Dear Student:

The fall 2013 semester at JSU is approaching, and we in Learning Services want to assist you in getting accepted to JSU. Often times, motivated students lack some of the basic skills needed to be successful at the college level. Other times, well-prepared students have difficulty on the standardized tests used for determining college entrance. These students may be intimidated by a four year institution and the idea of a demanding “university” setting, but we have an answer for these students. If you are a student who faces these challenges, we welcome you to apply for Jacksonville State University’s ExSEL 2013 summer program.

Experiencing Success in Education and Life, (ExSEL) is a comprehensive six-week program that prepares students for the transition from high school to college. ExSEL students generally earn higher grades, are more satisfied with JSU, and are more likely to continue towards graduation. ExSEL assists students in developing the skills necessary to be successful both academically and socially in a college setting.

The ExSEL courses offered include Basic Writing Skills needed for college level essay writing, Technical Reading Skills needed for college level reading and comprehension, and Pre-Algebra Skills needed for college algebra. Successful completion in ExSEL earns 7 hours academic/institutional credit and conditional acceptance to JSU in the fall.

The dates for this year’s program are June 12th- July 30th 2013. Our program is limited to only 40 students, so it is imperative that you complete ALL requirements by the assigned deadlines. To obtain the detailed application packet for ExSEL, you may go to our website at http://www.jsu.edu/learningservices, click on the ExSEL Application Packet button, and follow the instructions for printing out the packet.

If you have any further questions, please contact the LS secretary, Debra James, at 1-800-231-5291, extension 5570. My staff and I will be more than happy to assist you in the application process. We look forward to hearing from you.

Most cordially,

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