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Writing coaches and thesis processors from the Graduate Writing Center and Thesis Processing Office, along with staff from the Dudley Knox Library, hosted an open house event for members of the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) community, Jan. 17. A variety of games, prizes and snacks were available to attendees along with staff from each department to answer questions from students about the various resources and services they offer.

"We want to get our name out to the new students or just anyone who isn't familiar with what we can help with," said Rebecca Pieken, a thesis processor. "The Graduate Writing Center writing coaches are here to help students with academic papers as well as tips for introductions, research methods, or just anything with the paper writing process.

"Many students don't utilize the Thesis Processing Office until they are writing their theses or in their last quarter before graduation," she continued. "We aren't looking at the content of the paper, but rather the style, formatting, citations, things like that. The thesis processors and writing coaches are great resources for anyone that needs them."

Air Force Maj. Francisco Silva, a first quarter student at NPS, came to the event to learn more about the resources that will make his time at NPS a little easier, noting that he is "looking forward to his time at NPS."

Students can make appointments or walk-in during certain hours to take advantage of all of resources offered, from a quick question to getting help breaking through writer's block.

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For more information about these important student resources, visit the **Dudley Knox Library**, **Graduate Writing Center**, and the **Thesis Processing Office** on the web.

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