

Welcome Back from Academic Assistance

Chatham Welcomes You!

Welcome back! With the start of a new academic year, the staff of the Pittsboro Campus' Academic Assistance Center couldn't be happier to see the return of our students. Facilitators Mary Holt and Dane Peterson, as well as our excellent student staff members, are here to help you on your road to academic success. Need to work on your online homework? Print a paper before class? Check your e-mail? Or maybe just surf the web? We've got you covered in our computer lab. Better still, for those classes that are really giving you trouble we offer FREE tutoring! Get some extra help from experts in our community and students like you who have already aced the class. We also offer exam proctoring if you need to take a test outside of

class. Stop by Room 202 in Building 2, and we'll do what it takes to help you be the best student you can be.

Harnett Welcomes You!

On behalf of the staff at the Harnett AAC, we would like to extend a warm welcome to new students! Returning students, we missed you this summer! Please remember that the Harnett AAC is here to assist you with any academic related needs you may have! Your success is our success! We hope that you will utilize the open computer lab located in room 125 in the Miriello Building to work on your online classes, write and print out papers, or anything else you may need to do on a computer and the free tutorial services on campus. Elizabeth Matthews will be available to serve students in the morning and midafternoon

and Bonnie Smith will be available to serve students from midafternoon to evening. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to help you transition and succeed in your classes!

Lee Welcomes You!

Welcome back to school from the Lee Campus Academic Assistance Center Staff! We're glad to see your faces again and are ready to help you with our open computer lab, free tutoring service, test proctoring and more. Stop in to visit any time from 8:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m to 3:30 p.m. Friday. Coordinator Talia Higgs and Program Assistant Renee Nance, in addition to a host of lab assistants and tutors, are ready and available to assist you! Come visit us in the Science Building!



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Introducing MADE

Men of Academic Distinction and Excellence is a college program that provides an enhanced educational opportunity for minority males. Join Dean Carl Bryan and Talia Higgs, Coordinator for Academic Assistance, at any of the upcoming information sessions to learn more!



Information Sessions

Lee Campus

September 13th

3:15-4:15

Science Building, Room 9107

Harnett Campus

September 14th

3:15-4:15

Admin. Room 133.

Chatham Campus

September 21st

3:15-4:15

Building 2 Room 108



- Do you want to have fun and meet new friends all while learning some useful tips and tricks for new school year? Come to the Wednesday Workshop Series! The topic this month is "How Do I Learn?"
- **FREE** basic SmartBoard Training is offered every Monday online at 12:00! Register online at: www.smarttech.com/us/Resources/Training.
- Guess what everybody! We're on Facebook! Go ahead and like us! We know you already do!



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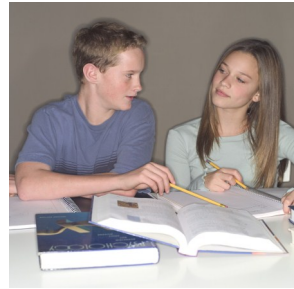


All-Star Tutoring

Becoming an all-star tutor, just as becoming an all-star athlete, requires time, patience, and dedication. It's no secret that of course time is needed for study or review sessions, and that patience is necessary when working with a struggling student. Dedication is the desire that tutors have to see their tutees succeed. So what more could anyone ask? What's missing? Practice! That's right! Practice! A baseball pitcher practices various techniques like curveballs, fastballs, and sliders. Tutors must practice their techniques as well.

Tutors have the unique opportunity to meet different people with different personalities and different

learning styles. Techniques that work for one may not work for some. Here are few

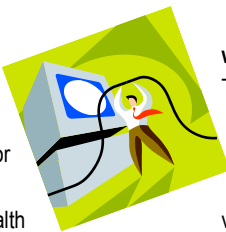


helpful tips courtesy of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. (Visit www.nctm.org for more information.)

- Consider meeting with the student's instructor to determine objectives to master.
- Find out why the student sought additional help.
- Develop a positive report with the student.
- Start with a review or warm-up of previous objectives.
- Introduce and discuss the new objective to be introduced.
- Let the student explain his or her responses.
- Keep the student updated on his or her progress.
- Let your praise be genuine.
- Always end on a positive note. Tutoring should be a positive experience.

Using Web Resources

How did we ever live without the internet? At the push of a button or click of a mouse, there's a vast wealth of information available to everyone. With this said, why not incorporate some of the resources available online into your tutoring sessions? Finding online activities to assist in meeting tutoring goals and objectives can be a fun and exciting change. Here are just a few helpful websites to get you started!



www.chompchomp.com
This site delivers on its promise of grammar instruction with attitude! Interactive exercises, instructional videos, handouts, and presentations are available.

- Anything and everything you could possibly want to know about the English language is available via the Online Writing Lab at Purdue, also known as OWL at Purdue. Take some time and dig around this treasure trove at

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>.

- Are you working with a student who needs a little extra help in grammar and composition? Take a look at *Grammar Bytes* at

again with free videos for Algebra I and II, Geometry, Pre-calculus and Calculus, and Trigonometry in math, and videos for Biology, Chemistry, and Physics in science at **www.brightstorm.com**!



Just a thought..

“The Purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”

-Malcolm Stevenson Forbes

(Editor-in-Chief & Publisher of *Forbes* magazine)