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Jessica De La Rosa is the newest Student Development Specialist I to join the Learning Assistance Team. Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Jessica moved to San Antonio in 2003. While pursuing a graduate degree, Jessica worked in a Catholic school system and earned her Master's in Organizational Development from the University of the Incarnate Word in 2015. She is excited to be working within higher education and assisting students to succeed in the next steps of their academic goals. Jessica loves spending time with her family and can't get enough of Starbucks Café Vanilla Frappuccinos!

Learning Assistance Takes On CRLA In Louisville



The Learning Assistance Team presented at the 49th Annual College Reading & Learning Association (CRLA) National Conference in Louisville, KY taking place November 3rd-5th. The topic, "An Updated Academic Coaching Manual: Meeting Ever-Changing Student Needs", was presented to an audience of 50 conference goers. The feedback from those who attended was overwhelmingly positive! Eleven institutions from across the U.S. and Canada have requested permission to utilize material from the manual in training their academic success coaches. Congratulations team!

Synergistic Supervision Conference Presentation



Dr. Stefanie Gonzalez-Lopez's CRLA Conference presentation titled, "Influencing Professional Staff and Tracking Student Success through Synergistic Supervision" highlighted strategies that have positively impacted the Learning Assistance Program. The session provided an in-depth view of the training manual created and utilized to foster a synergistic environment with expectations, goals, and procedures to examine and document student success. It identified promising practices to bridge the communication gap between supervisor and supervisee with proven methods to train and support staff while remaining focused on student success.

Heather & Shannon Present Partners in Academic Success



Heather and Shannon presented their session titled "Partners in Academic Success: A Pilot Program" at the 49th Annual College Reading & Learning Association Conference on November 3rd-5th. The focus of the session was sharing the pros and cons of collaborations and providing ideas about how to track student success from the beginning of collaborations. Great discussion took place and much was learned by all. Way to go ladies!

Recipe of the Month: Southwestern Turkey Soup

You Will Need:

- 1 1/2 cups shredded turkey
- 4 cups vegetable broth
- 1 (28oz) can whole peeled tomatoes
- 1 (4 oz.) can chopped chile peppers
- 2 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- Salt and pepper to taste

Here's How:

1. In a large pot over medium heat, combine turkey, broth, canned tomatoes, green chiles, fresh tomatoes, onion, garlic, and lime juice. Season with cayenne, cumin, salt, and pepper. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat, and simmer 15 to 20 minutes.
2. Top with avocado, cilantro, and shredded cheese. Enjoy!



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