

SMART

Single
Mothers
Achieving
Real
Triumph



Want to learn more? Call today and register for an information session at 440-525-7322.

SMART is a year-long support, networking and scholarship program which helps single mothers achieve academic success. **Participants must:** be new students (first or second semester in college), have demonstrated financial need, and be able to attend school on Tuesdays / Thursdays, at least half time.

*As a group, **SMART** students will:*

- ✓ Take an English class and Skills for College Success, equaling six credits
- ✓ Attend training workshops on topics related to overcoming barriers which could keep you from succeeding in college
- ✓ Meet weekly for support and networking with peers
- ✓ Receive financial assistance from the Women's Center



"Being out of school for so long, I wanted support, friends and encouragement; the Women's Center provides that for me." LB

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"If not for the SMART program, I would have not made it in college past the first week." ST



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Spending a year in the **SMART** program will provide students with everything you need to know to become successful college students. You will discover all the ins and outs of the college and will learn how to:

- ✓ Negotiate all aspects of Lakeland, including registration, financial aid, counseling, student activities and other areas that are often confusing to first time students
- ✓ Access resources which are available to students that you might not otherwise know about
- ✓ Interact professionally with instructors and college personnel
- ✓ Study effectively including how to read textbooks, prepare for exams, retain information, take notes, and participate fully in class

"Being a member of the SMART Program has given me the knowledge of all the opportunities that I am eligible for. I made friends who are in similar situations and it is easier to understand how you juggle being a full time mother and full time student." DB

"I am now a college graduate; the first in my family. The SMART Program is the defining factor of my success at Lakeland." VRW



The weekly workshops are in place so that students can address parts of their lives which might negatively impact their ability to stay in school. Topics include effective communication, coping with change, finances, relationships and more. Workshops are also a time that women bond and gain support from each other.

"Every time I came, I knew I would gain something, whether it was knowledge or support." AS

"The workshops I enjoyed the most were the ones where we actually shared our fears and any obstacles that we had. I knew by this that I wasn't alone and I gained very helpful ideas on how to work through everything." MR