

THE NEW LEAF

Spring Finals

2015

Learning Center Newsletter

The Learning Center

Final Exams—May 11th-14th

Graduation—May 16th

Shook Student Center Dedication—May 16th

Summer Classes Begin—June 1st

Math Final Review Sessions

Introductory Algebra

Mon, May 4th: 11:30-12:30

Tue, May 5th: 2:30-3:30

Wed, May 6th: 10:30-11:30

Wed, May 6th: 3:30-4:30

Thurs, May 7th: 12:30-1:30

Fri, May 8th: 11:30-12:30

Mon, May 11th: 10:30-11:30

Pre-Algebra

Mon, May 4th: 9:30-10:30

Mon, May 4th: 5:00-6:00

Tue, May 5th: 10:30-11:30

Wed, May 6th: 12:30-1:30

Thurs, May 7th: 2:30-3:30

Fri, May 8th: 9:30-10:30

Mon, May 11th: 12:30-1:30

Intermediate Algebra

Mon, May 4th: 12:30-1:30

Tue, May 5th: 12:30-1:30

Tue, May 5th: 5:00-6:00

Wed, May 6th: 1:30-2:30

Thurs, May 7th: 9:30-10:30

Fri, May 8th: 12:30-1:30

Mon, May 11th: 9:30-10:30

College Algebra

Mon, May 4th: 10:30-11:30

Tue, May 5th: 8:30-9:30

Wed, May 6th: 8:30-9:30

Rest and Eat Your Way to Finals Success

Relax. It's easy to get overwhelmed when studying for finals. Just relax and believe in yourself. You can do it!

Trust your instincts. Concentrate on answering one question at a time and remind yourself that, while you aren't an expert, you have been learning this material all year. When you don't know an answer, and you know you don't know it, see if other questions or test materials can help you.

Know yourself. When you sit down to study and know what you are good at and what you are not. So if you are much better at math than biology, you would want to spend more time studying biology because you are competent at math.

A healthy breakfast. Start finals days off right with a breakfast of complex carbohydrates and dark fruits. Eating a food rich in complex carbohydrates, a muffin, for instance, produces sustained energy throughout the day without an afternoon crash. Dark fruits like blueberries contain antioxidants which promote healthy brain function.

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Use The Learning Center. Whether you missed some classes or never nailed down some concepts, tutors can use your class notes and homework assignments to help you fill in the gaps and have a successful finals week.



Did you take the Compass placement test and score lower than you hoped? If you did, then you may have been told that you have to take a number of developmental classes that do not count for college credit and won't transfer. What you may not know is that East Central has a Summer Bridge Program that can help you raise your test scores, avoid taking extra classes, and save you money and time. The best part? It won't cost you a dime.

The Summer Bridge Program consists of a series of classes that meet four hours a day for one week. These classes concentrate on preparing you to retake the Compass test and improve your score. At the end of the week, each student gets a free retake of the Compass test area for that class. Last semester, eighty-four percent of students who took the math portion of the Summer Bridge Program improved their placement scores. All of the students who took the writing bridge tested out of developmental writing!

If you are interested in the Summer Bridge Program, please see an advisor today. These classes are limited to twenty students, and they fill up fast!



Bake Sale A Sweet Success

February 12, 2015 was the annual TLC Valentine’s bake sale, which whipped last year’s fundraising to benefit The Learning Center scholarship fund. The event mixed baking skills with a dash of creativity from TLC staff members. Dozens of beautifully decorated cupcakes and cookies were sold in addition to bags of popcorn, fruit bowls and



fruit kabobs. Customers were able to order treats with a personalized message which were then whisked away for delivery by TLC staff. "Combining our resources for a worthwhile cause was a pleasure," mentioned Denise Walker, who coordinated the bake sale.

Each year The Learning Center holds two big holiday events, a campus-wide Christmas decorating contest and the Valentine’s bake sale to raise funds for The Learning Center scholarship fund. This scholarship goes to a deserving student who exemplifies conscientiousness, is goal driven and uses The Learning Center regularly as a resource.

Final Exam Schedule

Class Start Time → Final Exam Time and Date

- For classes on Mon, Wed, and/or Fri (or M-F):**
- 7:30a.m. → 7:30 a.m. Monday, May 11
 - 8:30a.m. → 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 13
 - 9:30a.m. → 9:45 a.m. Monday, May 11
 - 10:30a.m. → 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, May 13
 - 11:30 a.m. → 12:00 p.m. Monday, May 11
 - 12:30p.m. → 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 13
 - 1:30p.m. → 2:15 p.m. Monday, May 11
 - 3:00p.m. → 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 13
 - 4:30p.m. → 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 11

For classes on Tuesday and/or Thursday:

- 7:30a.m. → 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 12
- 9:00a.m. → 9:45 a.m. Thursday, May 14
- 10:30a.m. → 9:45 a.m., Tuesday, May 12
- 12:00p.m. → 12:00 p.m., Thursday, May 14
- 1:30p.m. → 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 12
- 3:00p.m. → 2:15 p.m., Thursday, May 14
- 4:30p.m. → 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 12



The staff of The Learning Center and The Testing Center thank you for letting us help you this semester! We hope you have a safe and exciting summer. If you are taking classes over the summer, please stop by and see us. We are here for you all year!

Help make The Learning Center a better place! [Click here to fill out a brief survey.](#) We really appreciate it!

East Central College Receives CLRA Level 2 Certification



The Learning Center's Tutor Training Program

was recently awarded level 2 Advanced Certification from the College Reading and Learning Association. All Learning Center tutors go through the semester-long training program led by Director Erin Anglin and Associate Director Jon Thrower.

One result of the CRLA training has been an increased spirit of teamwork among TLC staff. TLC Director Anglin noted that CRLA Certification "gives merit and credit to what we do." Dana Sachse, Library Technician and former Learning Center tutor, is currently in the 2nd level training course (led by Thrower) and praised the increased depth and interaction of the higher certi-

fication training, noting its continued engagement with "the mechanics of improving your skills." Jamie Pickel, a recent Lindenwood graduate and former ECC student, is a member of the level 1 course (led by Anglin). While a student tutor at ECC, Pickel was in the earliest incarnation of the program, which was started by former TLC Director Ellen Aramburu. His return to ECC has found him once again in the CRLA rotation. He praised the opportunity to have such a vibrant, refreshing return to ECC and says the program gives him a better understanding of "the nuances of the tutoring session."

In the spirit of consistent and continual growth, the two-tiered program is expanding.

The next level of the training program is currently being developed and will result in Mastery Certification for The Learning Center and its tutors.

New additions to the Learning Center Staff



The Learning Center welcomes Jamie Pickel as one of its newest English Specialists. A former East Central student and Lindenwood-Belleville graduate, Jamie is both a poetry and Netflix enthusiast. In addition to reading and writing, he enjoys hiking and has ambitions of both worldly and intergalactic travel. Jamie enjoys the finer things in life, such as Hotdog Man and the Walking Dead, and his spirit animal is the Emperor Tamarin.



A transfer from the Testing Center, Windy Souders is the Learning Center's latest addition to the English staff. A voracious reader, Windy would love to be a librarian so she can spend her days around books. Her favorite authors include Suzanne Collins, Lauren Oliver, Neal Shusterman, and Markus Zusak. She also enjoys playing board games with her family and avoiding puzzles. Her spirit animal is the unicorn.

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