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## SSS Fall Cultural Trip: The Official Broadway Tour of Aladdin

Please sign up to attend the SSS fall cultural trip to the Belk Theatre in Charlotte, North Carolina to see the official Broadway tour of *Aladdin* on Friday, September 20.

The trip, free to all SSS students, will include dinner and the show. The bus will depart from Concord at 1:30 pm. Documentation for class absence can be provided by SSS upon request.



This stage adaptation of the Disney movie of the same name is well-loved not only for the widely recognizable music and story, but also for the elaborate sets and costumes. The sign-up sheet will be on the front desk of the SSS office, (Student Center #202) beginning on Tuesday, September 3. Seating is extremely limited.

# WORKSHOP

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

**Wednesday, September 11**  
**Financial Literacy**  
(Marsh Hall - Room 320, 2pm)

**Wednesday, October 16**  
**Midterm Recovery**  
(Marsh Hall - Room 320, 2pm)

### Reminder:

It is mandatory for SSS students to attend at least two workshops during the academic year.

## Dates to Remember

**Monday, September 2**  
Holiday—No classes

**Tuesday, September 3**  
**Cultural Trip Sign-up Starts & Tutoring Begins**  
Schedules will be available in the SSS office and the library.

**Friday, September 6**  
Last day to add a course, last day to pay fees

**Friday, September 20**  
SSS Fall Cultural Trip

**Monday, October 7**  
Midterm grades reported

**Saturday, October 19**  
Homecoming

**Meet the SSS Staff** See titles and contact information on the right →

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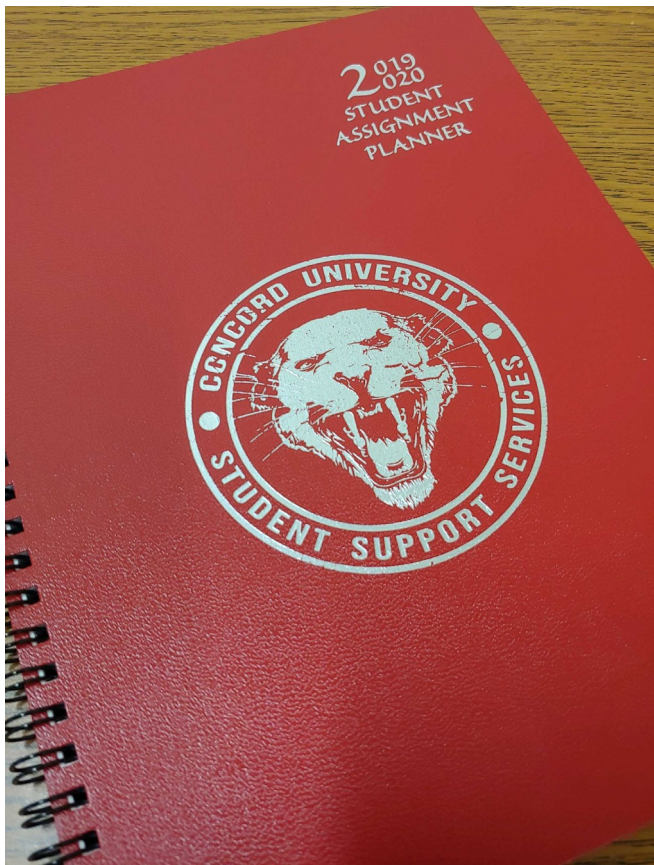
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# Welcome Back Celebration



Help us kick off the semester! Please join us in the SSS office (Student Center #202), for light refreshments and good company on Thursday, August 22, from 10am - 2pm.

You can also get the new planner at this event.

CU there!

## Student Success Plan Luncheon

With party subs and more!

Wednesday September 4th  
from 10 am - 2pm  
The Gazebo in the Valley

Complete your success plan for the year, and receive a t-shirt (photo on the right).





## Proof Positive

### How to Edit Your Own Paper

*Self-proofing is not ideal because in many cases, the writer is too blinded by his own understanding to see what is actually on the page. If you find yourself without the time to ask a tutor or someone else to look over your paper, here are some ways you can improve your self-editing skills.*

1. Read your paper aloud. You will be more likely to spot awkwardly worded sentences and

- other mistakes that can be easily fixed by hearing your paper rather than just seeing it.
2. Once you have read the content, examine the formatting. Do a quick check on headers, page numbers, names, and dates. It's a shame to lose points on something so small that is unrelated to content or quality.
  3. Go over the paper once again and focus on the punctuation. Make sure that you have remembered to use closing quotation marks and closing parenthesis as this is a common error.
  4. If it's possible, print a copy of the paper in plenty of time to make sure that tables don't get split up or headings cut off. If you do this task on your way to class, you may not have time to fix it.
  5. Check for consistency with verb tenses. Brush up on verb tense consistency here: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/601/04/>
  6. Never turn in a first draft. Even if you have procrastinated until the night before the due date, always look at a first draft with a critical eye. Is there something that doesn't belong? Is the essay arranged in a way that would make sense to someone other than yourself? Is there a point that needs better or more support? If you have instructions for the assignment, review them to make sure you have sufficiently met the demands.

## Classroom Etiquette - Do's and Don'ts

### **DON'T**

Participate in a discussion if you did not do the reading/assignment.

Have side conversations with other students.

Eat in class. A drink is usually ok as long as you don't slurp.

Start to put away your books before the lecture is finished (wait until you are dismissed).

Challenge or question your professor in class. If you have an issue or disagree with something that was said, ask to speak to them during office hours.

### **DO**

Be on time for class.

Turn off your cell phone.

Treat you professor and fellow students with respect.

Go to the bathroom without asking. You are an adult now. Just get up and return quickly and quietly.

Ask your professor specific, genuine questions about material or assignments during his or her office hours.

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