UnMask your career is a hit again

Eleven area professionals joined us for lunch and conversation on Halloween. Joining us for the event were Chief Thomas Hightower of Miami Police Department; Travis Jones & Kim McClain, City of Miami; Steve Gilbert, Miami Chamber of Commerce; Jennifer Ellis-McAffrey, Ottawa County Assistant District Attorney; Ben Loring, Miami City Attorney and Oklahoma State Representative; Amy Mercer, Certified Physician Assistant; Nicholas Highsmith, Miami Public Schools among others.

Mr. Highsmith, Miami High School Principal

Amy Mercer speaking about her career choice

The Miami community is so supportive of our program and many answer the call to take time to help our students. Twenty three students participated learning about a wide variety of career opportunities. This event is one of the staff’s favorite every year because we are able to share our students with great mentors in our community.

Ben Loring and Jennifer Ellis McAffrey both began as lawyers.
NEO SSS represent fall homecoming royalty

Congrats to Jose Gonzalez, Dreu Perry, and Destiny VanHorn for representing your organization in Fall Homecoming. So many of our students are involved with many clubs and activities on campus and enjoying a busy and engaged college experience.

Proud “mom moment” for Rachel Conrad and Katy Stovall as their eldest children were chosen as NEO homecoming attendants. Dominic, 6 year old son of Rachel, is a math whiz and loves Super Heroes. Joslyn, 5 year old daughter of Katy, loves to get “dolled up” and be in the spotlight.

SSS staff do have favorites, because they are awesome

Student of the Month
November – Kyle Orner

Need a tutor with patience? Kyle is your guy! He has tutored for two years and works hard for his own grades.

Student of the Month
December – Debbie Griffin

Meet the nicest, most helpful lady ever! Debbie’s smile brightens our day, especially at clean up time.
Staff here to serve, literally

Your team of Student Support Staff is here to serve students every day. Some of the fundamental things we can help you with include interpreting your emails from financial aid, navigate D2L, and of course prepare your favorite meal for an amazing Power Lunch featuring pertinent speakers. Bobbie can direct you in completing your associate’s degree and making sure you have all the paperwork for graduation. Talk with Katy to schedule tutoring for the classes you are most nervous about before all available slots are filled.

The SSS office became a “Winter Wonderland” for the 4th annual Feastival on NEO Campus. Katy and Rachel used their fabulous decorating skills to create a peaceful, beautiful atmosphere and all staff contributed to delicious white themed chicken chili and sweets. All efforts came together and the team was awarded first place in the campus wide event winning not just bragging rights but a hundred dollar gift card. Thank you to Mary Jordan & Rob Rea for contributions students, Julie Yang, Ryan Pennington, Cody Summers and Adam Miner who helped hang lights.

Student of the Month

December – Ashley Gonzalez

Ashley is quite the ambassador for SSS. She has brought several students into our program. Thanks girl, we can still take more students, so invite a friend.

Thyme to inspire

Susan Spencer presented a TLC (Tips for Life & College) program to calm and reduce stress during finals week. Students created a take home vile filled with their own recipe of essential oils to either relieve stress or increase brain activity. Susan also taught us a few reflexology tips and answered many questions for those in attendance.