Welcome Back!

We are very pleased to welcome all our freshman and transfer students to this unique institution. To our continuing students, welcome back from what we hope was an enjoyable summer of much needed fun and relaxation.

This semester has already brought with it some challenges such as changes in staff, the implementation of CUNYfirst, and the need to temporarily relocate our office. In order for us to have a smooth and exciting semester, we want to remind you to be proactive in making your plans for this semester and to please avoid waiting for the last minute to seek assistance.

The New Student Orientation will be held on September 12, 2012 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in the Library Bldg, Room 215. Also our first Student Advisory Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 24, at 3:30 pm in the Music Bldg Room 313. All students registered with our office are invited to come. We look forward to seeing you.

The office staff is committed to helping our students achieve their academic and career goals. We are always hoping to improve our services and are open to suggestions.

Best wishes for a successful semester!

Congratulations Joinal Abedin!

Joinal Abedin has done it again!

In 2011, Joinal was the lucky recipient of the Becker’s Scholarship for Success which entitled him to financial assistance of $4000.00 to prepare him for the CPA Exam after graduating. Just a few weeks ago, Joinal received a letter informing him that he had won yet another scholarship. This time it was from the St. George’s Society of New York.

In 2008, the Board of Directors of the St. George’s Society of New York established the St. George’s Scholarship for Lehman College students of British and Commonwealth heritage entering their senior year. An award of up to $5,000 each will enable Lehman students to complete their studies and graduate.

Joinal was full of smiles as he shared his excitement with the office. When asked how he felt about the award, Joinal said that “it is a great feeling.” He said that the $5,300.00 could not have come at a better time because in order to get ahead in life he had to take loans and burrow money from friends. Joinal is much more certain that he will successfully complete his studies and be able to take care of some of his debts.

Joinal is taking his final semester of courses and is looking forward to graduate in January 2013 with his BA in Accounting.

The Office of SDS would like to congratulate Joinal and wish him continued success in his endeavors.

Well done Joinal!
MEET THE NEW STAFF!

The Office of Student Disabilities welcomes two new members to its team!

Joshua Karpiloff started his career at Lehman College in 2008 as an Undergraduate Student. Currently he holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology and is working on his Masters in Special Education. He wishes to become certified in Grades 1-6 in both Special and Regular Education as his calling is the classroom. Joshua recently joined the office of Student Disability Services under the Counseling Assistantship Program, more commonly known as CUNYCAP. This city-wide program makes it possible for Graduate Students seeking experience in the job field to contribute back to their society, specifically through student activities. Joshua is enjoying the practical nature of his work at the office of SDS so far, is expecting to learn how to better serve his community and is looking forward to the challenges ahead.

Jeimy Quezada is a positive, spiritual and committed young lady. She is a senior at Lehman College and is majoring in speech language pathologist with a minor in early childhood education. She is hoping to enter grad school and pursue a master’s degree as a speech language pathologist. Jeimy is currently employed at the office of Student Disability Services through the peer educator program. She heard about this program because she is one of those students who actually checks her Lehman email on a regular basis. The peer educator program offers multiple benefits to students such as monthly training workshops, experiential learning, mentorship by professionals in various departments and financial compensation.

Jeimy is proud to be working at the office of SDS because she feels that she is part of a strong working community and hopes that she can be of value to the department. She enjoys helping people with a smile on her face. Jeimy’s philosophy is that, “a smile can make a huge difference in the day of an individual”.

CONGRATULATIONS TOBY LIEDERMAN!

Toby Liederman, one of our older students registered with the office of Student Disability Services, an artist and women’s rights activist, proudly accepted an award at the Bronx Times 25 Bronx Influential Women ceremony on July 14, 2012. She was among 25 influential women from the Bronx who have for many years devoted their own life to improve the lives of others. Toby’s dedication, commitment and excellence shines through her passion as an artist and an activist.

The Office of Student Disability Services, congratulates Toby on her exceptional achievement.
SDS Celebrates Disability Employment Month: OCTOBER 2012

Lehman LEADS Career Workshop Series

The Office of Student Disability Services invites you to participate in the fall semester Career Workshops Series. This is a six session series spread out over the course of the Fall semester. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday October 3, 2012 from 3:30 -4:30 in the Music Building Rm. 313.

Topics discussed will be informational interviews, interview skills, MOCK interviews, resume and cover letter writing, disclosure of disability and job search skills.

Please RSVP to Lauren, by Wednesday September 26th at (718) 960-8441 ext 1980 or by e-mail: lauren.mccarthy@lehman.cuny.edu

Disability Mentoring Day is Here!

In celebration of Disability Employment Month, the Office of SDS has arranged for eleven Lehman College students to participate in Disability Mentoring Day on October 17th 2012. This event is a sponsored event by the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities. These selected Lehman students and graduates will be paired up with professionals in their field to be mentored for an entire working day. The Mentees will have the opportunity to gain hands on experience in the field of their future careers while developing a strong networking base.

The Office of SDS will host a luncheon on October 25, 2012 at 12:20 pm in the Music Bldg Room 313, in honor of the participants of the upcoming Disability Mentoring Day and share information about the event for your possible future participation!

The Emerging Leaders Internship Program

Are you looking for a meaningful summer internship that will open doors to a fulfilling career? Then the Emerging Leaders may be the program just for you!

The Emerging Leaders is a competitive program of paid summer internships and leadership development opportunities for college and graduate students with disabilities.

For all the eligibility requirements and application process, please visit the Emerging Leaders website at www.emerging-leaders.com. You may also contact Lauren McCarthy, the CUNY LEADS advisor for further information.

Workforce Recruitment Interviews for Lehman Students

The Workforce Recruitment Program could be a great way for students and/or recent graduates to obtain a summer internship or a job in the federal government or private sector. The Office of Student Disability Services is working with Career Services to help prepare students for the Federal Recruiter interview in November, 2012 by offering:

Mandatory resume approval
An interview workshop
A MOCK Interview

This is an all around developmental program designed to offer qualified applicants, tools to enhance their interview skills with the possibility of obtaining employment or an internship.

For further information regarding eligibility requirements or if you have questions please contact:
Lauren McCarthy, CUNY LEADS Advisor
Shuster Rm. 238 (718) 960-8441 ext 1980 or go to WRP website at www.gov/registerstudent
THE OFFICE OF SDS CONTINUES TO HELP STUDENTS GET WORK!

The summer proved to be a very productive time for Lehman students registered with the Office of Student Disability Services. Many of our current students and recent graduates have either obtained work or internships throughout the summer months. Two students were able to obtain paid internships! One with Mutual America through the Emerging Leaders Program and the other is working with the campaign team for Linda McMahon who is running for state senator of Connecticut.

Many of our recent graduates have found jobs as well, part-time and full time! A few of our spring 2012 graduates have obtained jobs such as sign-language instructor, part time instructor for Board of Education, and case manager/mentor at The Center for Human Development and Family Services (CHDFS). Two of our Masters Degree students also obtained full time work; a Foster Care Case Manager at St. Dominic’s House and a full time kitchen manager at Willow Towers Assisted Living (United Hebrew) in New Rochelle.

We are very proud of our graduates and current students who are working hard to seek out positions they are passionate about. All of those that obtained a job or internship did it through hard work and perseverance. As we all know, it is a tough time to find a job, but with the right attitude, utilizing available resources can happen. In the opment of career ing, anyone, regard- can land their dream

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Are you on Social Security or SSI? Are you afraid to work for fear of losing your benefits?

The office of Student Disability Services will hold an informational workshop with a representative from the Social Security Administration to educate you on various programs opportunities such as Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS) and the Ticket to Work so that you can begin the transition to employment.

The date for this workshop is on October 22, 2012, at 3:30 pm in the Music Bldg Room 313.

Join us and get the facts about your benefits!

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JOIN THE DASF CLUB!

Do you want to be a part of something that can change the times that we live in? If yes, then come to the next club meeting of the Differently Abled Students and Friends:

Thursday September 27, 2013 at 3:30 in the Library Conference Room 214.

There will be new elections of officers so if you are looking to get involved and give back to the community and make changes on campus this could be your opportunity. Join other motivated students who are coming together to bring awareness about people with disabilities, their immersion in society and on campus! This could be something powerful, but we need your support!

ALL ARE WELCOME!