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SSC helps 132 unemployed residents enroll in college this fall

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL – South Suburban College’s tuition-free educational program “REBOUND” has assisted 132 unemployed residents get back into college this fall. The college waived over \$104,000 worth of tuition and fees for these students, many of which were seeking a career change.

SSC originally implemented the tuition-free program during the summer semester for residents of College District 510 who have become unemployed since January 1, 2008. Forty-three (43) students took advantage of the summer slate of classes, while many waited for fall classes to begin and get back to school full-time. REBOUND students generated over 1,000 credit hours for the fall semester. In addition, a large number of prospective REBOUND students were able to get full financial aid when processed for the program. The REBOUND courses are offered in 18 academic areas ranging from healthcare to technology, within class sections that have the capacity for growth. Seats in these classes are offered on a first come, first served basis.

“We are extremely pleased with how the program has grown from the summer term through the fall,” said Frank M. Zuccarelli, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. “Our college enrollment has grown significantly over the past year, but we were still able to accommodate a large number of people from the community who needed help getting back into school. Our Board of Trustees is committed to this program while the demand is still there from our residents who were let go from their jobs.”

The basic qualifications include but are not limited to the following criteria:

- Reside within Community College District 510.
- Have become unemployed from a full-time job for reasons other than job performance anytime since January 1, 2008, and are still currently unemployed.
- Provide a current Illinois *Wage Information Sheet* (it is the form individuals receive from IDES when they file an unemployment claim). If the individual is ineligible to apply for unemployment insurance a letter from the previous employer must be provided with the dates of full-time employment and a statement that the reason for termination was not related to performance.
- Be interested in one of the classes/programs offered.

The REBOUND programs and levels of advancement are as follows: Phlebotomy, Certificate; Medical Assistant, Certificate; Medical Coding and Billing Specialist, Certificate; Microsoft Office Suite Tools, Certificate; Basic Office Skills, Certificate; Microcomputer Tools, Certificate; Entrepreneurial Express, Certificate; Home Inspection, Certificate; Construction Supervision & Management, Certificate; New Residential Construction, Certificate; Computerized Accounting, Certificate; CISCO Cabling Technician, Industrial Certification Available; CISCO Cabling & A+ Technician Prep, Industrial Certification Available; Graphic Design Adobe Creative Suite, Certificate; Pharmacy Technician, Certificate; Teacher Aide, Certificate; Forensic Science Technology, A.A.S. Degree; Graphic Design, A.A.S. Degree.

Some of the programs may require prerequisites or other provisions for entry. All REBOUND materials including process forms and a complete course listing are available in the Job Training Office and online at www.SouthSuburbanCollege.edu.

Prospective students will be evaluated to meet the requirements in the Job Training department of the college. Job Training is located in Room 4461 of the main campus in South Holland. For more information, please call 708-596-2000 x2530.

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