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Wednesday 30

Structural Language Exhibit

When: All Day

Where: SCC: Eccles Art G allery

TRC Food Court Closed - Reopens September 8th

When: All Day

Where: TRC

Community Engagement Fair

When: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: WVC

Thursday 31

Structural Language Exhibit

When: All Day

Where: SCC: Eccles Art Gallery

Last Day to Add Classes - Full Term and First Eight Week Term

When: All Day

Where: All Campuses

USU Advisor Visit

When: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: TRC: STC 2nd Floor

Visual Art & Design Orientation

When: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Where: SCC: Multipurpose Room

School of Arts, Communication, and Media Fall Semester Meet and Greet

When: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Where: SCC: Multipurpose Room

Bruin Bash

When: 5:00 pm - 12:00 am

Where: TRC: SEC West Patio and South Lawn

Always... Patsy Cline

When: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Where: Grand Theatre

Friday 1

Structural Language Exhibit

When: All Day

Where: SCC: Eccles Art Gallery

Last Day to Drop Classes for Full Refund

When: All Day

Where: All Campuses

Crystal "Inn"vitational Tournament Bruin Volleyball vs. Miami Dade College

When: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Where: TRC: LAC

Crystal "Inn"vitational Tournament Bruin Volleyball vs. Northwest College

When: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Where: TRC: LAC

Basketball Pick-Up Games

When: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: TRC: LAC

Always... Patsy Cline

When: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Where: Grand Theatre

Saturday 2

Structural Language Exhibit

When: All Day

Where: SCC: Eccles Art Gallery

Crystal "Inn"vitational Tournament Bruin Volleyball vs. Otero Junior College

When: 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Where: TRC: LAC

Crystal "Inn"vitational Tournament Bruin Volleyball vs. Laramie County Community College

When: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Where: TRC: LAC

Always... Patsy Cline

When: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Where: Grand Theatre

Always... Patsy Cline

When: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Where: Grand Theatre

Monday 4

Labor Day - No Classes

When: All Day

Where: All Campuses

Tuesday 5

Structural Language Exhibit

When: All Day

Where: SCC: Eccles Art Gallery

U of U Advisor Visit - Social Work and Diversity

When: 9:00 am - 12:45 pm/ 2:00 pm

Where: TRC: AAB 1st Floor Foyer

Where: TRC: STC 2nd Floor

For more information on these events, please visit www.globeslcc.com/calendar

Rambler on the Row



Wiley Jay

What to expect as a **first-time** student

Tina Huynh

Contributing Writer

You can never truly prepare for college until you're actually here. College life moves fast, and everyone will at one point feel like they're behind. While it is smart to plan ahead and research what to expect in your first semester as a college student, no one knows how to survive higher education better than actual Salt Lake Community College students.

"The first day will be easy so you'll think your class is pretty laid-back," says Jenny Tran, student at SLCC. "But then the next day you're already on the second chapter of the book. Don't assume every class you take is going to be easy. Work hard from the beginning so you're always caught up instead of always having to catch up."

Every professor will not be lenient, but then again, not every class will be difficult. The best option is to study hard rather than risk earning a bad grade. Most students strive to get at least a C or higher in their classes. If you fail a required class, chances are you'll need to retake it. The option is always there to retake the class however, even if you didn't fail.

Forming relationships with your peers will make college more meaningful, but it's also good to be on

friendly terms with your professors.

"Don't be afraid to drop a class before the deadline. You have to click with your professors. If you don't or if you just don't like how they teach, you're going to have a hard time learning the subject," says Michelle Nguyen, another SLCC student.

"You should also pick classes around the times that work best for you. I'm a morning person, so I don't mind taking an 8 a.m. class, but I've had some friends who took early classes that weren't morning people and only showed up like half of the time," says Nguyen.

Choose times when you'll be alert and focused on the lecture in front of you. Since lectures are how many SLCC classes are taught, you'll need the mental resources to concentrate on the voice that's speaking or the presentation ahead.

"Be prepared to use the entire class for work. It's exhausting. In the math class that I took, we never took a break. My brain was fried at the end of each day," says student David Huang. "In high school, there was plenty of leisure time to converse with your friends or just do work, but in college, there's almost no time when the professor isn't teaching. [...]there's no debating that college can be difficult."

While college exists to turn interested students into qualified professionals, that doesn't mean it should

be all work and no play. Students can get involved with the community and meet new people by joining one of the many clubs at SLCC. There are over sixty clubs of varying interest, but if you don't see one you like, start your own! To view all of the clubs and organizations at SLCC, visit the SLCC website under the Student Life And Leadership section. Student Ange Padilla advises other students to make the years spent in college worth it.

"Learn how to make new friends. Don't spend your first semester isolating yourself like I did. Trust me, college is a lot more fun when you have good people around," says Padilla.



■ Photo by Tristina Meservy

Get involved at SLCC! Find information about upcoming events & clubs in the Student Involvement Center.

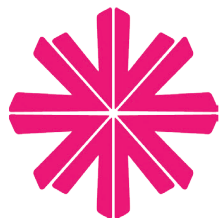
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With an average of only 30% of Utah high school graduates completing their FAFSA, students are very literally leaving money set aside for them on the table. Applications for the 2018-19 school year open on October 1st.

Access to Education for all is a Promise Kept

Buffy Robbins

Staff Writer

Salt Lake Community College is calling the inaugural year of the Promise Program a success. During the 2016-2017 school year, 770 students received SLCC funds to fill the gap between their Federal Pell Grant and their total tuition bill.

The Promise Program is intended to make tuition free for low income, full-time students who do not receive enough grant money to cover their entire tuition cost. To be eligible a student must be a Utah resident, qualify for a Federal Pell Grant, be a fulltime student, and have a 2-year degree plan. They must also maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA, complete 70% of attempted courses and have taken less than 90 credits.

“Once the Pell Grant is applied to the tuition and fee balance, any shortage is covered by a tuition waiver,” says Eric Weber, Assistant Vice President of Student Enrollment Services. To fund this program, SLCC has reabsorbed and redistributed merit based tuition waivers.

Weber goes on to explain that the students in the Promise Program were awarded “approximately \$1,070 per year on average.” SLCC Public Relations Director Joy Tlou states that approximately \$800,000 total in support was awarded.

There is no separate application process and no cost to apply: students must simply complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). However, Utah students are often poor at completing the FAFSA.

“Utah continues to be last in the nation for percent of eligible students completing the FAFSA. In 2014-15, 70% of eligible Utah high school graduates did not complete a FAFSA, the highest among all states,” States the website for the Utah System of Higher Education. “Those students left \$45.2 million on the table in total unclaimed Pell Grants.”

SLCC is trying to improve that. Financial Aid Director Cristi Millard explains her office’s efforts to help current and future students apply for federal aid.

“Currently, SLCC offers seven workshops per month to assist students in completing the FAFSA. These are held at the Taylorville Redwood Campus, the South City Campus, and West Valley Center,” says Millard. “We are working with other institutions of higher education within the state to increase completion of the FAFSA.”

SLCC visited high schools for open house events through the Utah Higher Education Assistance Authority (UHEAA) to help students complete the application. In the 2016-17 year they completed more than half of the 70 workshops done state wide.

The deadline for applying for the FAFSA for the 2017-18 school year closed June 30th. The open date to apply for the 2018-19 year is October 1, 2017. It is too soon to know if the number of students helped will increase in the coming year, but Millard expects that it will.

Eric Weber says that the future goal for the Promise Program is “to increase the number of students participating in the program and subsequently increase students with degree plans attending SLCC as a full time student.” To find out more about the SLCC Promise Program, visit slcc.edu/promise/.



Photo by Teresa Rydalch

At a faculty conference in 2016, President Huftalin started by outlining SLCC’s mission statement, the core belief that the institution as a whole operates by.



Photo courtesy of SLCC Institutional Marketing

President Denise Huftalin poses with students post-Promise announcement.



Photo courtesy of SLCC Institutional Marketing

SLCC President Denise Huftalin, seen here announcing the SLCC Promise program in Spring 2016.

Community College culture offers **variety** of advantages

Jaimelee Eldridge

Contributing Writer

Attending community college doesn't always hold the same prestige and admiration as the traditional university experience. Thankfully, most students don't come for the illustrious title.

At Salt Lake Community College, students receive instruction from practicing faculty; Instructors who also work in the field they're teaching. Additionally, multiple adjunct faculty members provide great insights informing students on current trends in evolving fields. This is especially true in fields like technology, social media, digital media and marketing.

"I've worked at universities and community colleges for many years now. You'll find truly skilled and great educators at any of them," says Mitch Sears, an adjunct at SLCC.

"Community colleges cater to a different type of student, so their goals are different. They seem more focused on current, applicable, job-oriented skills, which I think is a real boon for students. Especially in fields like technology, media, and communication." Says Sears. "[These fields are] changing fast today, and instructors need to be experienced in what is really

happening. In fields like journalism, technology, and communication, community colleges definitely have better priorities for their students."

Community college is a great place for many, including "English-as-a-second-language" students working towards a degree. Community colleges often offer specific classes to help international students improve their English, and meet other students in similar circumstances as they make their way to their

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higher education goals.

SLCC also has an Office for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, which welcomes people of all backgrounds and ethnicities to be a part of the SLCC community.

According to the SLCC website, It's not uncommon for students attending community college

to be parents, single-parents, part-time or full-time employees, or have other responsibilities that keep them occupied.

In fact, 60 percent of community college students take less than 12 credit hours. Additionally community colleges have more or less reinvented the wheel for flexible class schedules, and many offer night or online courses as well.

Expect class sizes to be much smaller too, providing an intimate learning experience where students and instructors can make connections. Rather than being shoved to the back of what can feel like a stadium, receiving little to no attention, students are front and center with tons of opportunities for one-on-one guidance.

There is still room for growth and exploration while attending community college; where the environment is created by and for the student's self-discovery. Colleges like SLCC take great care in helping students find their path, and prepare them for a more formal four-year experience.

The spirit of community college is best represented by the concept that learning is a life-long process. It doesn't matter if you are a recent high-school graduate, a returning student with a little more life experience, or a single-parent looking to finally start that degree you've been thinking about; everyone is welcome here.

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