

# News From The Learning Center:

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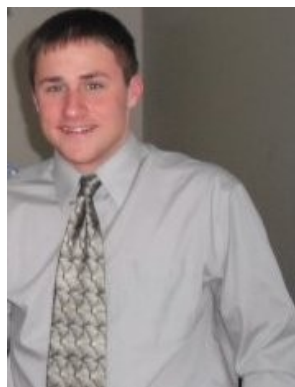
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## Peer Educator of the Month



The Learning Center is pleased to recognize Jason Bays as October's Outstanding Peer Educator. Jason was nominated by Ann Nicodemi (and heartily endorsed by the rest of the staff!), who wrote: "As a classroom assistant Jason has demonstrated his incredible dedication to tutoring in The Learning Center. This month he went out of his way to meet with all of his tutees (and there are

many!) before their mid-term papers were due.



**Jason Bays**

He was working past midnight on some nights and in the early morn-

ings on other days to accommodate the many different schedules of his tutees. In spite of a very busy schedule he was committed to helping each of his students as much as he could. He met with some of them up to three times in the weeks before their paper was due."

Thank you, Jason, for all you do for your peers and The Learning Center!

## Upcoming Workshop Series

The Learning Center will be conducting a teaching round table series of workshops and individual sessions beginning with a "Meet the Staff" session on January 18th in Stark 12 from 3:30-4:30pm. All faculty are

welcome to attend. Those interested in attending should contact The Learning Center's Administrative Office Manager, Lisa Ford, by phone extension 9606, or by email [l.ford@snhu.edu](mailto:l.ford@snhu.edu).

Four additional sessions will also be held throughout the second semester. Math Tutoring Coordinator, Kathy Willis, will be facilitating one-to-one sessions

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# Learning Center Usage: Oct. 2009 vs. Oct. 2010

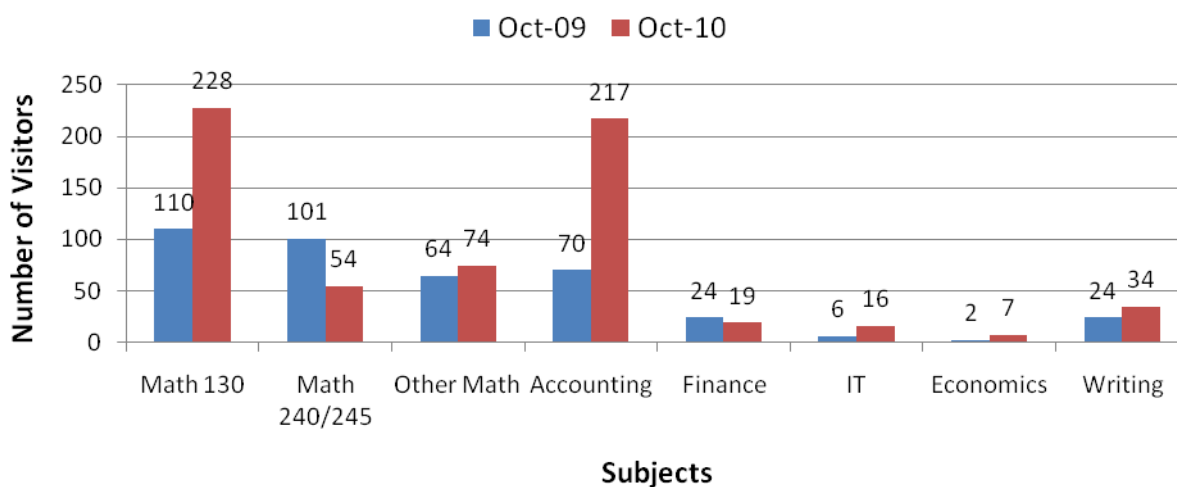
The Following charts represent a comparison of Learning Center usage in October 2009 and Learning Center usage in Octo-

ber 2010. The information provided is cumulative from September. Overall, walk-in tutoring, one-to-one tutoring, and peer

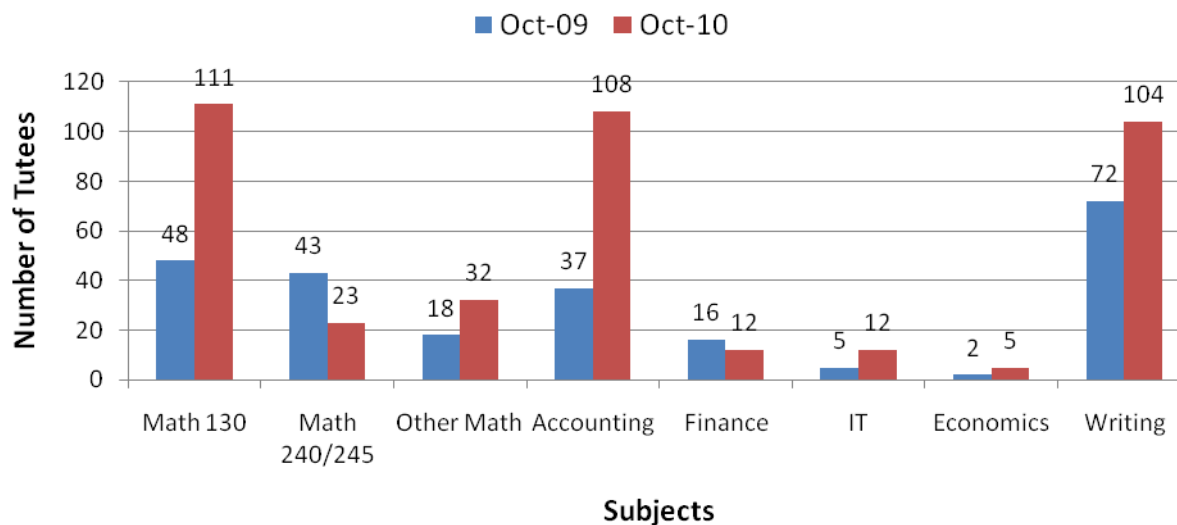
mentoring were all tracked to determine where there were areas of increased

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## Walk-in Tutoring Visits



## Walk-in Tutoring



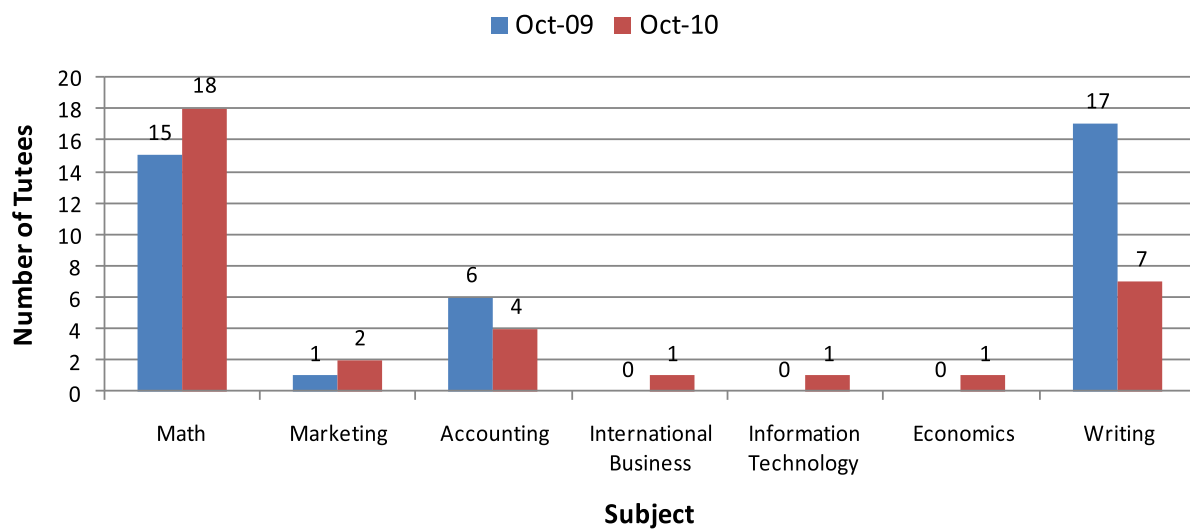
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usage or decreased usage. In particular, Math, Accounting, and Writing have experienced a great increase in walk-in tutoring

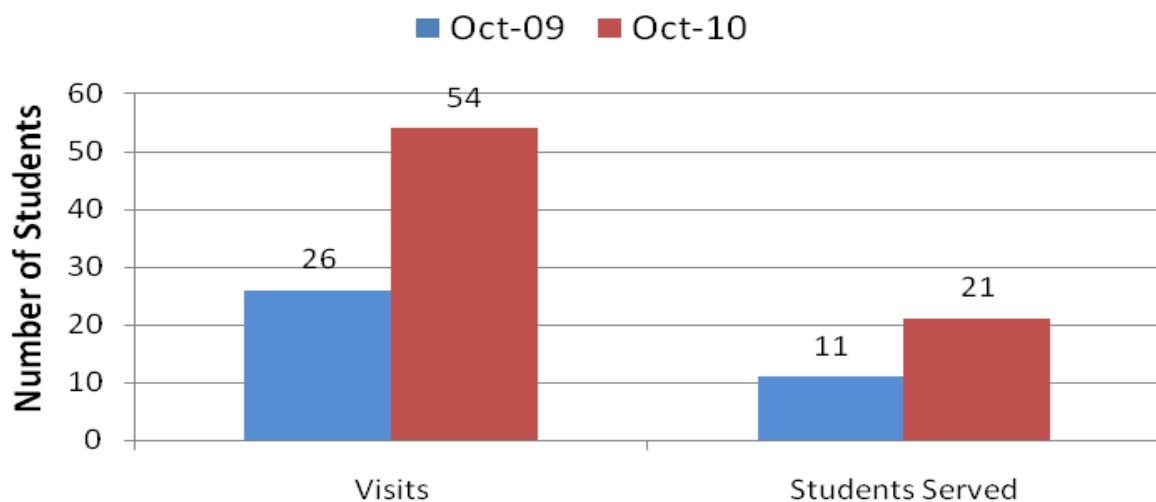
with Accounting nearly tripling. Additionally, there have been three new subject areas in one-to-one tutoring: International Business, Information Technology, and Econom-

ics. Furthermore, Peer Mentoring has doubled in visits and nearly doubled in the number of students being served since 2009.

## One-to-One Tutoring



## Peer Mentoring





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# Stress Less Fest: Dec. 6th - Dec. 9th

From Monday, December 6th through Thursday, December 9th, The Learning Center will be conducting a variety of stress relieving activities, as well as academic reviews and workshops for students to participate in and attend. The week long event titled “Stress Less Fest,” has been created for students who may want a quick brush-up on certain academic areas or just need a study break to take their mind off of the upcoming finals. Each night will consist of several different activities as follows.

## MONDAY - 12/6

**5:00-6:00pm • Accounting 201 • Review Stark 12**

During this session you will be taken through the Accounting 201 review packet. Particular attention will be given to how to prepare financial statements (Income Statement, retained Earnings Statement, and the Balance Sheet). In addition, other final exam topics will be explored.

**8:00-9:00pm • Aerobics Class • Aerobics Room**

The Learning Center’s Chad Detjen will be running an aerobics class, a great stress reliever! All levels are welcome to attend.

**9:00-11:00pm • Family Feud: Wii Edition • Penman Room**

The classic game show, Family Feud, will be played by using a Wii gaming system. Teams of four will compete against each other to determine an ultimate winner. Members of the winning team will each receive a \$25 gift card. Sign up sheets will be available on the door of Stark 15 and in the Dining Hall at The Learning Center’s table during lunch hours.

## TUESDAY - 12/7

**5:00-6:00pm • Math 130 Finance Review • Stark 10**

This session will focus on reviewing all of the types of interest problems covered during the semester in preparation for the final exam. It’s not too early to start preparing for finals!

**7:00-9:00pm • Holiday Cookie Decorating • Stark 12**

Grab your friends and come decorate some delicious holiday snacks! Also, take your shot at each of the three estimation contests. The person with the closest guess as to how many items are in each container without going over will win. The winner of each guessing contest will win a gift card to Dunkin’ Donuts!

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## WEDNESDAY - 12/8

### 5:00-6:00pm • Peer Review Workshop • Stark 12

Getting stressed about those final papers? Then come to the peer review workshop and exchange essays with other students in small groups. The guided peer response and revision exercises in this workshop should leave you feeling more confident about your writing skills and final essays!

### 7:00-8:00pm • Self-Defense Class • Penman Room

Come learn basic self defense from Nathan Harker, a 5th degree black-belt senior instructor, a certified safety management instructor, and a SNHU 101 instructor.

### 9:00-11:00pm • Stand-up Comedy Challenge • Penman Room

Think you're funny? Come prove it! Sign up sheets will be available on the door of Stark 15 and in the Dining Hall at The Learning Center's table during lunch hours. The winning comedian will receive a \$50 gift card!

## THURSDAY - 12/9

### 6:30-7:30pm • Exam Prep Workshop • Stark 12

Want to learn how to remember more and study less? This workshop will go over memory techniques that will help you get information into your long term memory more efficiently. Throughout the workshop, you will learn how to use memory triggers and will learn different ways that will help you better recall information during an exam.

### 8:00-9:00pm • Gingerbread House Decorating Contest • Stark 12

Compete as a team of 3 to create the best gingerbread house. Sign up sheets will be available on the door of Stark 15 and in the Dining Hall at The Learning Center's table during lunch hours. Members of the winning team will each receive a gift card to Dunkin' Donuts!

Stress less and engage in some fun activities where you can win some great prizes! It is always a good idea to take a study break every now and then.

Also, walk-in tutoring is still taking place for those who need extra help. For the complete walk-in tutoring schedule, please stop by Stark 15, or go to <http://www.snhu.edu/2147.asp>

"Stress less  
and engage  
in some  
fun activities  
where you  
can win  
some great  
prizes.  
It is always  
a good  
idea to take  
a study  
break every  
now and  
then."



"Always walk  
through life  
as if you have  
something  
new to learn and  
you will."

-Vernon Howard

## Congratulations Contest Winners!

The Learning Center held a raffle during National Tutoring Week in early October where three students would receive study prize packs consisting of binders, dividers, notebooks, pens, pencils, highlighters, index cards, weekly planners, and thumb drives.

Congratulations to our three winners: Kelsey Griffin, Paris Akpan, and Sarah O'Keefe!

We also held a candy corn counting contest during Halloween. There were 876 pieces of candy corn in the container. The closest guess without going

over was 850 by Marek Rivero. Marek won a \$50 gift card to the Campus Store and 876 pieces of candy corn. Congratulations Marek!

Keep an eye out for future Learning Center raffles and contests where you could win!



Sarah O'Keefe



Paris Akpan



Kelsey Griffin



Marek Rivero

"Learning is a  
treasure that will  
follow its owner  
everywhere."

-Chinese Proverb

## Relax with a Free Massage



The Learning Center has partnered with Massage Therapy students from Hesser College to provide some stress relief be-

fore finals. Stop by The Learning Center in Stark Hall on Thursday, December 16th anytime between 9:30am and 2:00pm

and enjoy a free chair massage. Sign up for a time on the door of Stark 15 to ensure you get a massage!

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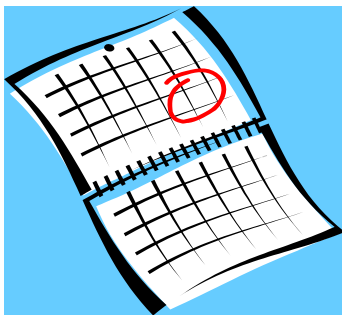
where she will provide instruction on how to use a tablet PC. Business Tutoring Coordinator, Bryan Bouchard, will be providing a workshop where he will discuss how to integrate service learning projects into business courses. Writing Tutoring Coor-

dinator, Ann Nicodemi, will be hosting a workshop focused on the process of how to create a writing assignment that will promote a higher quality of student writing in courses outside of English. Mentoring Coordinator, Chad Detjen, will facilitate a workshop on how to teach exam prep and test taking to

students.

Further detailed information regarding specific dates, times, and locations will be distributed at a later date. Any immediate questions should be directed towards Lori DeConinck at [l.deconinck@snhu.edu](mailto:l.deconinck@snhu.edu) or Lisa Ford at [l.ford@snhu.edu](mailto:l.ford@snhu.edu).

## Are you Smarter than a Tutor? Team Trivia Contest



**When:** Wednesday - Feb. 3rd  
**Where:** Last Chapter Pub  
**Time:** 7:00-9:30pm

Mark your calendars, a date has been set for The Learning Center's first annual "Are you Smarter than a Tutor?" team trivia contest! On Thursday, February 3rd from 7:00pm-9:00pm at The Last Chapter Pub, teams will compete

against one another to determine an ultimate champion.

A grand prize will be awarded to the winning team. Audience members also have the chance to win some great prizes.

Look for sign up tables in the Pub and Dining Hall starting soon. Do not miss out on your chance to be a contestant!

Also, a big thank you to CAPE for co-sponsoring the event!

## Future Happenings: Basketball Games

Keep an eye out for The Learning Center table at both the men's and women's basketball games on Wednesday, February 2nd when your Penmen take on the Hawks of Saint Anselm College. Stop by

the table and see if you can answer our brain teaser. If you are one of the first selected with the right answer, you will win a great prize courtesy of The Learning Center. Winners will be an-

nounced during half-time and must be present to claim their prize. The women's team tips off at 5:30pm and the men's team at 7:30pm. Come support the teams and don't miss out on your chance to win!







# Happy Holidays!

The Learning Center would like to wish everyone at SNHU a happy holiday season and a healthy new year!

Have a fun and safe winter break; we look forward to seeing everyone again second semester. See you in 2011!

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**Our mission is to help students develop the skills to become independent learners and to help them recognize the value of their education. Understanding the individual needs and abilities of our student population, The Learning Center offers a wide array of academic support services.**

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