

SPC Midtown

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Welcome Back Faculty and Students

With SPC Midtown's Spring Semester underway, the faculty and staff would like to welcome back all of our returning faculty and students as well as extend a special warm welcome to all of our first time faculty and students. We would like you to consider Midtown your home away from home. Our offices are located on the south end of the building, Room MT 103; please stop by and introduce yourself to Dr. Shirley and Mr. Baptiste.

We have an exciting semester planned, packed full of events for the Midtown students. We will kick off the festivities on January 15, with our welcome back event. Students are invited to come out and mingle with other classmates.

African American History Month

Has there been an influential African American in your life? Well this is your opportunity to tell everyone about that individual. During the month of February, the staff at SPC Midtown will be sponsoring an African American Essay contest. Participants will be asked to select an African American in their life that has been a positive motivating influence.

The essay contest begins on February 1st, and ends on February 15th; the grand prize will be given out on February 26th at 5:00pm.

Also on February 26th, students are invited to come out and enjoy the Soul Food Fest. Soul Food Fest will begin at 5:00pm and end at 6:30pm. To eat, students must have a valid student ID.

In March, SPC Midtown will be facilitating the Law Fest. This is our third time hosting this event along with Success Unlimited Women and Youth Business Center. Over 20 attorneys will be available to answer your legal questions free of charge. The facilitators will be Judge Michael Andrews and Judge James Pierce.

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Special points of interest:

- Welcome Back Celebration
- African American Essay Contest 2/1-2/15.
- Soul Food Fest 2/26 at 5:00pm
- Law Fest



New Attendance Policy

The new SPC attendance policy goes into effect with the beginning of Spring term. Highlights of the new policy include:

- Instructors will no longer be required to withdraw students for any reason.
- The withdrawn student and the withdrawn student's instructor will receive timely notification through SPC e-mail whenever a withdrawal occurs. This includes student self-withdrawals as well as any kind of administrative withdrawal.
- Any student identified by an instructor as not attending at least once during the first two weeks of class will be considered a "No Show" and will be automatically withdrawn with a grade of "W."
- Students not actively participating in class as determined by the instructor after the 60 percent point of the term, will automatically receive a grade of "WF."



College Reach Out Program

With another successful semester of CROP on the books, we are ready to kick-off our spring semester. Tutoring for the Spring semester will be Monday thru Thursday from 3:30pm until 6:00pm and Saturdays 9:00am until 11:00am.

Meet our night time security guards



Jerry Mitchell and Gerry Kelly are Midtown's night security guards. They are a dynamic duo when it comes to directing the evening students and keeping the building secure. Their unique personalities mesh well with the community as well as with the students, and they have become a fixture at the Midtown campus. The Midtown staff and faculty appreciate all that both of you do as a part of the Midtown team.

Amistad

Packed on a ship, taken away from our home, On our way to Cuba not knowing what's ahead.

"We will be eaten", that's what we were told,

But instead— taken to America where we were sold.

Taking over the vessel, to return to our home!

But ended up in a place unknown.

Jailed for our actions and left alone,

This never would have happened if we were back home.

***Student
Poetry
Corner***

~Writing by Midtown Students in SLS 1101~