Welcome to SFCC for fall quarter 2014. We are going to have a great year! We'll start the year with a New Student Welcome Reception Thursday, October 2, followed by an All Multicultural Students Social October 15. Please read the detailed information regarding the reception on the next page.

We have a calendar of activities for fall quarter listed in this newsletter. Please try to participate in as many activities as possible. You'll really enjoy them!

All of our multicultural clubs—The Red Nation's Student Association, Black Students Union, Latino Unidos Association and Asian Club are currently seeking members to assist with activities this year. Become involved! You'll truly benefit. A list of meeting times and places are listed in this newsletter.

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to come see me about any of your college needs. I am devoted to assisting you with succeeding at Spokane Falls Community College.

Best wishes, have a good year!
Pam Austin
**The Who's and Why's**

**Why do I receive this multicultural newsletter?**
You have been self-identified as a student of color at SFCC. For this reason, you are a recipient of this fine document.

**Who funds the Multicultural Student Services Office?**
YOU. Part of your tuition helps support our services. So, you paid for them, why not use them?

**Who works in the Multicultural Office?**
Pam Austin, counselor/multicultural specialist
Jane Gong, office assistant
Work study students

**What do you do?**
We provide counseling and advising services for multicultural students. (Please review the first page for more details.) We also provide fun club activities to enrich your college life.

**What can I get from your office?**
Do you have any question regarding SFCC? Any academic or financial problems, or other issues? Talk to us. We have resources that might help you succeed at SFCC. Tutoring in math and English are available for you, as well as scholarship information.

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**Tutoring program**

We provide one-to-one tutoring help on math and English inside of the multicultural center. If you need help in math and English, drop by our office and get the tutoring schedule. Take advantage of this wonderful free service!

**Work-study**

Each quarter we hire several work-study students to work in our office. Main responsibilities are office clerical assisting and multicultural club supporting. If you are qualified for work-study and looking for a position, come in and talk to us as early as possible.

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**We have Scholarship books for your viewing in the multicultural center**

Financial Aid for Native Americans 14-16
Financial Aid for African Americans 14 –16
Financial Aid for Hispanic Americans 14—16
Financial Aid for Asian Americans 14 –16

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**3 Tips for Becoming a Successful Student**

*By: Dr. Alton Campbell*

1. Treat school like a JOB: you are your own boss.
2. Make CONNECTIONS to faculty and staff.
3. Get INVOLVED in the college and with peers.
When do you need to see a counselor?

- Pam Austin, counselor

If you are a new or returning student to SFCC, it is best to see a counselor right away. The reasons are:

- Counselors are available to assist you with your education plan, which helps you map out your schedule for the next two years. This education plan helps you stay on target with the requirements for your program of study and reaching your academic goals sooner.

- About 20 days before each quarter ends, if you are under 30 credits, you definitely need to see a counselor to unblock the registration screen so you can plan and register for your next quarter. Do this early so you will be able to register for the courses you want or need to take. You have more choices.

- Counselors also are available for times when you are frustrated with your schedule, your instructor, or staff at SFCC. We are trained professionals able to help with such issues in a timely manner. Pam Austin can help with other issues, such as personal problems or tribal financial assistance.

- Pam Austin, Denise Osei and Cynthia Vigil are available for multicultural students, unless you are assigned an advisor, and your advisor will be the person who helps you throughout your time at SFCC. Pam is available in the Multicultural Office. You need to set an appointment by calling 533-4331. Email address for Pam Austin is pam.austin@spokanefalls.edu

Financial Aid – What You Need to Know

- Marjorie Davis, director of financial aid

850 students’ financial aid were suspended in spring 2014 due to not meeting the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

If you need financial aid and have not yet applied, it’s easy to do. Just complete the “free” application for federal student aid (FAFSA) online at FAFSA.gov. You will need your 2013 income information and if you are a dependent, your parent’s 2013 income information. You must be a high school graduate, U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, and be admitted to the college pursuing a degree or certificate to be eligible for financial aid.

You can check the status of your financial aid online anytime. Simply go to SpokaneFalls.edu, click Financial Aid, click Financial Aid Portal. Your login is your social security number and your password is your student PIN number, not your federal PIN. You can check for missing documents, download required forms and view your financial aid award and refund amount if one is due.

If you have a financial aid refund due, be sure to activate your Higher One Big Foot card. Remember, to “Swipe and Sign” to use your card and avoid fees.

If you are receiving financial aid, you must meet SAP quarterly to continue to be eligible for financial aid? SAP is measured at the end of each quarter for students receiving financial aid. If you fail any one area of SAP, you may be placed on financial aid warning or suspension and lose your financial aid eligibility. For more details, see the financial aid website at SpokaneFalls.edu, click Financial Aid, click Satisfactory Academic Progress on the left navigation bar.
New Student Welcome Reception
12—1 pm, Thursday, October 2

Are you a new multicultural student? If yes, you are invited to attend a welcome reception in lounge C, building 17, 12 - 1 p.m. Thursday, October 2. Multicultural Student Services and Multicultural Activity Clubs are sponsoring this event to help acquaint all new students with college life and inform you of the programs and services offered. Refreshments and prizes are provided. We want to make your experience at SFCC a success.

All Multicultural Students Fall Social
All returning and new multicultural student are invited to attend a fall quarter social 12—1 pm Wednesday, October 15 in the Multicultural Center, building 17, room 131. Let's get together and celebrate the start of fall quarter. Pizza and pop is provided by all multicultural clubs. We look forward to meeting and seeing you all again. Please check the flyer for details.

Thanksgiving Dinner
Roasted turkey with all the trimmings. ALL FREE!!! This delicious holiday dinner is sponsored by all multicultural clubs and served by club members.

Mark your calendar: November 24, in the SFCC Cafeteria from 2 p.m. – until food is finished.

MULTICULTURAL CLUB CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR FALL 2014

Oct. 1 Club Day 11:30– 1:00
Oct. 2 New Student Welcome Reception
12—1 p.m., SUB, Game Room
Sponsored by all Multicultural Clubs
Oct. 15 All Multicultural Student Fall Quarter Social
12 -1:30 p.m., Multicultural Center, room 131 & SUB lounge C
Oct. 28 Hispanic Month speaker
11:30 a.m. –1 p.m., lounges A & B
Oct. 31 Black Student Union event Halloween Costume Contest
11:30 a.m. SUB, Lounge A & B
Nov. 5 Native American Month Celebration & Taco Sale
11:30 a.m., Lounge C or Cafeteria
Nov. 20 Native American Month Speaker
11:30 a.m., SUB lounges A & B
Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Dinner
Sponsored by all Multicultural Clubs, Cafeteria, 2 pm until food is finished
Dec. 2 Asian club event,
11:30 a.m. –1 p.m., Lounge C
**Red Nations Student Association**

The purpose of the Red Nations shall be to unify Native American and Spokane Falls Community College students and provide a support system for those who feel displaced within the Community Colleges of Spokane.

Our main activities are:
- Sponsor Native month (November) Celebration
- Host Annual Red Nations’ Spring Pow Wow
- Quarterly Indian taco sale

We have worked very hard to establish a Red Nation scholarship foundation to help Native students who need help.

We need new club members and club officers for the school year 2014-2015. Join us!

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**Asian American Club** -

Our mission is to promote awareness and appreciation of Asian cultures, to spread and to learn Asian culture through organizing a variety of cultural activities and to build friendships among students.

Our events and activities include Chinese New Year celebration, Asian culture exploration such as Vietnam Day, Korean Day, Burma Day; dumpling fundraising sale and club social, dinner and movie etc.

Our club is open to all SFCC students. Join us!

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**Latinos Unidos Association (LUA)**

The L.U.A. Club’s purpose is to celebrate and preserve the Latin culture throughout the campus by uniting students of all ethnic backgrounds to enjoy in the diversity on campus and the community abroad.

We volunteer our time with different organizations including the Hispanic Business Professional Association for which we raise money for the scholarships that support Hispanic students entering the collegiate level.

Our annual events include celebrations such as “Cinco de Mayo,” “Dia de los Muertos,” and the annual City of Spokane **St. Patrick’s Day Parade** where we walk with the Latin princess in support of the Latin community. Each year, we bring different cultural speakers and shows to the college.

Through this club, new students can find comfort through the older members who enjoy meeting them. Meetings are generally held in the Multicultural Center in bldg. 17, rm. 131.

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**Black Student Union (BSU)**

The Black Student union’s mission is to provide each of our members with support in what may seem like a tough college world as well as celebrate black culture, and become more well rounded when it comes to the other cultures around us.

The BSU is responsible for some of the campuses most amazing events: Halloween costume contest, MLK Celebration, Blactivities Week, and so much more. We invite you to come make life-long friends, have the time of your life, and thrive in your place of most potential.

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Multicultural club advisors and members welcome you!

Join us and sign up at the Club Day on October 1st!
Sharing your tips on purchasing your textbooks —

- **Ashley:** I bought used books from the SFCC book store. I am renting a book from SFCC book store right now for the summer quarter; it’s a lot of cheaper.

- **Phoebe:** I buy my textbooks from SFCC book store. It’s safer and faster.

- **Daniel:** I check the SFCC bulletin board first for used books on sale from other students. Otherwise, I buy my textbooks from Amazon.

- **Jeremy:** Most of the times, I rent my text-book through online. Try [www.coursesmart.com](http://www.coursesmart.com)

- **Q:** I find my books on line. [www.chegg.com](http://www.chegg.com) or [www.half.com](http://www.half.com)

- **Kimlly:** I tried a variety of ways. Ask the library and Multicultural Office if they have free books; check the SFCC book bulletin board in building 17; search on line [www.overstock.com](http://www.overstock.com), and the SFCC book store.

- **Alfred:** I borrowed some textbooks from my friends who took the same class before.

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Top 10 tips for winning scholarship applications

1. Apply only if you are eligible. Read all the scholarship requirements and directions carefully.
2. Complete the application in full. If a question does not apply to you, note that on the application. Do not leave a question blank.
3. Follow directions. Provide everything that is required.
4. Write an essay that makes a strong impression. The key to writing a strong essay is to be personal and specific.
5. Watch all deadlines. Impose your own deadline that is at least two weeks prior to the official deadline.
6. Make sure your application gets where it needs to go. Put your name and social security number (if applicable) on all pages of the application.
7. Keep a back-up file in case anything goes wrong. Before sending the application, make a copy of the entire packet.
8. Proof read the entire application carefully. Ask a friend, teacher, or parent to proof read it as well.
9. Ask for help if you need it. Call the fundraising organization to get information.
10. It also is important to make sure your letters of recommendation are addressed to the organization whose scholarship you are applying for, and that they are current.
Community Resources
The following is a partial list of community offices available for you. Please contact them if needed.

American Indian Center, education and job training programs, and food bank assistance. To contact, call 509-535-0886.

Emergency Assistance, provides basic services for family, and financial assistance for gasoline, utility and miscellaneous needs. To contact, call 509-

Family Promise of Spokane, provides emergency shelter, meals, and assistance to homeless families. To contact, call 509-325-5005.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Outreach, provides basic needs assistance, utility assistance, child care, etc. for southeast Spokane residents. To contact, call 509-455-8722.

Odgen Hall, provides emergency shelter, meals, clothing bank and medical supplies for low-income women and children. To contact, call 509-327-7737.

Spokane Housing Authority, provides rental assistance to low-income families, elderly, disabled and individuals in Spokane, Stevens, Whitman and Pend Oreille counties. Applications and information are available during regular office hours. To contact, call 509-328-2953.

Work Source Referral Service, Links business and job seekers together to provide increased employment opportunities for people of color. To contact, call 509–532-3000.

Free phone - Assurance Wireless is a Lifeline Assistance program brought to you by Virgin Mobile and supported by the federal Universal Service Fund. If you qualify for Lifeline Assistance, you can receive a FREE phone, 250 FREE monthly minutes and 250 FREE text messages. Contact 1-888-898-4888.

There are many educational web sites that can help your study: LearnBIG www.learnbig.com

SFCC Recreational Center
Building 17, room 133-134
Free bowling for students with ID card.
ping-pong table
5 Pool tables, 50 cents per game
video game machines,
air hockey table, and more

Free Student Health Clinic
for SCC and SFCC students.
SCC Jenkins Wellness Center,
building 7, 533-8611

SFCC Food Bank
building 17, room 139
Open everyday.
Times vary each quarter.
Open positions for work-study students.
Congratulations to the new graduates 2014!

Person(s) with a disability requiring any auxiliary accommodations should contact the college. For TTY service call 533-4166. Community colleges of Spokane provides equal opportunity in education and employment.