

TO: EXCEL/SSS Students
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SUBJECT: Summer Update & Workshop Schedule
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Please take a minute to review the attached 2007 Summer Activity Schedule. If you are currently an EXCEL/SSS student enrolled in either the summer or fall 2007 semester, you are eligible to participate in summer activities, including tutoring and advising services. Here is a quick overview of the summer schedule.

Workshops: Three workshops are being offered by Tutoring Coordinator Bernie Ratliff and Academic Specialist Rachel Neumeier. See the attached schedule for dates and places.

Advising: Advising services are available this summer but staff is limited, so please schedule in advance. If you did not receive EXCEL/SSS services during the fall or spring semesters and/or have not updated your SAP, please make an appointment with Elaine even if you are not enrolled in the summer semester.

Tutoring: Bernie Ratliff and Rachel Neumeier will provide most of the tutoring this summer with back-up by peer tutors as needed. Tutoring will be available Monday through Friday by appointment. Let us know which subjects you need tutoring in so that we have tutors available. If you are not enrolled in classes this summer, we urge you to get a head start on next year by meeting with EXCEL/SSS tutors to improve reading/study skills, attack math anxiety and weaknesses, and refresh computer skills.

Student Evaluation of EXCEL/SSS Services: If you have not already done so, **please complete the EXCEL/SSS Evaluation of Services.** These evaluations are very important since we report to the federal government annually on the EXCEL/SSS program. Your evaluations help us do that and also help us improve our services.

2007-2008 Financial Aid: EXCEL/SSS expects to receive Supplemental Grant Aid which will be distributed to qualified EXCEL/SSS students in the spring 2008 semester. This year, 48 EXCEL/SSS students received an average of \$703.29 each. Eligibility requirements and an application will be available in early September. Check your e-mail for information on how to apply for Supplemental Grant Aid.

One \$500 EXCEL/SSS Scholarship will be awarded to an EXCEL/SSS student in the fall 2007 semester and one in the spring 2008 semester. The application and information on how to apply will be sent to you via e-mail in the fall.

EXCEL/SSS Passes: EXCEL/SSS passes will be available to some MAC-sponsored cultural events. These passes will admit you to plays, concerts, and other MAC events at no charge. See Robbin for more information.

Computer, Calculator, & Video Loaner Programs: EXCEL/SSS loans computers, calculators, and educational and personal development videos on a short-term basis. You must have a current SAP on file to borrow these items. See Robbin for details.

E-mail: Look for **Weekly NewsSpot** e-mails to keep you current on EXCEL/SSS happenings, scholarships, deadlines, workshops, and other information relevant to the summer semester at Mineral Area College.

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If you don't see it, but need it, **JUST ASK!** Have a great summer.

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EXCEL/SSS Summer 2007 ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE



What	When	Time	Where	Presenter	What is this about?
Open House Summer 2007	Monday June 4	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	EXCEL/SSS Office, Rm. C7, Arts and Sciences Building	EXCEL/SSS Staff	Start your semester off smoothly with cookies and conversation at the EXCEL/SSS Office.
Workshop: Writing Papers or Speeches Efficiently	Wednesday June 13	12:00 PM to 12:50 PM	EXCEL/SSS Office, Rm. C9, Arts and Sciences Building	Bernie Ratliff, EXCEL/SSS Tutor Coordinator	If you're taking an English or Speech class during the summer, you need to learn to write fast! How can you get your ideas organized and on paper as efficiently as possible? Bernie will have some ideas for you.
Workshop: Time Management for Summer Classes	Wednesday June 20	12:00 PM to 12:50 PM	EXCEL/SSS Office, Rm. C9, Arts and Sciences Building	Rachel Neumeier, EXCEL/SSS Academic Specialist	We always have 168 hours a week, but sometimes we have a bit more to fit into those hours! If you're taking classes in the summer, time management and organization are key!
Workshop: Coping with Classes You Don't Like	Wednesday July 11	12:00 PM to 12:50 PM	EXCEL/SSS Office, Rm. C9, Arts and Sciences Building	Rachel Neumeier, EXCEL/SSS Academic Specialist	Nobody ever promised you were going to love all the classes you're required to take. What can you do to succeed in a class which you HAVE to have, but can't stand? Learn some tips on surviving classes you don't like with minimum stress!

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