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Clearance will be **May 5-7, 2009**; all students must go through this process before taking final exams. Final examinations start **May 8-14, 2009**. If you have a student with a disability who will require extended time during testing or non-distractive environment and your area does not meet that purpose, please contact me or Mrs. Wanda Blair at ext. **3320**.
First summer school registration –**May 27, 2009**

Please take the time to complete the Disability Services **survey link** that has been forward to you. Your feedback will be helpful to this department in meeting your needs and the students we serve. The **survey link** will be available until **May 15, 2009**. Your participation will enhance the services provided by this department to better serves our deserving students with disabilities. Thanks, to each of you for the wonderful services that you provide for all of our students.



Congratulations to all GRADUATES from the Disability Support Services department.



John Harrell won **first** place in the Mississippi Skills USA Automotive Service technology contest at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. He will be going to Kansas City in June to compete in the National Skills USA Automotive Service Technology Contest. If you see John before we dismiss, please wish him well.

The Student Support Services host an annual Scholarship Awards Luau Party. **Alisha Lundy** was a recipient of a monetary scholarship. This scholarship is based on grade point average, participation in program activities and financial need. If you see Alisha, offer her your congratulations.

ADA Amendments Act of 2008

Major Life Activities

Congress retained the definition for a disability as “a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities”. Congress enhanced and clarified definition of major life activities:

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| ●caring for one’s self | ●Lifting | ●Working |
| ●Seeing | ●Bending | |
| ●Performing manual tasks | ●Speaking | |
| ●Hearing | ●Learning | |

- Eating
- Sleeping
- Walking
- Standing
- Reading
- Concentrating
- Thinking
- Communicating

These definitions are set directly into the statute: “Major life activity” 42 U.S.C. §12102 (2) (A)
“Major bodily functions” 42 U.S.C. §12102(2) (B)

Thanks to all of you for the “extra miles” you have shown forwards our students. The word *finish strong* has exemplify a powerful platform of each of your actions. Have a good peaceful summer break.

“Develop an attitude of gratitude, and give thanks for everything that happens to you, knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger than your current situation.”

Brian Tracy

www.eeoc.gov/ada/amendments_notice.html