

Academic Support Center NEWS

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JoAnn Gala Savvy Science Coordinator is Retiring

What brought you to WCC?

A civil service exam for a registration clerk (Registrar's Office) in 1979 brought me here in 1980. I took the job because I thought there was Free Tuition! There wasn't, but I took it anyway. Another test landed me a job as an Account Clerk, followed by Academic Scheduler, Adjunct & Overload

Payroll Coordinator then finally, in 2004 I accepted a position as Science Coordinator for the ASC.

How long have you been at the college?

August 2018 will begin my 38th year!

What do you find most satisfying about your experience here?

This job is THE BEST job I've ever had—you get the opportunity to interact with students and potentially change their lives! It doesn't get any better than that!

What is/are your most memorable moment/s here?

I grew up here—I was 22 when I started working here. The memorable moments are abundant. I love to reminisce about the shenanigans of years ago! I can't really expound on this because I would incriminate too many people, but we had a LOT of fun. It was a time when the college was smaller, more intimate. The parties and off campus gatherings were so much fun. Of course, I also met my husband, Tom, here. That was pretty memorable!

What will you miss the most?

I'm going to miss all of my colleagues and friends in the ASC. Totally student-oriented and always striving to get them to succeed. I will also miss my tutors so much—they are all like my children, regardless of their ages. We have all built something great together. I'll tell you what I won't miss---getting up every day at 6 a.m.! I still plan to teach at least until my travel calendar gets too full. WCC, I just can't quit you..

What is your legacy?

I think that I have left this place better than it was when I got here. Back in the 90's, I was one of the founders of the Staff Council and I was their first president. I've done a lot of "firsts", which I have discovered is my real forte—I like to be the first one. After that, I move on.

Parting words for students to succeed?

Just keep going—It took me 38 years to get my Master's degree. Be smart about your choices of classes and don't get discouraged. You are not going to love every class or every teacher, but it's part your education. Keep your eye on the prize.

What Would You Like Other Students to Know About the ASC?

Nobody is breathing down your neck here. Great tutors who help understand the material more than the teacher. Overall I had a great experience and wish I came in for my previous classes.

Great place to get work done and when you get stuck they can help you! Saved me in Calc 1!

Very helpful – even the questions you think are unsolvable. Easily accessible/accommodating with available hours. You get to know the tutors and it becomes like doing work with a friend. Boosts confidence for online classes (and learning). Lots of space (facilities are great). Best decision of the term.

Tutors are worth their weight in gold!

The ASC really helped me to open my mind and organize better my ideas when I write an essay. They are very good to explain and to improve your vocabulary.

The ASC is an important tool to improve your skills because the tutors are always supporting you in what you need. The environment is very comfortable, so you can concentrate on your homework.

In Memorium:

We are saddened by the death of two of our tutors:

Phil Silverman: Math Tutorial

John Merola: Writing Tutorial

They served our students and the ASC well for many years, and they will be missed.

ASC Workshops

STRATEGIES FOR STUDENT SUCCESS, 11:00 - 11:50, LIB G16A:

- 9/26: Time Management
- 10/3: Organization
- 10/10: Note-Taking
- 10/17: Memory
- 10/23: Reduce Your Test Anxiety
- 10/31: Multi-Sensory Learning & Meta-Cognition
- 11/7: Reduce Test Anxiety
- 11/14: Predict, Prepare & Take the Test
- 12/5: P.L.A.N. for Final Exams: Review Study Skills

WRITING WORKSHOPS, 12:00 - 1:00, LIB G39:

- 9/19: What to Do Before You Write
- 9/26: Thesis Statements
- 10/3: Developing the Essay Body
- 10/10: Intros & Conclusions
- 10/17: Citing & Quoting
- 10/24: Revising & Editing

Online Tutoring



Westchester Community College offers FREE online tutoring for students who are enrolled in evening/weekend/online courses that are supported by the Academic Support Center through NetTutor. NetTutor will be offering tutorial support around the Academic Support Center hours of operation. Their tutors help students understand problems and concepts using examples directly from the course materials, and other materials obtained from the school by using the Socratic Method. There are 3 modes of online tutoring are available to students:

- Ask NetTutor: Connect to a live tutor for immediate assistance.
- NetTutor Q&A Center: Drop off a question and receive feedback from a tutor.
- NetTutor Paper Center: Submit your paper, lab report, or technical writing for review.

Online tutoring will be available on:

Monday thru Thursday: 12AM – 6AM, 6PM – 11:59PM
Friday thru Sunday: 12AM – 11:59PM

For more information & to view the list of courses that can receive tutoring via NetTutor visit us at <http://www.sunywcc.edu/academics/asc/nettutor-online-tutoring/>

Ask-A-Tutor our online email based tutoring service will still be available for students. For more information about Ask-A-Tutor, visit us at <http://www.sunywcc.edu/academics/asc/ask-a-tutor/>

Tutoring Appointments

are now available at the ASC on Fridays starting September 21. Appointments will be available in all of our tutorials in select subjects. To book an appointment, please call our front desk at 914-606-6470 or stop by to see us.

Extension Center Tutorial Services.

Tutoring is available in Mount Vernon, Ossining, Peekskill, and Yonkers, Cross County. For more information, please call 914-606-7220.