The Miles Community College Financial Literacy Program has done great things during the fall semester of 2014. We have started to implement a lot of the goals and objectives and we have had a chance to help a lot of students. We have met with students on a one on one basis, as well as meeting with athletic teams as a group. We were also able to create an advisory board for the program, which consists of both students and staff.

During the individual appointments students who were unable to complete entrance counseling alone, were able to come into the office for a one on one appointment to complete the counseling. 12 students have had one on one counseling sessions. Some of those appointments generated second appointments later in the semester.

During the group meetings with the athletic teams, we were able to talk about specific topics for athletes. Group appointments were held with the men’s basketball, women’s basketball, and baseball teams. These group meetings led in to some individual appointments.

MCC has had two Advisory Board meetings in the fall semester of 2014. Meetings were attended by the financial literacy coordinator, financial aid specialist, financial aid director, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Success, Dean of Enrollment Management and Educational Support, and student representation. Both meetings were very beneficial to the program. Each member had great input about where the program should focus.

The advisory board decided to do a promotion for the Transit program. We wanted to give students who were not aware of the program, a chance to take the program and receive an incentive. In December we sent an email to all students encouraging them to take part in the Transit program. We will continue this promotion through the spring semester.

Miles Community College has done very well with our goals and objectives this year. We are getting close to meeting all of those goals and objectives. We have met with a total of 88 students in the fall semester. Which is about one third of the total student population at MCC. We are excited to keep the progress we have started going into the spring semester.