The Learning Center

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The semester is only a few weeks old….but WKU’s study hall monitoring facility is already buzzing with students.

In this week’s “View from the Hill”, Amy Bingham shows us how some of the university’s brightest students are helping their peers achieve success.

It doesn’t matter if a student is at risk of failing or a high achiever, the Learning Center is for everyone.

 “We offer students staff and faculty that truly care about the students of WKU.”

Even on a Friday afternoon, there is barely an empty seat in the The Learning Center.

 “It’s a place where you know you will get your work done once you sit down and get into your work, it’s puts you in a zone where your focused and only worried about your work.”

Academic Advising and Retention Center Director Kevin Thomas says the Learning Center staff works hard to create a culture that breeds academic success.

 “Students could be on facebook or twitter or myspace or whatever the rage is but when they come in they are focused on academics.”

The 85 student tutors helping them are the cream of the crop.

 “They are students that have to have a three point 25 GPA but there were 61 students that had a four point oh out of 85 so really bright students are helping student success at WKU.”

One of those tutors is Amanda Stiltner, a senior from Pikeville.

 “I’m a political science and sociology major so I tutor a bunch of those but I also tutor gen-ed classes.”

Stiltner also helps her peers with study skills and conversational English.

 “Our motto is that we eventually want them not to have to come to the center, we want them to be independent learners that way they can get out and we don’t need a TLC so that’s very rewarding.”

For now though, students are taking full advantage of the study opportunity. In fact there were 66-thousand visitors to the center last semester.

“We are the center for student success at WKU.”

The Learning Center is located inside the Academic Advising and Retention Center in the Downing University Center Annex. Through accreditation, the TLC has been certified at levels One, Two and Three.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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