ the A.S.C?

A good writer always puts his most exciting piece of information first and nothing is more exciting than this...The Academic Success Center’s computers have finally been updated. The computers in both of our labs are much faster, and have less logistical issues (i.e. less freezing, and stronger internet connection). Improved technology is not the only new happening here

at the A.S.C. As many of you have noticed the enrollment on campus has grown tremendously this semester, and the A.S.C has grown with it. This year we welcome our nearly 130 first year freshman S.E.E.K students to campus, our most sizable

S.E.E.K group to date. To meet the greater influx of these young and eager scholars, the A.S.C has expanded in its own right. This year we welcome 8 new peer tutors and 4 new professional tutors, and when coupled with our returning staff, this brings our academic support staff to a total of 21 people dedicated to helping Cheyney University students succeed.



Professional Tutoring @ the A.S.C



The world of ineffective tutoring can be full of quick-fix solutions designed to get students through just one test or assignment; but here at the Academic Success Center we have a vastly different philosophy. We believe in empowering students with lasting educational strategies so that they can succeed both today and well into the future. Rather

than filling students with “just the facts” he or she will forget, we help students master skills advancing their ability to perform inside the classroom.

The techniques that we implement ensure that the students we service truly understand the content, and are actively developing the skills needed to learn and

solve problems independently.

Our highly trained Professional tutors work both one-on-one and in groups with students while fostering a sense of independence. All the while making sure to coach at a pace comfortable for students ensuring that he or she never falls behind.

Professional Tutor Profiles

Critical Thinking & Writing

Mrs. Jean White-Butler – Graduated Lincoln University with a Bachelor's degree in English and Secondary Education and from Delaware State University with an MA in Special Education. She completed the classes for an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Delaware. She taught at Delaware Technical and Community College in the English/Reading department for twenty six years, at Lincoln University for four years as an Education Assistant Professor, and has been a professional tutor for six years.

The Sciences

Mr. Ryan Willis – Has taught Science in the Philadelphia school system. He is currently pursuing his doctoral degree in Biochemistry. Mr. Willis is a graduate of Cheyney University where he received Bachelor's degrees in Biology and Chemistry and has been involved with Cheyney University for the past ten years.

History & Writing

Mrs. Selena B. Carle – Retired federal agent, (Postal Inspector) former Boston Police Officer, Social Worker and Teacher in the Boston Public School System. She has a Bachelor's degree in Social Studies and a Masters in Urban Education.

After retiring from the Postal Inspection Service and being a full time housewife and mother Mrs. Carle was ready for a new challenge.



Geography & Writing

Mrs. Jeraldine Camper – received a Bachelors of Arts Degree with a major in Sociology and minor in Social Studies from Saint Augustine's College, Raleigh, North Carolina. She earned a Masters in Education / Secondary Administration, from Cheyney University of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Camper retired in 2007 after completing thirty-seven years as a Pennsylvania Certificated Home and School Visitor/Social Worker.

Health & Wellness & Writing

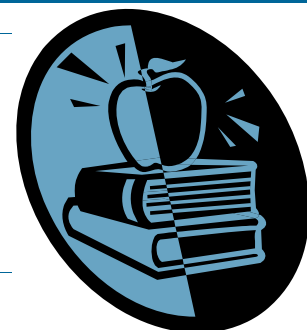
Dr. Lucy E. Yates, Ed.D., R.N. – has been involved with the Academic Success Center for 8 years. She has held several nursing positions, including that of Administrator of Nursing Education. Dr. Yates is an active member of the National Black Nurses Association, Inc., and the founder of the South Eastern Pennsylvania Area Black Nurses'. Her activities include providing tutorial support to several community youth groups.

“Formal education will make you a living; self-education will make you a fortune.” - Jim Rohn



Literary Research & Writing

Ms. Challis Niles – became a Professional Tutor after her work during the Obama campaign. She holds a public school teaching certificate in Secondary English and spent 28 years in the field, most of which were at Sleighton School in nearby Lima, PA. Between her undergraduate and post-graduate work at Susquehanna University, Ms. Niles spent the summer attending Oxford University in London, England. Thanks to that and other educational and cultural experiences, she considers herself a connoisseur of literature and the arts.



Science & Writing

Mrs. Teresa Corinaldi – has a Bachelor's degree in English/Communications. She has a minor in Science with a focus in Biology and holds a Master's degree in Educational Administration. Mrs. Corinaldi comes with 30 years of experience in academics. She taught science for 16 years and loves biology and life science.

Foreign Language & Writing

Matthew Barton – has been a Spanish language educator in the Philadelphia region for the nineteen years. He taught in several public school systems and in the private business sector.

Mr. Barton received a Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Temple University.

Math

William Toupe

Graduated from Central High in Philadelphia in June of 1968, entered Cheyney University (then Cheyney State College) in September of 1968 and graduated with a BA in mathematics in December of 1977. Worked in industry as a computer programmer analyst for 28 years and also worked on 2 separate occasions as a Professional Tutor in charge of the computer lab at the ASC.

A Welcome to Our Peer Tutors

Peer tutoring is a program to help students who require additional assistance in academic subjects. Students who come to the A.S.C are paired up with and tutored by upper level students who have been outstanding in their

classes, successfully completed the course, and recommended by their professors.

So whether you seek support for complex homework problems, assistance with a research project or just someone to thoughtfully share ideas with concerning research assignments, the peer tutoring program provides assistance from highly trained student tutors who have excelled in the exact classes that you are taking.

Returning Peer Tutors



Farod Ford— Senior

Business Major, tutoring Business Subjects

Brandon Harrison— Senior

Science Major, tutoring basic to upper level Math

Tristan E. Hebron— Senior

Social Science Major, tutoring Sociology and related subjects

New Peer Tutors

Isi – Basic Math, Elem. & Intermediate Algebra

Leroy – Business courses

Vernae – Business courses

Naomii – Spanish & Survey of College Math

Sean – Psychology

April – French & Political Science

Dawn – Psychology

Yasheaka – Math

Ezekiel - Science

Employee Spotlight: Director, Mrs. Etta G. Baldwin

Ms. Etta G. Baldwin, Assistant Director for Retention Services and Director of the Academic Success Center is a 1970 graduate of Cheyney State College. Her educational background includes a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, Master's degrees in Reading Education, Jackson State University; and Human Development, Iowa State University; an Educational Specialist, Jackson State University, and a Master of Divinity, Biblical Theological Seminary.

Employment experiences prior to Cheyney University included: classroom teacher, Center Director, University Reading professor, and Community Resource developer. Presently, she serves a member of the Pastoral team at the church she attends. In her leisure time, she enjoys being with her adult daughters and cooking for family and friends.

"I have been Director of the Academic Success Center for about eighteen years. It is an important part of my life. I enjoy being instrumental in the education process of the very fine students who attend Cheyney University of Pennsylvania." One day I will leave the Center, but I want to do so knowing that I have contributed to positive changes in students' lives."

"I have learned two significant things about Mrs. Baldwin. One is that she is sustained and guided by her unshakeable faith. The other is that she has always put students first." ~ Prof. Linda Taylor



Meet The Office Staff

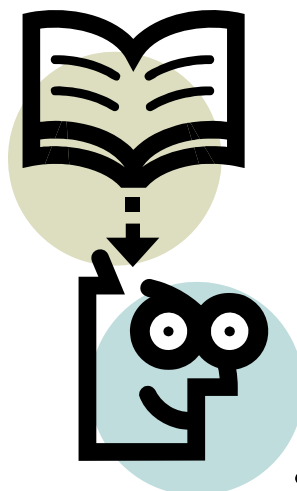
The office staff at The Academic Success Center is dedicated to serving our students, professors, and the entire Cheyney University community. We strive to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all who enter our doors. We have an open door policy that welcomes all visitors.

Professional Staff

Ms. Cherelle Box-Thompson
aka "Miss Box"

Work Study Students

Jasmine Blackwell
Jameal Jefferson
Lawrance Box



A Letter From the Editor:

With this semester coming to a close and finals looming around the corner, it is essential that all measures be taken to ensure the best possible outcome for your courses. So with that said, let's take advantage of all the services offered to us, because truthfully it's not on the professors to pass us, it's on us to pass the course. Heck, we're paying for the education, might as well get our money's worth...right?? Let's Lock it in, Lock it down and Knock it out!!

"SmartS Speaks"

"My tutor Brandon Harrison has been very helpful for the last two semesters. He took the time to get to know me, which really helped me learn. Overall he is a great tutor and knows his stuff." - M. Abernathy