Every semester, Project Success hosts various workshops and activities to keep you informed, and promote cultural enrichment opportunities. In addition, Project Success also offers both tutoring and personal assistance, to help you succeed in your academic growth.

It is not part of our mission to discourage you, but to encourage you to overcome your educational stumbling blocks. Our ultimate goal is to offer you all of the academic support possible in order that you can go on to attain a 4-yr degree.

Nevertheless, we cannot be of any use to you if you are not using our services. We have tried on many occasions to contact each of you by phone, email, and U.S.Mail, to inform you of an upcoming event, set up an appointment, or get an update on your enrollment status. Some of you we were able to reach, but many of you we did not. And of course, let’s not forget those who we were able to schedule an appointment with, but never showed.

As adults, we are held accountable for our own decisions. Tutoring and counseling are not issues of embarrassment, but a means of providing academic support for all students. The only imprudent student is the one who never recognizes that he or she needs assistance. Please don’t deny yourself a degree because you are too ashamed to ask for help; it will only prolong your stay here at Penn Valley. For many, this is indicative of their standards. But there are also several who are serious and want to move on. These are the students that take the initiative. Which category of students do you fall under?

As a reminder, remember that Project Success is here for the students, so please use the services. I do.

You feel me?

FYI...
To be considered an active participant of Project Success, you must have at least 5 contact visits per semester, with at least 2 of those contacts being workshops, cultural events, or college visits.

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great."

Mark Twain
It’s Fun Time!

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I can remember my elementary/junior high school days when we would celebrate every holiday with a social (this was probably before a lot of you were born). Anyway, the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders would all gather in the gym to eat, listen to music, and dance. We’d choose our favorite dance partner, form a **Soul Train** line and boogie the afternoon away. Wow! Those were the days. Well, enough traveling down memory lane, I should get to the point.

On Wednesday, April 18, 2007, Project Success is going to host our first annual **Spring Social**, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. There will be a brief recognition ceremony, TRiO trivia, a team game show, food, fun, and lots of cool prizes. Oh yes, let’s not forget the music, just in case some of you want to form a **Soul Train** line. **So come out and join us on April 18, CC502 @ 10:30 am, and together we will relive some of those good ‘ole days.**

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**Don’t Forget to Sign In!**

Project Success has installed a new tracking system! When you arrive in Project Success, please remember to enter your student ID number (to sign in) and enter it again when you leave (to sign out). It is very important to both you and us, to track your visits.

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**Deadline**

April 16, 2007 is the last date to withdraw from a class without assessment; however, please speak with Kathy Courtney or Toni Alexander before withdrawing.

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**FYI...**

This will be the last paper edition of the newsletter. Beginning May 2007, we will send correspondence through your student email account (MetroMail). If you are not familiar with MetroMail and/or how to sign on, please contact Gieselle Taylor in Project Success, and she will be delighted to set up an appointment for training. Again, for future reference, please check your MetroMail account for current event updates and other announcements regarding Project Success.

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**May 2007 Workshops**

May 1 & 2...Quadratic Equations
12:00-1:00 pm with Chris Hacker
CC217

May 9...Last day of classes

May 18...Penn Valley Commencement
Project Success invites you to attend our Annual Spring 2007 Graduation Gala! At this event, we will honor all 2006-07 Project Success graduates. Please mark your calendars and join us while we pay tribute to those who have accomplished a milestone.

When: Friday, May 4, 2007
Where: CC502
Time: 1:00-3:00 pm

**Note—If you have graduated and/or transferred during Fall 06, or will graduate and/or transfer during Spring, or Summer 07, please contact the Project Success office and let us know immediately. We want to make sure that we recognize all of our graduates during our celebration.
**Welcome!**

Project Success would like to take this opportunity to welcome aboard our newest writing tutor. Tabitha Newman brings a very soft, but astute energy to our organization. Tabitha, from all of us to you, “Bienvenida!”

**Project Success Staff**

**P.S. Happy Belated Birthday, Tabitha!**

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**My Comfort Zone**
*By Author Unknown*

I used to have a comfort zone where I knew I wouldn't fail.
The same four walls and busywork were really more like jail.
I longed so much to do the things I'd never done before,
But stayed inside my comfort zone and paced the same old floor.

I said it didn't matter that I wasn't doing much.
I said I didn't care for things like commission checks and such.
I claimed to be so busy with the things inside the zone,
But deep inside I longed for something special of my own.

I couldn't let my life go by just watching others win.
I held my breath; I stepped outside and let the change begin.
I took a step and with new strength I'd never felt before,
I kissed my comfort zone goodbye and closed and locked the door.

If you're in a comfort zone, afraid to venture out,
Remember that all winners were at one time filled with doubt.
A step or two and words of praise can make your dreams come true.
Reach for your future with a smile; success is there for you!

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**Enroll Today!**

Enrollment for Summer and Fall 2007 classes began on April 9th. Please make sure that you have completed your FAFSA for the 2007-08 school years.

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**Life’s Mirror**
*By Madeline Bridges*

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,
There are souls that are pure and true,
Then give the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow,
A strength in your utmost need,
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your word and deed.

Give truth, and your gift will be paid in kind;
And honor will honor meet;
And a smile that is sweet will surely find
A smile that is just as sweet.

Give pity and sorrow to those who mourn,
You will gather in flowers again
The scattered seeds from your thoughts outborne,
Though the sowing seemed but vain.

For life is the mirror of king and slave,
’Tis just what we are and do;
*Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.*

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“To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life.”

Robert Louis Stevenson