

A TRiO SSS PROGRAM

**The Success Center works! Two decades of data show that students who use our services have a better chance of completing their college degrees.**

**"These are not books, lumps of lifeless paper, but minds alive on the shelves."  
--Gilbert Highet, writer (1906-1978)**

The Success Center is funded mainly by a grant from the US Department of Education. It is a TRiO program, one of several programs for high school, college, and graduate school programs started in the 1960's to promote equal educational opportunities for students who are the first generation in their families to attend college, students with economic challenges, and students with disabilities. **All of our services are open and free to all SVC students.**

**TRiO**  
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

### TRiO Student Profile

#### *Joa Claircius*

Joa Claircius is a stellar athlete who has received much recognition, including All-NECC Second Team and national ranking for college women's basketball. She is the women's basketball team captain and has won the MVP and Sportswoman of the Year awards. Joa has also played volleyball at SVC.

Joa was awarded for her off-the-court performance by receiving the Donald Axinn Leadership Scholarship, which recognized her community service efforts in soup kitchens and organizing sports opportunities for kids in her home town and family church.

Additional service activities include assisting at Mount Anthony Middle School as both a tutor and a basketball coach. Joa was also a course apprentice for Dr. Redden's QFS class last fall and enjoyed her experience at the Veteran's Home so much that she continues to visit one of the residents, Palma, who is now a friend.

Many of you may be familiar with Joa's singing talent, since she is sought after to perform at College events, such as Convocation and Commencement. Joa is the lead singer in her home choir.

After she graduates with her degree in Psychology, Joa hopes to put her diverse interests and education to use by pursuing careers in both professional basketball and clinical work. Her dream is to play basketball overseas and then in the WNBA. Then she hopes to attend graduate school and to eventually open her own clinic. Children's psychology and marriage and counseling are two areas Joa is considering, and this spring she will be enrolled in an internship to help further refine her career goals.

Joa's drive to succeed is evident in her willingness to forgo playing volleyball this year in order to focus on academics and graduate in May 2012. Since she is taking 19 credits this semester and is likely to do so again next semester, look for Joa on the basketball court or behind the microphone. It is unlikely you will see her anywhere else on campus except in class or in the library!





*Study Strategy: Change gears while studying to give your brain a rest and to keep engaged. Read a section of your psychology text and then do a few math problems; study for your sociology quiz and then brainstorm for an upcoming essay; make note cards for anatomy and physiology and then spend 20 minutes researching information for a speech. It does not matter if you complete an assignment in one sitting, and, it may be better if you don't. Realize that you can focus longer on some subjects than others, and adjust your style to make your study time efficient and productive.*



# AROUND THE GRADUATE SCHOOL FAIR TUTORING OPEN HOUSE

The Annual Graduate School Fair will be held Wednesday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> from 12-3 p.m. in the Burgdorff Gallery and Mansion hallway. Representatives from approximately 17 graduate schools will be here to answer students' questions and provide information about their programs. All majors will be

National Tutoring Week is the first week in October, so help us celebrate by attending our open house Thursday, October 6, from 1-4 in the Library. Meet us, check out our new location, or come to learn about how we can help you succeed. Refreshments will be provided, and each person who signs in will have her/his name entered into a drawing for a \$10 campus store gift certificate. Contact Catherine Burns, Tutoring Coordinator, at 447-4674 for

## Tutoring Open House



**You are invited to see our beautiful new space in the Library, learn about our services, meet some of the tutors, and join us for refreshments.**

**Thursday, October 6, from 1-4 p.m.**

## LEARNING COOPERATIVE SCHEDULE Fall 2011 - Library

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10-11 a.m.	<i>Catherine Burns</i>	<i>Catherine Burns</i>	<i>Catherine Burns</i>	<i>Catherine Burns</i>	Alyssa Dufresne
11-12 a.m.	Alyssa Dufresne	<i>Matt Schwab</i>	<i>Catherine Burns</i>	<i>Matt Schwab</i>	<i>Andrew Gorman</i>
12-1 p.m.	Alyssa Dufresne (12-12:30) <i>Andrew Gorman</i>	<i>Matt Schwab (algebra students only)</i>	<i>Andrew Gorman</i>	<i>Matt Schwab</i>	<i>Andrew Gorman</i>
1-2 p.m.	<i>Andrew Gorman</i>	<i>Catherine Burns</i>	<i>Andrew Gorman</i>	Maggie Harmeyer	By appointment only
2-3 p.m.	<i>Catherine Burns (2:30-3)</i>	Maggie Harmeyer	<i>Catherine Burns (2:30-3)</i>	Maggie Harmeyer	By appointment only
3-4 p.m.	<i>Catherine Burns</i>	<i>Mai Deo</i> Alicia Compo	Alyssa Dufresne	Maggie Harmeyer <i>Mai Deo</i>	By appointment only
4-5 p.m.	By appointment only	Alicia Compo	By appointment only	By appointment only	By appointment only
6-7 p.m.	<i>Mai Deo</i>				
7-8 p.m.	<i>Mai Deo</i>	Keith Caribo		Keith Caribo	
8-9 p.m.		Keith Caribo		Keith Caribo	

### HUNTER HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
8-9 P.M.	<i>MATT SCHWAB (ALGEBRA STUDENTS ONLY)</i>	<i>MATT SCHWAB</i>	<i>ANDREW GORMAN</i>
9-10 P.M.	<i>MATT SCHWAB</i>	<i>MATT SCHWAB</i>	<i>ANDREW GORMAN</i>

*Names of writing tutors are italicized.*

This schedule is for walk-in hours. If you are unable to meet the appropriate tutor at the posted time, please contact Catherine Burns in the Library, at 447-4674, or at [cburns@svc.edu](mailto:cburns@svc.edu) to schedule an appointment. Please bear in mind that this schedule may need to be updated occasionally.

**(Last revised 9/7/11) This schedule is valid through December 9, 2011.**



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Catherine  
Burns to  
schedule an  
appointment.  
447-4674**

*This semester's  
writing tip:*

*If you feel overwhelmed by a particular writing assignment, break it into steps to help get you started and avoid a last-minute crisis. Work backward from the due date and set deadlines for each step. If you are afraid you won't hold yourself accountable, make appointments with a writing tutor to help keep you on track. We can also help with creating the schedule if you need it.*



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WE WANT TO HEAR  
YOUR IDEAS.  
CONTACT US!

IF YOU HAVE ANY  
IDEAS ABOUT  
WORKSHOPS,  
SERVICES, HOURS,  
OR ANY OTHER  
TOPIC, JUST LET US  
KNOW.



**“Writing is a lot  
like sewing. You  
bring pieces  
together and  
make a quilt.”  
—Rosario Ferre**

# FALL STUDY GROUPS?

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE A STUDY GROUP OFFERED FOR ANY CLASS, OR ARE INTERESTED IN FORMING A STUDY GROUP, PLEASE CONTACT CATHERINE BURNS IN ROOM 340, AT 447-4674, OR AT CBURNS@SVC.EDU.

# GRAD SCHOOL HELP?

GRE?

LSAT?

GMAT?

**“A writer -- and, I believe, generally all persons -- must think that whatever happens to him or her is a resource. All things have been given to us for a purpose, and an artist must feel this more intensely. All that happens to us, including our humiliations, our misfortunes, our embarrassments, all is given to us as raw material, as clay, so that we may shape our art”. --Jorge Luis Borges**

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academic support to all  
students at the college.