Welcome back to school! I hope you are excited to start this academic year with new energy and are ready to do well in your coursework. DSS staff is ready to assist and provide you with excellent advising, tutoring, workshops, and other academic resources to help you achieve your academic goals. I hope you take advantage of the opportunity and wish you the best of luck!

Director’s Message

Student Profile: Su Mi Leonard

Su Mi has been a student with TRIO DSS since Fall of 2018. Since then, she has become an OSHER scholar with the Office of Adult Learning, Vice-President of R.E.D.D., and has been awarded a TRIO DSS EOF scholarship. Su Mi is set to graduate this December with a field study in Geology. She has taken advantage of the many TRIO DSS services offered such as the textbook lending library, tutoring, and meeting with her advisor.

Su Mi is passionate about social justice issues - especially those pertaining to her Hawaiian heritage and human trafficking. She urges incoming TRIO DSS students to, “Never give up and use the services that the university offers because they are out there to help you. If you’re struggling, talk to someone such as your advisors and faculty because they want to help you succeed. Most importantly, take time out for yourself!”

Make An Appointment
Stop by at least once a month to see your DSS advisor. They are here to help you and offer support.

Tutor Requests
Make an appointment now to request a tutor.

Reminders

Su Mi Leonard
Senior, Geology

Vanessa Souriya-Mnirajd, Director

Su Mi Leonard

Don’t forget!
Welcome Our New Lead Tutor:
Briana Griffin

I am a Secondary Education major for History/Government. I have worked as a history tutor for TRIO Disability Support Services for a year. Working with students and education has been a passion of mine. Not only was I a tutor, I was a para-professional for two years at Andover Central High School and am about to enter my semester of student teaching. My ultimate hope is to use my degree and time here at WSU to further the educational and personal development of my future students.

This semester, I have the opportunity to further my educational passion as the Lead Tutor for TRIO DSS. This position continues to provide me with valuable professional training for when I finish my degree and begin searching for a full-time teaching position, since I will be graduating in the spring. Eventually, my goal is to get two master’s degrees to further my education and to continue my personal growth to reach my full potential as a teacher.
DSS Activity Card

TRIO DSS is rolling out a new reward system—the reward card! This card is meant to visually display the expectations we have for our students and reward you for completing these expectations. Whenever you attend your required study skills, receive tutoring, meet with your advisor, or apply for scholarships, you have a chance to receive points which will go toward a reward at the end of the semester. You can receive this card by meeting with your advisor. They can also explain more about this card when you meet with them.

TRIO DSS reward card displaying the different area expectations and point values.

R.E.D.D. Student Organization

Representing, Equalizing, Destigmatizing Disabilities is ready for a great semester! Our current officers on deck include:

Madison Davis - President
Su Mi Leonard - Vice President
Lillian Nieman - Treasurer
Katie Black - Secretary

Our Vice President and Treasurer will be attending Student Involvement’s “Nuts and Bolts Conference” on Friday, September 20th, to learn more about running a student organization. Our first official meeting took place on September 4th with great member turn out. We had many wonderful ideas that were generated and look forward to being agents of change.

R.E.D.D. meetings for the Fall 2019 semester will be held the 1st Wednesday of every month at 2:00pm. The dates are as follows:

September 4th, 2019 @ 2:00
October 2nd, 2019 @ 2:00
November 6th, 2019 @ 2:00
December 4th, 2019 @ 2:00

If you’re interested in learning more about the group or participating, show up to our meetings, contact President Madison Davis at madavis7@shockers.wichita.edu, or the organization’s staff advisor Mercedes Lubbers at mercedes.lubbers@wichita.edu to find out more!
Fall 2019 Study Skills Workshops

Welcome back students! We would like to remind you that as participants in TRIO DSS, you are required to complete one financial literacy workshop and one study skills workshop per semester. Your advisor should have emailed the workshop schedule out to you, but if they have not, feel free to drop by the office and pick one up! It would be greatly appreciated if you were to RSVP for the workshops you plan to attend. If you are unable to attend TRIO DSS’ in-person workshops, remember that there are alternative options for completing your workshop requirements! You may attend other WSU events or utilize the TRIO DSS online study skills workshop website at trio-dss.webnode.com! With so many options, it should be a snap to complete your requirements!

Sept. 10th 10:00-11:00AM  Preparing to Write by Madison Davis, TRIO DSS Writing Specialist
Sept. 26th 2:00-3:00PM  Loan Repayment by Office of Student Money Management
Oct. 8th 10:00-11:00AM  Completing FAFSA for 2020 by Karen Porter, Office of Financial Aid
Oct. 24th 2:00-3:00PM  Completing FAFSA for 2020 by Jessica Casper, Office of Financial Aid
Nov. 12th 10:00-11:00AM  Burnout by Mercedes Lubbers, TRIO DSS
Nov. 21st 2:00-3:00PM  How to Write a Paper in APA by University Library

All workshops will be held in Grace Wilkie Annex RM 158.

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