Hello Everyone!

Congratulations! You have survived your first week of college! By now, your first semester schedule should be finalized. But remember, there is a **deadline** to add or drop classes, still be eligible for a refund and not have a “W” (for withdrawal) on your transcript (see **Academic Calendar** for deadline date). Check your registration status to make sure you have correctly submitted any changes and are enrolled in your desired number of units.

The faculty and staff at Santa Barbara City College are committed to the **SUCCESS** of each and every one of you! At this time, we want you to be aware that there are numerous programs, services and resources available to ensure your personal and academic success.

Get connected!

Students who become involved in college through active participation in student life or a special program have a better chance at succeeding in college than those who go it alone. In addition to housing, the **Office of Student Life** is the hub for all clubs and organizations that can help you get involved in your college experience. If there is not a club that suits your interest, you can start your own. There are academic clubs aligning with certain majors, clubs focusing on community involvement, groups with shared backgrounds or interests, and some that are just about fun.

We also encourage you to check out the **Special Programs** site that will introduce you to several resources that will allow you to connect with excellent resources and other students with similar backgrounds or goals. Some of these programs have financial incentives and all will help you better connect with the college community. Several have been recognized by the state as exemplary student success programs.

Take advantage!

We know that there are many other factors in addition to the ability to read, write and do math that affect your ability to achieve academic success. These factors could include time management, relationship management, money management and setting meaningful goals to name a few.

The good news is that Santa Barbara City College has many resources available to you. The key to your academic success will depend in large part on the degree to which you use the support services that are available. Take advantage of all we have to offer you!

**The Learning Skills workshops** include building skills in test taking, managing stress and math confidence. Most workshops are available for check out at the **LRC** and include the informational handouts.

**The Online Writing Library** offers online learning support to improve writing skills.

**The Writing Center workshops** help you develop skills and strategies that can be applied to writing in other classes such as editing, researching and citation.
Make plans to check in with a counselor in the Academic Counseling Center after the drop date in early to mid-February. We are looking forward to helping you map out your long range academic goals.

We are here to help!

Stay “In The Know”

The Academic Counseling Team