**Tips for Protecting Personal Information**

**FINANCIAL LITERACY**

Don’t give anyone your Social Security, credit card, or bank account numbers, this is often a scam.

Don’t throw away papers that have important account or financial numbers listed on them (shred them).

Don’t send your credit card numbers over the internet unless you are sure the Web site is secured and your computer is protected by anti-virus and other security software.

Review your credit card statements and telephone bills for unauthorized use. If you suspect fraud, call the company immediately.

If you are a victim of identity theft, report crime to the police immediately.

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**Counselor’s Corner**

**Summer/Fall Advisement:** If you have not made your appointment for Summer and/or Fall advisement with Joni, please do so as soon as possible. Call, email, or drop by Joni’s office to schedule an appointment.

**Upcoming SIU Trip:** SSS will visit the SIU campus on May 3 if we have at least 5 students sign up for the trip. See Lisa to complete all paperwork needed for the trip by **April 25**. Let us know if you have questions.

**Attention, Education Majors!** If you are a sophomore and an Education major, and have not yet taken the Basic Skills test, please contact Joni as soon as possible. Remember that Special Education majors must have 100 clock hours of experience. Talk to Joni if you have any questions.

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**TestTakingTips**

- Review your notes. Try reading them out loud to keep you on task
- Review errors on corrected homework and exams
- Memorize less, understand more
- Study buddies can help you get motivated and stay focused
- Get off the computer! Look at your notes & books
- Be a critical thinker. Apply your newfound knowledge to your own experience to draw conclusions and help you remember concepts
- Find a quiet place to study. Frat house bad. Library, study room good.
- Discover the best study hour - are you a night owl or an early bird? Picking the right time can make a difference
- Be positive, even when you are bogged down.

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**SSS TRiO WEEKLY STARS**

This week’s SSS TRiO stars are (from left to right) Calista Drone, Kristen DePriest, Beth Wead, and Lisa Walters.

These SSS Students competed at the Phi Beta Lambda State Conference April 8-9 in Effingham, IL.

Kristen DePriest qualified to compete at nationals with her win in Small Business Plan Report.

Congratulations Ladies!

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**WEEKLY BUZZ**

*Communication Skills Workshop* Featuring Tyler Billman- **Wednesday, April 20**th **12:30-1:30** in G205.

Call Lisa to schedule your mentoring appointment with Lauren Winkleman (Tues/Thurs 8:00 to 10:00)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT APPLICATION IS MAY 9 BY 4:00 PM.

SIC will be CLOSED Friday, April 22.