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Meeting of Students for New Learning SNL meets this Thursday at 5:00pm at the L.E.C. Students with learning differences (LD/ADHD) are welcome to attend. This month's topic relates to understanding how your learning difference affects your personal and professional relationships, and not just your academic life. Most young adults begin to develop a more complex understanding of their LD, and it is useful to realize its sometimes far-reaching effects, both positive and negative, into other parts of your life besides simply finishing tests on time. Pizza and drinks provided!

IRS JOB OPPORTUNITY: Please see the attached flyer for details. If you're interested, send an e-mail to Star Smith at HCO.recruiter4disability@irs.gov

Take Notes with a SMARTPEN !

Notetaking can be very challenging for students with disabilities like reading disabilities, ADHD, hearing impairments, and physical limitations. The idea of recording lectures is a good one, but few students ever make the time to listen to the recordings from start to finish. Besides just audio recording the lecture or getting copies of notes from a friend, students can now take advantage of new technology that really works! Livescribe's Echo Smart Pen records lectures while you write or draw information from the lecture. The written notes and audio recording are synchronized through the special notebook paper so that you can listen to any part of the lecture you want just by tapping the paper with the pen. It is great for classes where computerized notetaking is difficult due to formulas, graphs, or drawings (ECON, MATH, STAT, even Art). The pen also syncs notes and recordings to your computer, and has Apps for all sorts of uses such as with foreign language and music! The L.E.C. has a pen for demonstration purposes. The pen is available for purchase at the Computer Corner. Check www.livescribe.com for a video demonstration.

*Please remember to always ask for faculty permission to record any classroom lectures.

POSTER ART CONTEST FOR 2011 (deadline 3/15/11): Each year in October, the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities produces a Texas poster for National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) which is distributed free of charge to businesses and offices all across the state. The art featured on the poster each year is an original piece created by a Texas artist with a disability. The featured artwork is incorporated into the national theme, and the design of the Texas posters has become so popular that they frequently have requests for copies from other states as well; in 2010, 2,500 posters were sent out. **This is a formal Call for Entries for the NDEAM Poster Art contest for 2011.** Submissions from Texas artists with disabilities can be sent in a digital format (preferred) in an email, or by color photocopy or CD sent by postal mail. **There is NO FEE for entries.** All entries must be accompanied by an Entry Form, which is available on the website along with the Submission Guidelines. The original artwork does not need to be submitted for consideration. **Entries must be received by March 15;** the winner will be announced by April 15. For more information, visit http://governor.state.tx.us/disabilities/awards/national_disabilities_employment_awareness_month_poster/

MAKING UP FOR LOST TIME The recent snow and ice which closed classes for several days presented students with a blessing and a curse. Missed days from class can be devastating to assignment schedules, comprehension of material, and preparation for tests and quizzes. Missed days from class also can mean effective study time to get ahead in classes, catch up on reading, and work on long-term projects. The attached article, while not related to official closings of a university, offers some helpful tips for what to do when you have missed class.

A GENTLE REMINDER: When scheduling exams to be taken at the L.E.C., please schedule them for the same time the rest of your class is taking them. If you need to take it at a different time from the rest of the class, please get your instructors' permission to do so **BEFORE** scheduling a different time with Vanessa.



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



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