

What

- **Pieces of Success Events** is a series of student, family & friends events offered at three important stages during the major academic terms. These interactive sessions are led by presenters and student panels; we provide participants with information, resources and effective strategies to help you piece together a successful academic experience. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided for students and their guests.
- ❖ **Drop-in hours** are open hours in our computer labs or online for students to come in at their convenience during designated dates and times to work one-on-one on specific topics at the start of each major term.
- ✓ **Workshops** are presentations and Q&A sessions designed to help students maximize their academic success through instruction in effective study strategies and provide access to additional academic support resources. If you are unable to attend a scheduled workshop, we are available for individual appointments to cover any workshop topics weekdays and evenings (Monday-Thursday).

How, Where & When

For all events and workshops, please contact us to reserve a spot:

E-mail: NECAcademicSupport@esc.edu

Phone: 518-783-6203

- **Schedule available online** @ www.esc.edu/learning-support/workshops-calendar
- **Pieces of Success Events** only take place in Latham or Saratoga as noted.
- **Drop-in Hours and Workshops** are offered **online** and **onsite** in **Latham (21 British American Blvd) & Saratoga (111 West Ave)**. For access to drop-in hours the workshops online, use <http://bit.ly/NECWorkshops> in your web browser. For more information about how to use the online workshop classroom or to access our materials before or after a workshop, go to <https://bitly.com/WorkshopHowToInfo>

September			
➤	Pieces of Success: Back to School Family/Friend Night (In Saratoga 113 West Avenue)	Sept. 17	Thursday 5:00-6pm
➤	Pieces of Success: Back to School Family/Friend Night (In Latham 21 British American Blvd only)	Sept. 30	Wednesday 5:30-7pm
❖	Drop-in Hours: Start the Term Off Right (onsite & online)	Sept. 16	Wednesday 4-7pm
❖	Drop-in Hours: Start the Term Off Right (onsite & online)	Sept. 18	Friday 9:30am-12:30pm
✓	Workshop: Managing Yourself as a Successful Student (onsite & online)	Sept. 23	Wednesday 6-7pm
October			
✓	Workshop: Writing Made Easier from Start to Finish (onsite & online)	Oct. 7	Wednesday 6-7pm
✓	Workshop: Reread No More: Read Efficiently & Improve Comprehension (onsite & online)	Oct. 14	Wednesday 6-7pm
✓	Workshop: From Library to Bibliography: Stress-free Research Strategies (onsite & online)	Oct. 21	Wednesday 6-7pm
November			
➤	Pieces of Success: Keep Calm and Study On Night (In Saratoga 111 West only)	Nov. 18	Wednesday 5:30-7pm
December			
➤	Pieces of Success: S.M.A.R.T.E.R. Card Family/ Friend Night (In Latham only)	Dec. 9	Wednesday 5:30-7pm

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, workshops will still occur but ONLINE only.

Please go to <http://www.esc.edu> and click on the weather alert link OR call (518) 220-3545 to hear if a location is not open due to bad weather.

Pieces of Success Events & Drop-in Hours

Pieces of Success: Back to School Family/Friend Night

Pieces of Success: Keep Calm and Study On Night

Pieces of Success: S.M.A.R.T.E.R. Card Family/ Friend Night

These three events respectively occur at the beginning, middle and end of the Fall 1 and Spring 1 terms. Each of the events is for students and their guests. We will have student and faculty panels available for Q&A sessions. Tips, strategies and resources will be available at each event as well Academic Support and Student Services staff members to address your individual interests and needs. Light refreshments and door prizes will also be available.

Drop-in Hours: Start the Term Off Right

Drop in hours are designed for students who want to develop a study plan for the upcoming term or who want answers to questions related to their style of learning, academic skills or strategies for success. We will help you with your learning in all modes of study (independent study, residency, online or study group). If you are taking online courses, we will sit with you and go through an overview of each online course to help you get acclimated to the Moodle environment. We will work with you to review learning contracts and course syllabi to get a better sense of how you will plan to complete your assignments on time. We will also help you decide upon appropriate study strategies and resources based on how you learn best, focusing on studying smarter not harder.

Workshops

Managing Yourself as a Successful Student

Do you wonder what the best approach to your learning is?

Do you want to learn how to become more organized with your studies and your time?

This workshop will show you how to effectively organize yourself and your time. You will also learn how to maximize your study strategies and tailor them to your individual learning needs.

Reread No More: Read Efficiently and Improve Comprehension

Do you read slowly and have trouble focusing?

Do you have trouble remembering what you read?

This workshop will introduce you to strategies to use before, during and after reading to help you learn how to best focus and how to select important information from a text. It will also show you ways to improve your abilities to retain and analyze what you have read.

From Library to Bibliography: Stress-free Research Strategies

Do you feel overwhelmed when you try to pick the right resources to include in your research paper?

Do you know how to properly cite your research sources and avoid plagiarism?

This workshop introduces you to how to conduct good academic research, how to incorporate that research into your papers/projects, and show you different tools to help you cite your resources properly and avoid plagiarism.

Writing Made Easier from Start to Finish

Do you have a hard time deciding what to write about?

Have you gotten feedback on your papers asking you to more clearly develop your ideas?

This workshop will introduce you to the principles of effective writing. You will also learn some strategies for how to critically analyze information in order to more effectively write your essays and get through writer's block.