Happy Holidays!
from Multicultural Student Services!
SUB Building 17, Room 131

Pam Austin—Multicultural Specialist/Counselor 533-3546
Tuesday—Friday 10:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.
Jane Gong —Multicultural Office Assistant 533-4331
Monday —Friday 8 a. m.— 4:30 p.m.
Evening study hours: 4:30—7

Our offices are located in the SFCC SUB (Building 17) Room 131 across from the REC center. Our program assists students of color at SFCC. Some of the services offered are:

* Academic and personal counseling
* Tutorial assistance referral
* Career planning
* Multicultural Club advising
* Coordination of club activities
* Provide cultural diversity speakers
* Assistance with financial aid applications
* Job and scholarship information
* Community resource referrals
* Emergency assistance (limited)

REMEmber, YOU NEED TO COMPLETE A NEW FINANCIAL AID FORM AND A DATA SHEET IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2013-14. Now is the time to do this. Please do not delay as it’s first-come, first-served basis for work-study and other given grants! I can help you with this. Look on page 5 for a hands-on financial aid workshop I will offer January 11 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

This quarter will go by fast, so if you need assistance with tutorial services or have counseling and advising needs, please call and make an appointment to talk with me during my office hours. I am available for drop-in appointments each day I am here. If you are in need of anything, please call 533-4331 or stop by!

This also is the time of year to think about scholarships for the coming year. We are getting new information on a regular basis regarding what’s available for students in the way of scholarships. There is money out there, students just need to look for it and follow through with the necessary paperwork. Watch for CCS Foundation applications soon.

We have several multicultural events planned this quarter. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate. They’re fun, interesting and educational. Have a great quarter!

Pam Austin
Multicultural Specialist
I hope you’re enjoying your holiday break! I look forward to having you back at SFCC for 2013 You are all so special!

Person(s) with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids, services, or accommodations, should contact the college. For TTY service, call 533-3292. The Community Colleges of Spokane does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or age.
Scholarship & Financial Aid Information

Morris K. Udall Foundation Information

In 2013, the Foundation expects to award 50 scholarships of up to $5000 and 50 honorable mentions to sophomore and junior level college students committed to careers related to the environment, tribal public policy, or Native American health care. Scholarships are offered in any of three categories:

- To students who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to the environment including policy, engineering, science, education, urban planning and renewal, business, health, justice, economics, and other related fields; or
- To Native American and Alaska Native students who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to tribal public policy, including fields related to tribal sovereignty, tribal governance, tribal law, Native American education, Native American justice, natural resource management, cultural preservation and revitalization, Native American economic development, and other areas affecting Native American communities; or
- To Native American and Alaska Native students who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to Native health care, including health care administration, social work, medicine, dentistry, counseling, and research into health conditions affecting Native American communities, and other related fields.

Application must be returned to SFCC Work Source office by February 15, 2013. Attn: Vicki Schmitt, 17-105 or 533-3042

Financial Aid forms for the 2013-2014 school year are ready to pick up. If you plan to attend college next year and need financial aid, you must complete it online. Pam Austin is available in her office during January to assist you in filling out these forms. Please call and make an appointment with Pam Austin at 533-4331. The hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to Friday. The Financial Aid form is used to determine eligibility for different types of financial aid including the PELL Grant. Your form must be mailed as soon after January 1, 2013 as possible in order to receive the most aid available.

DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT A DATA SHEET.

Financial Aid/Scholarship workshop for multicultural students,
January 11, 1—2:30

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP (Tax Credit)

What is it?
The Hope Scholarship is a tax credit, not a scholarship. Tax credits are subtracted from the tax your family owes, instead of subtracting them from taxable income like a tax deduction.

Who qualifies?
The tax law says an eligible student must be enrolled at least half-time in an eligible program leading to a degree or certificate at an eligible school during the calendar year AND not completed the first two years of undergraduate study. Your parents also are eligible if the students is not a tax payer.

How can I get it?
The taxpayer must report the amount of tuition and fees paid out-of-pocket, or by student loans.

Important tip on renting your textbooks
By: Sabrena Hindberg

Hello, I am a student at Spokane Falls Community College and I have an important tip for students who need books, that will be too expensive. Well, this fall quarter my books came to $300 and it was outrageous so I started searching online and found a website that you’ll love as long as you can remember to return your book on time. I went to https://www.collegebookrenter.com and here you can rent or sell your used books. You rent the book you need for an impressive low price. My business book was $168 anywhere and everywhere else, but I rented it for the quarter for $23.80! Amazing! And that’s not all! When I was finished with the quarter, I went online to my account on college book renter and chose the book in my shopping cart that I wanted to return. I printed out the prepaid shipping label off the website for my book and put it in a sealed container and returned it to a UPS or (FedEx) store for free. Way cheaper and definitely hassle free!

American Indian Endowed Scholarship

The Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) is now accepting applications for the 2013-14 American Indian Endowed Scholarship (AIES) awards. Applications must be mailed to the HECB postmarked by February 1, 2013. http://www.hecb.wa.gov/PayingForCollege

Who is eligible?
To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:
- Have close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or American Indian community in WA.
- Agree to use your education to benefit other American Indians.
- Have demonstrated financial need (as determined by the college financial aid office).
- Be a Washington State resident.
- Be enrolled or intend to enroll as a full-time student at an eligible Washington college or university by the next fall term (selection priority is given to upper division and graduate students, but all applicants are considered).
- Not be pursuing a degree in theology. Have not received five years of this scholarship in total.

CHECK OUT THESE SCHOLARSHIP WEB SITES:

FastWeb - A searchable database of more than 180,000 private sector scholarships and grants. http://www.fastweb.com

WFAA—Ethnic Awareness Committee Scholarship. A list of scholarships for students of color. http://www.wfaa.org/docs/students/finaid_resources.html

U of W— http://www.washington.edu/students/ugrad/scholar

WSU—http://www.finaid.wsu.edu/scholar

EWU—www.ewu.edu/Admissions/Financial-Aid/Scholarships.xml

New Washington website for Scholarships -Create a profile and let us do the rest. We will match you with scholarships you are most likely to qualify for and applying online is easy. http://www.thewashboard.org/login.aspx
Calendar of Upcoming Multicultural Events

MLK Celebration Speaker—Ali Shaheed Muhammad

DJ/Producer Ali Shaheed Muhammad is known around the world as one-third of the legendary hip hop group A Tribe Called Quest, but he began his musical career in his hometown of Brooklyn, New York. It was there that his uncle, Michael Jones, a bass player and DJ himself, pulled aside 8-year-old Ali and began teaching him music. Ali then spent years DJ-ing parties in his Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood and recorded a slew of demos before co-founding Tribe in 1985 with Q-Tip, Phife Dawg, and Jarobi. He was just 19 when the group released its first album......

Ali keeps busy by performing as a DJ around the globe, reaching music fans of all types, each gig adding to the journey he started as an 8-year-old in Brooklyn.

Financial Aid Forms and Scholarship

“Hands-On Workshop”
1—2:30 p.m., Friday, January 11, 2013
Building 17, room 141, Testing Center

With the current economy the way it is, funding for financial aid has been cut and will continue to decrease until the economy stabilizes. Financial aid/scholarships are limited and many are on a first-come, first-served basis. You have noticed that the financial aid office has not been able to get your financial aid to you at the beginning of each quarter if you do not make the financial aid cut-off date. You need to apply EARLY! So, let’s do it together at this “Hands-On” workshop. Pam Austin also will have some scholarship resources and applications for you to take with you.

Please RSVP to Jane Gong at 533-4331, as we only have limited computers available for your use.

January 11, Fri. Hands-on Scholarship Workshop
SUB, Room 140, Testing Center, 1—2:30 p.m.

January 23, Wed. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
Sponsored by the Black Student Union (BSU)
11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m., Lounges A, B and C

February 6, Wed. Chinese New Year Celebration, Year of the Snake
11:30 a.m., Sub and Lounge A & B

February 12, Wed Black History Month Activity, 11:30 a.m.—1, lounge C

February 14, Thur. All Latinos Carnival, lounges A & B, 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

February 27, Wed. Red Nations program for Intercultural week
11:30, Lounges A&B
**Latino United Association (LUA).** Our club welcomes anyone with the desire to learn and share in the diverse cultures of the Latin communities of the world, represented in the community and at the campus. We hold fundraisers, charity events, and celebrate Latin holidays. Some of our sponsors include: H.B.P.A., DeLeon’s, Chapala, La Michoacana, Palenque, and El Comalon. This quarter we will be holding a Latin Flavor Carnival, Attending committee meetings for the Spokane Latino Heritage Celebration, and picking a Latina princess for the upcoming St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 17. Come and share in the Latin Flavor with us.

**Asian club:** We sponsored a Asian culture explore—Vietnam Day fall quarter. Our dumpling and eggroll sale went great! And fall quarter ended with a club social joined by International club and Chinese Language club. Now, we are planning winter quarter activities. The Chinese New Year celebration comes first. We definitely will do another food fundraising sale, and also, make club t-shirts. Asian American Club is open to all students. We welcome you to join us. We will continue to better promote diversity on the SFCC campus.

**Message from Black Student Union (BSU)**

Hello, sisters and brothers. We, the African-American students of SFCC, in order to promote a better atmosphere for minority students, have created this club to serve the well being of everyone at Spokane Falls Community College. Our club is always recruiting new members and officers. Come to our club meeting Friday, 12:00 in building 16. You do not have to be black to join. We need your help and support! For more info, contact by e-mail: BSU.SFCC@gmail.com

**The Red Nations Student Association (RNSA) was busy with the Native American History Month celebration fall quarter.** We sponsored the following activities:

- Indian taco sales
- Native American Month Presentation—the Native Voices performed by Will & Company
- Guest speaker—Past, Present and Future

We want to thank everyone who supported us. Winter quarter, the RNSA begins planning the 15th Annual SFCC Powwow in May. Committees are being formed for planning and fundraising. Now is the time to get involved! Please call Pam at 533-3546 as soon as possible to get involved.
**TUTORS AVAILABLE in the multicultural center**

During winter quarter, we will have tutors for math, writing, psychology and accounting available in the Multicultural Center. The tutors will be available in Pam’s old office in the Student Union Building, room 131. Students can make appointments for the following days by calling Jane at 533-4331 or stop by:

1-4:30 p.m. Tuesday  
1:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday  
1-4:30 p.m. Thursday

Please take advantage of this opportunity to improve your grades in the above subjects.

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**Help Students Find Money for College or Career School**

**Order Federal Student Aid Forms and Publication**

**Step One: Join our mailing list**

If you do not have a mailing list (ML) number, call the Federal Student Aid Publications Ordering System (FSAPubs) at 1-800-394-7084 to get one.

**Step Two: Order forms and publications**

Using your ML number as identification, you can order the following free items (and more) from FSAPubs at www.fsapubs.org or by e-mailing orders@fsapubs.org:

- FAFSA on the Web Worksheet
- Funding Education Beyond high School: The Guide to Federal Student Aid
- Looking for Student Aid and Spanish version
- Need Money for College?

*Note:* students may read most of these publications at www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs or order single copies from the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-FED-AID.

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**STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOP Winter 2013**

All workshops will be held in Building 24, Room 103. Sessions will begin at NOON (unless otherwise noted)

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No Registration Required, Call 533-3768 for more information!  
Sponsored by the SFCC Counseling Department & Humanities Division
Photo corner

Latinos Unidos Association members (LUA)

Multicultural club members served holiday dinner

Asian American Club members

Red Nations’ Members

Day of the dead celebration

Halloween Time

Making friends

Cooking Chinese dumplings

Our computer corner
Multicultural Clubs:

Black Student Union
Meets every Friday
12:30,
Building 16

Latinos Unidos Association
Meets every Wednesday
Noon, Multicultural Center

Red Nation's Student Association
Meets every Wednesday
12:30
Multicultural Center

Far East Coast Club
Meets every Thursday
12:30
Multicultural Center

Multicultural Newsletter prepared by Jane Gong