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Dear Student,

The Disability Resource Center (DRC) welcomes you to the spring 2009 semester!

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There is a lot of news to share with you regarding DRC staff as well as programs and services. Let me first start with the DRC staff news. DRC is pleased to announce the following staff appointments:

DRC:

Shaheda Zaman joined the DRC in October 2008, in the capacity of Academic Advisor. Shaheda, along with Karla Larson, provide academic advisement. Students requesting academic advisement can now schedule an appointment with either Karla or Shaheda.

ADA Compliance Office:

Keri Simmons joined the DRC in November 2008 as the Special Assistant to the ADA Compliance Officer and will work closely with me to ensure University ADA access.

Gwen Dapper joined the DRC this spring as the ADA 508 Compliance Specialist. **The newly formed ADA Compliance Office also collects student, faculty and staff input regarding access problems so feel free to work our staff and to use our web based forms.**

SJSU Student Tower Card:

Beginning this semester, students must present their SJSU Tower Cards to obtain access and use of the Adaptive Technology Center (ATC). The ATC is utilizing a new check-in system which requires scanning of the student's Tower Card. This system is similar to various scanning processes across campus.

Drop-in Hours:

Drop in hours will begin on January 22, 2009. **Remember to bring your course syllabus for any course you are requesting accommodations, and to come prepared with a print copy of on-line syllabus as well.** Please note that drop-in hours are not the time for students needing academic advisement. Academic advising requires more time than the time allotted during drop-in hours. Should you want to receive academic counseling please schedule an appointment with Karla Larson. For a copy of the spring drop-in schedule visit the DRC website @ <http://www.drc.sisu.edu/drop-in.htm> Please know there may be occasions when **hours are subject to change without notice** due to student and counselor need.

Accommodations for Learning Disabled Students

Students with Learning Disabilities who are planning to request accommodations for standardized exams required for graduate school, state licensing exams, etc. should be advised that current documentation is required. Dr. Gary Bonanno, our Educational Psychologist, would like to remind you that if you think your Learning Disability documentation needs updating, you should contact the front desk at (408) 924-6000 to request a review of your documentation.

Updating DRC Info

If you have not provided us with your current email address, please do so soon, as you may be missing out on important information. Please forward your email address to the DRC at info@drc.sjsu.edu. DRC will be phasing out mailings of hard copy letters and notices this semester. Regular updates, such as the schedule of exams, access alerts, campus construction, and changes to DRC office hours or closures, are posted on our home page www.drc.sjsu.edu as well as through email, at various office locations and the DRC Hotline @ (408) 924-5979.

The staff and I wish you a productive and successful spring semester and look forward to seeing you. Feel free to contact me or the DRC staff with questions.

Sincerely,



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