WEEKLY UPDATE – September 12

Academic Tips and Support
This week's newsletter includes information to help you navigate all of the academic support available to you as a student at USF. As always, if you have any questions, you can contact our office by chat, phone, or email. If you have specific immigration questions, you can also make an appointment with your ISSS adviser online.

Gleeson Library
Gleeson Library is your home for research, discovery, and collaboration! The library's supportive staff are there to assist you in your academic research, studying, and more. Students can chat with a librarian in real-time 24/7, reserve group study rooms, and locate books and journals of interest. Check out their blog!

Learning, Writing, and Speaking Centers
The Learning, Writing, and Speaking Centers (LWSCs) offers free subject-specific tutoring, writing assistance, and communication-related support. The Learning Center also provides opportunities for academic skill development, through 1:1 coaching, group workshops, and online resources. LWSC staff can be reached Monday-Friday between 8 a.m.–5 p.m., via email through the chatbox on their website.

Center for Academic and Student Achievement
The Center for Academic and Student Achievement (CASA) is your home for compassionate academic and personal support. At CASA, students can find their success coach to help them achieve academic goals, seek guidance on completing forms, and get connected to campus resources. Their office is on the University Center 3rd floor and they are open Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. CASA can be reached via phone or email. Students are encouraged to make an online or in-person appointment with their CASA coach through the Student Hub or their website.

Student Disability Services
Student Disability Services (SDS) is committed to helping USF students succeed. By suggesting accommodations for students with disabilities, SDS helps them achieve their goals. Eligibility for these services is determined on an individual basis for each student and early planning is essential for many of the resources and accommodations. SDS has also compiled a list of frequently asked questions that can be helpful when beginning to navigate their department. Learn more about accommodations and services on their website.

Programs and Events
Working and Driving
Learn to find jobs on campus, apply for a social security number, and get a driver’s license by watching our Working and Driving Workshop. Please note this presentation is designed for students who are currently residing in the U.S.

Glitter Hour
De-stress and hang out while doing nail art with the Gender & Sexuality Center at their Glitter Hour event this Friday, Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. at UC 413! They supply the polish, acetone, and individual nail files. You just have to show up.

ISSS OFFICE RESOURCES
Requesting a Document from ISSS?
If you are requesting an immigration document or letter from our office, remember that we request ten business days to process requests. Make sure you plan accordingly so you have enough time to receive your document before you need it. All ISSS requests should be submitted through the MyISSS student portal. Students can log into our system by using 9-digit campus ID number. Contact us through the phone number or email address below for assistance with your submission.

Adviser Appointments and Workshops
Appointments can be made online. Please visit the ISSS website to schedule an appointment. Appointments are given in 30-minute increments. Please visit the ISSS website for the most current workshops from the first menu option on our website. Students must complete an OPT workshop before applying for OPT.

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