

IEL to SCC COLLEGE BRIDGE PROGRAM

Number of Students Involved:

- ~ Spring 2008: 5 Students
- ~ Fall 2008: 15 Students
- ~ Winter 2009: 37 Potential students

Emergency Funding Awards:

- ~ Childcare Funding Vouchers: 3 Students
- ~ Bus Passes/Gas Vouchers: 11 Students
- ~ Emergency Housing Services: 6 Students

Faculty Mentors:

- ~ Spring 2008: 4 Faculty Mentors
- ~ Fall 2008: 14 Faculty Mentors

Faculty Mentors comments:

“[Student] has been very responsible and motivated. He seeks resources of help.”

“[Student] stopped by to chat with no appointment. WOW!”

Dropping out of high school in the eighth grade; Jessica became a stay-at-home mom. In December 2007, Jessica received her GED from the IEL. Although she was intimidated by the thought of returning to school, she enrolled in the College Prep class. The encouragement she received from faculty led her to the IEL to SCC College Bridge Program. Jessica stated it would have been hard to return to college if it were not for the support she received from the IEL to SCC College Bridge program. Jessica is pursuing a degree in Hotel/Restaurant Management and is also working toward her Entrepreneurship Certificate. She stated, just recently, she dropped in to visit with her faculty mentor who she worked with in Spring 2008. This shows she has kept in touch with her faculty mentor since she started at SCC.

From dropping out of school in the ninth grade, Ruben thought he was an unlikely candidate for college. Since completing his GED nearly 15 years later, he has enrolled in the IEL which prepared him to continue his education at SCC. While enrolled in the IEL to SCC College Bridge Program; Ruben used the resources (tutoring and faculty mentoring). He comments that the tutors were very helpful and is now pursuing his civil engineering degree at North Idaho University.

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