Being successful is a process

Being successful has different meanings to each individual. Some students consider graduating from Shelton State with a degree or certificate a success while others feel a major sense of accomplishment the moment they take the opportunity to step through the doors at Shelton State to become a college student. Regardless of what each student considers to be a successful milestone, hundreds of stepping stones had to be conquered before reaching that point.

Learning to reach each goal one step at a time is tricky. It is important for each student to set career goals and then map out a plan of what is needed to get there. If a student or potential student does not know what career to choose, the Career Services Center offers tools for guidance. If a student has a career path, then that student should have a plan to help stay on track.

Regardless of who you cheer for on Saturday, we can all agree that Nick Saban has become one of the most successful college football coaches. His philosophy, “The Process”, is simple. He teaches his players and coaches to focus on the daily activities required to win on Saturday. This same process can be applied to Shelton State students’ lives. If math is considered a challenge for a student, then that student should focus on daily improving math skills. Tutors are offered at Shelton State, and instructors’ office hours are posted on their doors. If obtaining a dream career is the goal, then setting a career plan in order to focus on the daily tasks will help simplify the process and enable the student to keep things in perspective.

Shelton State has many resources and tools in place to help students be successful. Contact the Career Services Center at 205.391.5874 for help in getting your career path started.

CAREER SERVICES IS GETTING FOCUSED

Deborah Reynolds, Director for Career Services, has been busy this month introducing the new career assessment program in all Shelton State ORI 101 classes. The program, FOCUS 2, is designed to help students narrow in on possible career choices and is replacing the former program used by Career Services entitled DISCOVER.

FOCUS 2 assessments encompass work interests, leisure interests, skills, personality traits, and values. All of these combined create a personal profile containing a list of occupations along with detailed information regarding each occupation for each student. A Career Portfolio is created. The Career Portfolio automatically summarizes all of the self-assessment results and saves each student’s preferred occupations and areas of study.

Contact Deborah Reynolds in the Career Services Center at 205.391.2204 for more information.
CSC Mission Statement
The Career Services Center of Shelton State Community College is a center whose primary mission is to give all students and alumni the opportunity and guidance to explore and choose their career paths and to prepare them for the workforce through training and well developed job search skills.

CSC Vision Statement
Career Services strives to enhance career relationships between Shelton State Community College, the academic community, the business community, and the community at large through dedication to learning and a commitment to excellence.

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