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### STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER NEWSLETTER Spring Semester Vol. 1





# COLLEGE ALGEBRA BOOT CAMP SPRING SEMESTER: Getting ahead of the curve!

Boot Camp consisted of basic algebra skills including the real number system, operations with real numbers, the multiplication and division rules for exponents, operations with polynomials, factoring, and an introduction to graphing. Study skills, hands-on explorations, and information about the Student Success Center was also included. Practice problems were assigned using an eBook from Hawkes publishing at no cost to the student.

College Algebra Boot Camp is held the week before each new semester. For more information contact Susan Baker at <a href="mailto:sbaker2@laniertech.edu">sbaker2@laniertech.edu</a>.

#### Comments from Boot Camp Participants

"The instructors were very upbeat, and they broke down all of the concepts to make it very understandable".

"Finally, being able to understand concepts I have been trying to learn for years".

"The teachers and how energetic and passionate they were about the subject."

"This was the best experience to help prepare for college algebra."

# Boot Camp attendees from the Hall and Forsyth campuses

Pictured on the left, Forysth Campus Math Boot Camp members, with math tutors Loraine Mitchell and Nancy Walter.

Pictured on the right, Hall Campus Math Bootcamp members, with Lanier Tech President Tim McDonald and Director of Academic Support, Susan Baker. Also pictured, math tutor Dana Edge.

### KEY POINTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL WRITING TUTORING SESSION

Article by Stacy Bruce, Writing Tutor

- · Read your assignment prompt carefully.
- Start writing early! Give yourself time for thinking, research, drafting, and revision.
- Schedule a session so you have ample time to revise. Avoid last-minute sessions.
- Schedule enough time for your tutor to read your work and answer all questions.
- If possible, write at least an outline or rough draft before your session.
- Have questions prepared and take notes on your tutor's feedback.
- Remember, tutors do not edit papers but instead offer feedback and guidance.
- Come back for another session after you have revised. Multiple sessions are often needed since writing is a complex process!

### MEET OUR NEW TUTORS AT THE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

Whenever you visit the SSC, you can always expect to be met with a warm welcome and a smiling face. Our team includes experienced tutors who are always eager to help students succeed. Get to know our new tutors pictured below.



### DANA EDGE

#### MATH TUTOR

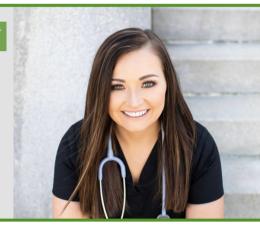
I'm Dana Edge and I am a new math tutor in the Student Success Center. I received my AS at Gainesville Junior College (now UNG Oakwood), got my BS in Math Education at UGA, and my masters at Brenau. I taught part time at UNG for 30 years and was on the Brenau faculty for 14. I "retired" in 2022, and now help out part time in a high school afterschool program and here at Lanier Tech. I love working one-on-one with students. I feel a better connection with them and more aware of whether they understand the material and concepts.

I am really enjoying working with the staff, faculty, and students here at LTC. The campus is beautiful, and the people are great!

### CAITLYN FERGUSON

#### ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY TUTOR

I am an Anatomy and Physiology tutor on the Hall Campus. I am an LTC alumni and got my CNA from here, as well as my CST. I got my ASN from North Georgia Technical College, and my BSN from the University of North Georgia. I am currently enrolled at WGU to get my master's in nursing education. I worked as a CNA for two years, and a CST in Labor and Delivery for five years. I worked in CVICU for two years after I got my nursing degree. Then I transferred to my dream job in the NICU and have been there for almost three years. I am so excited to be here and can't wait to help others that are on their own education journey!





### ELIZABETH MUSTARD

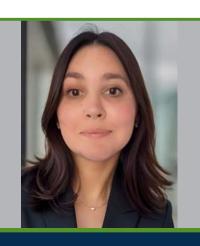
#### WRITING TUTOR

I am a writing tutor on the Hall and Barrow Campuses and at Empower College & Career Center, a LTC dual enrollment site in Jefferson. In addition, I am a private tutor and instructor for a variety of ages and subjects. I help students exceed their goals at primary and secondary schools and undergraduate and graduate institutions. I graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law with a J.D. and the University of Rochester with a B.A. in English. I am admitted to practice in New York and Georgia. I was an adjunct professor at the University of Georgia Terry College of Business and the University of Georgia School of Law and a visiting assistant professor at Mercer University School of Law. My husband David and I live in Watkinsville, Georgia where we raised our five children. I love to run, read, and knit.

### DR. JESSICA PARSONS

#### ANATOMY AND PSYCHOLOGY TUTOR

I am Dr. Jess Parsons, and I am an instructor and tutor. I have been educating others for almost 20 years and I have a strong passion for helping others succeed. I am able to tutor in Psychology and Anatomy and Physiology, all of which I have equal excitement for! Connecting people with a better understanding of the structures and functions of the mind and body is my goal!



## THE LIBRARY, AN ESSENTIAL PART OF LANIER TECH

The library supports instruction at Lanier Tech through providing facilities, resources and services to all faculty, students and staff. Through the use of its resources, the library strives to encourage workforce development and life-long learning.

The library and librarians are essential to the research process. They are experts at finding research for projects in many fields. Our librarians have put together 76 guides to help students. These guides are located on the library's webpage under research and libguides. You can visit the library on campus, at our 4 locations, or online at https:// www.laniertech.edu/library. An access portal to an online chat session is also available on the library webpage.



# **Library Online Hours**

Monday 8:00am-4:30pm

Tuesday 8:00am-4:00pm

Wednesday 8:00am-5:00pm

Thursday 8:00am-5:30pm

Friday 8:00am-11:30am

Students can make one-on-one appointments with a librarian the same way they make appointments with math and writing tutors. Students can make appointments with the librarians by going to:

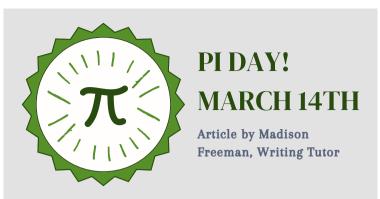
https://tutoring.laniertech.edu/



Research is a big part of studies at Lanier Technical College. Through the Library on campus and online, students can find relevant sources and information for their work. The online chat portal is located on the main Library homepage.

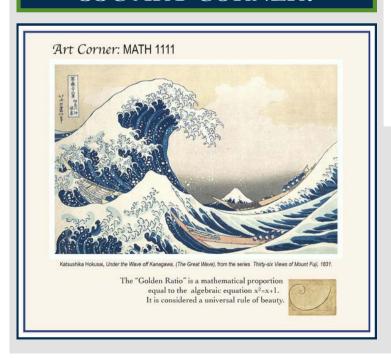
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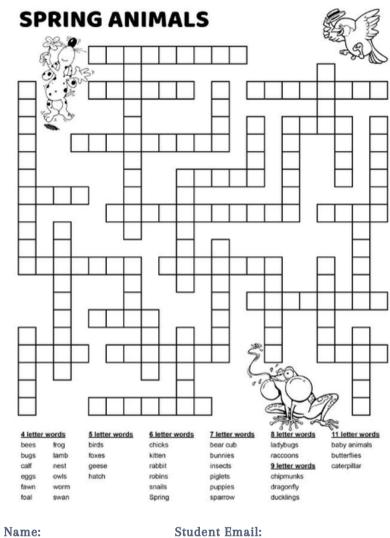
Pi Day is swiftly approaching! On the 14th of March (3.14), plan to stop by the Student Success Center for a sweet treat to celebrate this mathematical occasion. Moon pies and oatmeal crème pies will be available at the Barrow, Dawson, Hall, and Forsyth Student Success Centers. Grab a pie while supplies last, and while you are at it, bring your homework and stick around for a tutoring session.

## **SSC ART CORNER!**



### **SSC FUN CORNER!**

Fill out the puzzle and drop off a printed copy at your closest Student Success Center. All correct entries will be entered for a chance to win a \$10 Starbucks gift card.



### **Art in Life: Math 1111**

Art Corner by Susan Beaubien, Writing Tutor

Art often intersects with other fields such as math and English. This is exemplified by the "Golden Ratio" evident in Katsushika Hokusai's art piece, "The Great Wave".

# SSC Online Schedule for Spring 2024

The SSC online schedule can be found below. The complete schedule can be found through the My LTC - Students page.

Register once and make appointments at: https://tutoring.laniertech.edu/

SUBJECT	DAYS	TIME
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY	Monday - Thursday	12:00pm - 1:00pm
	Tuesday - Thursday	9:30am - 11:00am
	Wednesday	9:00am - 12:00pm
BIOLOGY	Monday	10:00am - 4:00pm
	Tuesday	12:00pm - 6:00pm
BUSINESS TECH & COMP 1000	Monday	11:00am - 12:00pm
	Wednesday	2:00pm - 4:00pm
	Thursday	9:00am - 11:00am
CHEMISTRY	Monday	10:00am - 4:00pm
	Tuesday	8-10am - 12-6pm
	Thursday	8-10am - 2-4pm
ECONIMICS	Monday	10:00am - 2:00pm
LIBRARY	Monday/Wednesday	8:30am - 4:00pm
	Tuesday	11:30am - 4:30pm
	Thurday	8:00am - 4:30pm
	Friday	8:30am - 12:00pm
МАТН	Monday - Thursday	1:00pm - 9:00pm
	Saturday	9:00am - 1:00pm
MATH STATISTICS	Monday - Thursday	5:00pm - 9:00pm
	Saturday	9:00am - 1:00pm
PHYSICS -	Tuesday	8-10am - 12-2pm
	Thurday	8-10am - 2-4pm
WRITING	Monday - Thursday	12:30pm - 9:00pm
	Saturday	10:00am - 2:00pm
	Monday	3:00pm - 6:00pm
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#### HOW DID WE DO?

**PHYSCOLOGY** 

Did you have an awesome tutoring session? Was your tutor the best thing since sliced bread? Did you need help in another class that was not offered with a tutoring session? Let us know by filling out that survey form.

We appreciate your feedback!

Student Succes Center Newsletter Team: Susan Beaubien, Stacy Bruce, Madison Freeman, Tina Jordan, Mason Sisk, Amy Wilson, and Susan Baker.

Tuesday/Thursday

Wednesday

9:30-11am - 12-3pm

9:00am-12pm - 3-6pm



STUDENT FEEDBACK

- "The overall ambiance of the work environment, and the welcoming attitude. I like the snacks and the materials like pencils and paper available to make the study session more comfortable and feel like at home."
- "(The tutor) was great at explaining and commenting on my essay & quotation.
  She's very patient and helpful in general."
- "All the tutors have been phenomenal. I have been coming every week and they are the reason that I am acing my exams!!!!!!!! THANK YOU, MATH TUTORS!!!"
- "She was super nice. It was my first time scheduling and doing an online tutoring session and I will definitely be scheduling more sessions with her. It was easy, quick, and she explained everything I needed to know!"
- "This is a very good thing. It has really helped me in Math. Especially this session I had, built my confidence. I had a test later that day and I knew how to solve all the questions. I am grateful to Lanier Tech for this great opportunity. I am grateful for all the resources we are exposed to at Lanier Tech, especially at the Student Success Center."
- "Very patient and took time to break down the material for a better understanding. Great tutor!"