In the interest of safety, and with the goal of keeping everyone as healthy as possible, the Learning Centers will follow the University's guidelines and offer online services for the start of the Spring 2022 semester. This newsletter will feature program highlights, what's coming up, and how we can help you get a head start this semester. We look forward to seeing you again, soon!
Our centers will re-open and in-person services will resume on Monday, January 31, 2022. Detailed information about how to access and use our services online can be found on our Online Services page.

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Please keep an eye out on our website and social media accounts for updates.

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ADVICE FROM A PEER LEADER

TRY TO STAY AS ORGANIZED AS POSSIBLE. WHETHER YOU NEED TO USE A CALENDAR OR TO-DO LIST, BEING ORGANIZED WILL HELP INCREASE YOUR EFFICIENCY AND ALLOW YOU TO MAKE MORE TIME FOR THE THINGS YOU ENJOY.

- Amol S., Learning Assistant
**WHAT IS COMING UP**

- **Academic Success Workshops**
  - Learn techniques to take control of your learning by attending any of these workshops: Plan Your Success; Back on Track; Study Smarter, Not Harder; Challenges of Remote Learning: Motivation & Stress; Read to Succeed; Master Your Mind: Metacognition; Focus, Concentrate, Stay Motivated; Take Tests At Your Best and Less Stress, More Success
  - [Register here](#).

- **Kick-Off Penji Raffle**
  - New visitors who use any of our services, online or in-person, will be eligible to enter our raffle. Follow us on social media and get entered twice! Visit our [raffle page](#) for more details!

- **Study Groups** offered through the Learning Assistant (LA) Program will occur Tuesday, February 1 - Monday, May 2, 2022, you can register [here](#).

- **Learning Centers’ peer leaders** can register for professional development workshops starting the last week of January. The schedule will be posted on the Peer Leader Training Calendar.

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**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT**

**Academic Coaching** supports academic skill building such as time management, organization and study planning through workshops and one-on-one appointments. The content and structure of each individual coaching session is determined collaboratively by the student and the coach to identify the student’s unique learning strengths, develop individual plans for academic support, and promote self-confidence and independence.

- This is a great resource for students who need to improve their overall academic skill set.

- To register for academic coaching, visit [https://rlc.rutgers.edu/student-services/academic-coaching](https://rlc.rutgers.edu/student-services/academic-coaching).
  - Sign in to [Penji](#) and navigate to the LC Academic Coaching community, then choose the topic or coach you want to make an appointment with.

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**HOW TO GET AHEAD**

Getting help with coursework is always a good idea, no matter when it happens. However, starting early to work regularly with a tutor or academic coach can make a big difference. Studies show students who used academic support services had a significant increase in academic performance, and students who sign up for tutoring early in the semester tend to improve more than those who wait until the last minute. Many students seek help when it’s too late, don’t wait to take advantage of our services and get ahead in your classes early in the semester! Our services help students build connections with a community of learners either in-person or online. Not sure where to start? Meet with an [Academic Coach](#).