Do you ever wonder if the college staff talks to potential employers? You bet we do! In fact, after hearing from employers that recent college graduates’ writing skills are not up to par, we’re giving you an opportunity to hear about how these skills may help you land a job in industries most would not consider writing intensive. The Wildwood Campus will host an important panel discussion on Tuesday, March 26, at 11 a.m. in the Multi-purpose room. You will hear – and be able to ask questions of – current and former representatives of Monsanto, Solae (a division of Dupont), Ralston Foods, health care companies, local government, as well as some of our adjuncts with industry experience. We’ve all heard about the competitive job market and how hard it is to obtain a job, here’s a chance to learn how to have an important leg-up on the competition.

The days are becoming longer and warmer, and classes are in full swing. If you are not happy with your grades or feel behind in class, now is the time to catch up! Don’t wait until you’re forced to lose time and money by dropping a class or worse. Stop by and see our math, accounting or economics tutors, our Writing Center, or speak with your instructors during their office hours to make sure you are meeting the course expectations. Better now than later!

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Literacy Campaign Key to Student Success

How can you ensure your papers are college-level and of top-quality? You can learn to use the best available resources and how to properly cite them. This will help you not only in English classes but in classes of every discipline. During a time when most students have access to information 24/7 at the touch of a finger, knowing where to go for credible information and how to discern the main points and properly incorporate sources into an essay have become even more crucial for student success today. The Library, Writing Center and English Department of the St. Louis Community College at Wildwood have developed a week-long literacy campaign to help tackle this student need and ensure our students are among the best in 2013! Students can look for the following events and activities on campus:

- An interactive display available in the library and on the college website that invites students to consider options for integrating sources. See the sidebar on “Searchpath.”
- A panel discussion on the importance of information literacy not only in education but in the workplace and the real world. Students will have the opportunity to hear what professionals in their future field have to say about expectations for writing at work.
- An “Applications of Information Literacy” display focusing on actual Wildwood assignments that require good information literacy skills.

Why Accutrack Matters

Why do we ask you to scan your ID in the math tutoring area? Because we are trying to better serve you! The Accutrack system is used by Meramec, Florissant Valley, Forest Park, and Wildwood to track the number of student visits, the time of day of the visit and the day of the week. The Academic Support Centers at our sister campuses won’t let you in the door unless you sign in to Accutrack; unfortunately, we don’t have staff (or a door) to monitor this, so we are relying on YOU to make sure your information is captured. Ultimately this helps you, the student, and the tutors as well because it allows us to track the busiest times and the workflow of the tutors. We are a student-centered campus, and this is a data-driven college. In order to provide more math tutors and more space for math tutoring, we need data to prove how busy we are. So please, take a few seconds before you sit down and scan your ID into Accutrack. Everybody will benefit!
There may be resources in room 105 that you’re not using and may help you! Here are students’ most frequently asked questions.

Q. When I print from the computers, where do I go to pick up my paper?
A. All college computers, including the laptops, print to the printers located at the front desk. The first 10 pages are free and after that it costs $.10 per page.

Q. I’ve forgotten my book for my class. Do you have one available?
A. We have textbooks available for most classes. See the Help desk for more information.

Q. The librarian is not on duty. Where do I return or check out a book?
A. There’s a library book return box available by the desk near the library. Please see the Help desk to check out a book if the librarian is not available.

Q. I need to make copies. Who can help me?
A. There’s a copy machine available for students’ use by the back wall near the books. Copies are $.15 per page. If you have problems with the copy machine or need a refund, please see the campus bookstore.

Q. Do you have a fax machine for student use?
A. We do NOT have a fax machine for student use. There’s one available in the local Dierberg’s in the UPS store.

Q. Can I check out the periodicals or newspapers located in the library?
A. Many periodicals and newspapers are available on the wall near the books. They are available for use in the library but cannot be checked out.

Q. Do you have a scanner available for student use?
A. No, we do NOT have a scanner on campus for student use at this time but are investigating options for purchasing one soon.

Q. Do I have to see a librarian to check out a book?
A. You can see the librarian, library desk or Help desk to check out a book. Students have access to an online card catalog and can request a book online. This provides access to books and materials from all campuses and only requires a student I.D. # to request a book. Be sure to request Wildwood campus, which is the code ST. Students usually receive their requested material in two to three days.

Q. Can I use the conference room located in room 105 for quiet study?
A. The campus uses that room for meetings. Students now have access to room 220 Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.