

Supervising the SI Leaders

A lot goes on behind the scenes when it comes to management and supervision of SI Leaders. When SI training and orientation is over and classes have started, SI Leaders form their study group sessions—three to five regularly-scheduled SI sessions per week. To ensure quality work and to offer SI Leaders effective feedback, the SI Program provides continuous in-service training and expert coaching and mentoring. Every other week the SI Leaders have mandatory staff meetings which focus on specific study skills strategies.

The SI Program also enlists the professional assistance of dedicated staff and graduate students who observe the SI Leaders.

An SI Professional Observer monitors the SI Leader's performance through unannounced on-the-job observations and spot-checks. The Observer then meets with the SI Leader to review the observation and provide feedback.

Every term the SI Professional Observers attempt two observations for each SI Leader. Observers also meet with the Director of SI two to three times per semester. Each term the SI Leaders can expect to be observed anywhere between four and eight times.

Additionally, SI Leaders maintain individual portfolios which house their written agendas,

plans, and sample activities for their sessions. SI Leaders are required to meet periodically with the Director of SI for Portfolio Reviews.

During finals, the SI Leader and Director meet for the End-of-Term Assessment, where they discuss the SI Leader's overall work and set goals for the upcoming term.

All of this detailed review and counsel is proof-positive of our efforts to cultivate the best SI Leaders possible.



SI Professional Observers from left to right: Crystal Kreidler, Travis Rush, Dallas Swafford, Susan Dunbar, and Sara Weertz (Director of SI).

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Important Date:

✓ December 11 to 15 — Final SI Leader Portfolio Review plus End-of-Term Review/Self-Assessment with SI Director



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SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

SI Schedule for Spring 2007



Spring 2007 training and orientation for SI Leaders will be held on Thursday and Friday, January 11 and 12, 2007. To work for the SI Program, new SI Leaders must complete the extensive two-day training prior to the start of the term. In addition, veteran SI Leaders must attend training and orientation once a year. The timing of the instruction ensures the SI Leaders are trained and ready to begin working on the first day of classes.

SI support for spring 2007 will be a continuation of the SI schedule for fall 2006 with some slight modifications that reflect the spring schedule. For example, Amy Bullock did an amazing job as SI Leader for BIO 1410: Human Biology. This spring Amy will support BIO 1411: Man and the Environment. Several students who are currently completing BIO 1410 and who have registered to take this course sequence for non-biology majors have requested Amy's SI support for BIO 1411.

The spring term offers only one section of BIO 2423: Human Anatomy and multiple sections of BIO 2424: Human Physiology. To mirror this schedule, veteran SI Leader Ben Gilbert will assist the sole anatomy course, while veteran SI Leader Norbert Rios and newcomer Anna Romero will support physiology.

For the spring term, we will have two SI Leaders connected with the Mathematics Department. A hearty "welcome back" goes to veteran SI Leader Alexis Duarte-Valverde. After a year's hiatus, Alexis will return to support College Algebra. Rookie Mark Lussier will join Alexis as a MATH 1302 cohort.

Last but not least, we are pleased to see veteran SI Leader, Dace Mahanay, return to support ENG 1302: Writing Across the Curriculum.

We will distribute the spring 2007 master SI schedule during the 2nd week of classes. Students can also access this schedule in several ways:

- 1) Visit the Center for Academic Excellence and pick up a hard copy of the schedule (Porter Henderson Library A312—Third Floor)
- 2) Call the Office of Supplemental Instruction at 942-2710, ext. 387
- 3) Surf the web and visit the SI Program website: www.angelo.edu/dept/si

In addition, the SI Leaders will distribute program brochures to students in SI-supported courses and SI Flyers will be posted throughout the campus. Look for the blue and yellow SI Model icon.

CONGRATULATIONS & MANY THANKS TO THE FALL 2006 SI LEADERS FOR ANOTHER SEMESTER OF FINE WORK!



SI Leaders from left to right: Albert Fierro (BIO 2424), Beatrice Flores (MATH 1302), Norbert Rios (BIO 2423), Amy Bullock (BIO 1410), and Ben Gilbert (BIO 2423).