For the last couple of semesters, there have been quite a few students who have dropped classes close to the start of the semester. Some of the reasons students drop is because they were not prepared. Some students had medical issues, took on too much, enrolled in too many difficult classes in the same semester, transportation issues, got a job, family issues, internet access issues for online classes, etc.

What does being ready for college mean to you?

- Financially ready (especially if financial aid check is delayed, can you pay your bills, etc.)
- Physically ready (keep healthy and well, so you don’t miss any classes)
- Transportation ready (have rides to classes or enough money for the bus)
- Mentally ready (good attitude, confident, motivated, etc.)
- Life/Personally ready (do you have family issues taken care of such as child care, so you can attend your classes and do your homework)
- Internet ready (if you are taking online classes, do you have a back up if your computer or internet fails, do you know how to access your online classes)

Have a good holiday break and come back to COS refreshed and ready to learn.

Financial Aid tips... apply by March 2nd

January 1st is the first day to apply for financial aid for the 2011-12 academic year. If you apply by March 2nd, this is the priority deadline for some of the grants.

1- Go to FAFSA, complete the application.
2- Be sure the college has all of the documentation needed to complete your financial aid package.
3- Verify that everything is complete—look on your MyNavigator account.

If you complete everything early, then you should get your check at the beginning of the semester.
If you need help with your FAFSA, come into Eddy Hall.
APPLY IN JANUARY!
EOPS Orientations

**NEW STUDENTS:**

WEED—Thursday, Jan 6 at 10am to 12pm

YREKA—Friday, Jan 7 at 2pm to 4pm

WEED—

Monday, Jan 10 at 4pm to 6pm

Tuesday, Jan 11 at 3pm to 5pm

Wednesday, Jan 12 at 2pm to 4pm

Friday, Jan 14 at 9am to 11am (LS 9)

Wednesday, Jan 19 at 2pm to 4pm

Thursday, Jan 20 at 3pm to 5pm

**CONTINUING STUDENTS:**

WEED—

Thursday, Jan 6 at 1pm to 3pm

YREKA—Friday, Jan 7 at 11am to 1pm

WEED—

Monday, Jan 10 at 2pm to 4pm

Tuesday, Jan 11 at 3pm to 5pm

Wednesday, Jan 12 at 2pm to 4pm

Friday, Jan 14 at 9am to 11am (LS 9)

Wednesday, Jan 19 at 2pm to 4pm

Thursday, Jan 20 at 3pm to 5pm

Yreka orientation will be in Tech 1 and 2

Weed orientations will be in **Life Science 3**, except on Friday, January 14 it will be in **Life Science 9**

EOPS/SSS Orientations

If you are a continuing EOPS student, did you get your two counselor contacts completed in the Fall semester to get your full EOPS book voucher in the spring? If you are not sure, then check with the EOPS Office at the End of Semester Check-in in December.

You must attend an EOPS orientation at the beginning of the semester if you have been accepted into the EOPS program or continuing in the EOPS program to get your book voucher and services from EOPS.

**SSS Orientations**

YREKA — Room 8

Friday, Jan 7 at 9am to 10:30am

WEED — LRC 2, Computer Lab

Thursday, Jan 6 at 9am-10:30am and 2pm-3:30pm

Monday, Jan 10 at 8am-9:30am and 10am-11:30am

Tuesday, Jan 11 at 9am-10:30am

Wednesday, Jan 12 at 10:30am-12pm and 3pm to 4:30pm

Thursday, Jan 13 at 8am-9:30am and 2pm-3:30pm

Friday, Jan 14 at 8am-9:30am and 3pm-4:30pm

Tuesday, Jan 18 at 8am-9:30am and 10am-11:30am

Wednesday, Jan 19 at 10am-11:30am and 3pm-4:30pm

Thursday, Jan 20 at 8am-9:30am and 2pm-3:30pm

Hope everyone had a great semester!

See you in January
Scholarship Information

Ford Family Foundation: Applications are available beginning January 1st. The deadline to apply is March 1st. Apply online at www.getcollegefunds.org/ford_siskiyou.html.

Scholarships available from Ford Family Foundation:
Ford Scholars Program
Ford Restart Scholarship Program
Ford Opportunity Scholarship Program
The Ford Family Foundation Scholarship Program for Sons and Daughters of Employees of Roseburg Forest Products Co.

McConnell Foundation: Apply online at www.mcconnellfoundation.org

COS Foundation (available January 1st) Pick up an application at the COS foundation office (in Student Center behind Welcome Center) or look online at www.siskiyous.edu/publicrelations/foundation/scholarships

Career

From MSN Careers...
“Fortunately, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has identified some jobs that are expected to grow rapidly between now and 2018. These occupations are in high demand now and are expected to continue on this trajectory for the next decade. Here are the fastest-growing occupations between 2008 and 2018*:

1. Biomedical Engineers
2. Network Systems
3. Home Health Aides
4. Financial Examiners
5. Medical Scientists
6. Physician & Medical Assistants
7. Skin Care Specialists
8. Biochemists
9. Athletic Trainer
10. Physical Therapist Aides
11. Physical Therapist Assistants
12. Dental Hygienists
13. Veterinary Technologists/Veterinarians
14. Dental Assistants
15. Computer Software Engineers
16. Self Enrichment Education Teachers
17. Compliance Officers

Career…Kuder…Student Success Seminars

Are you still trying to figure out what you want to major in or do with your degree? Kuder is a reliable career guidance for today’s postsecondary students. If you are interested in exploring this website, come by the EOPS Office and ask for the code to get into it. This is free!

There will be career workshops throughout the spring semester in the Academic Success Center.

Check out the Success Seminars in the Academic Success Center. The calendar is on the website. Some of the titles include Math Anxiety, How to Read Your Textbook, MLA, Study Strategies, Personal Responsibility, Word Problems, Test Anxiety, Intro to Etudes, Microsoft Word Basics, Time Management, Learning styles, and more.
EOPS/CARE & SSS Reminders…

- OPEN THIS UP TO PAGE 2 FOR TIMES & DATES OF THE EOPS & SSS ORIENTATIONS.

- Attend an EOPS orientation and/or SSS orientation for each program you are a participant.

- Apply for scholarships!

- Look at Cash Course on the website (linked off of EOPS or SSS webpage).

- How is your money management?

- Were you able to save some money this semester?

- Are you ready to graduate in the spring? Did you petition to graduate? Not sure…talk to your counselor or advisor.

- If you are a single parent with a child under the age of 14, receiving county cash aid and in the EOPS program, you could possibly be eligible for the CARE program. CARE can help you with child care costs, meal cards, gas vouchers, etc.. If you think you might be eligible, talk to Stacey in Eddy Hall.

- Are you ready for the spring semester?

See you in 2011!