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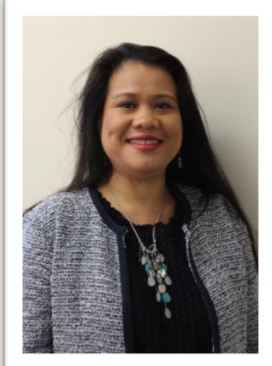


TRIO DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

▶ Guiding Students Toward Success

Director's Message

Wow! Congratulations, you are approaching the mid-semester point! By the time you know it, finals will be here. I encourage you to take advantage of resources such as tutoring, academic and study skills workshops and the Shocker Support Locker. Be on top of your grades by turning in all assignments, study for your tests, and talk to your professors. TRIO staff are here to help you, so make sure to meet with your advisors for monthly meetings.



Vanessa Souriya-Mnirajid, Director

DSS Celebrates National TRIO Day

Each year during the month of February, TRIO programs nationwide celebrate National TRIO Day to reflect on the positive impact of TRIO programs in our community. TRIO programs are designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. This year, the WSU TRIO programs were charged with giving back to the community by volunteering in various organizations during the week of February 17th – 21st, 2020.

TRIO DSS celebrated National TRIO Day by giving their time to assist ICT Food Rescue in alleviating food insecurity on campus and in the community. DSS staff, tutors, and students teamed up to pick up food from places such as the RSC Starbucks and deliver the donated food to drop-off locations like WSU's own Shocker Support Locker.



TRIO DSS Staff & Students Volunteering for ICT Food Rescue

Reminders

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.



DSS Writing Specialists for Spring 2020

DSS has hired two quality Writing Specialists for the Spring 2020 semester. Students needing help with papers are highly encouraged to take advantage of this service. Papers need to be pre-written before they are brought to the Writing Specialist and students are responsible for finding references and fact checking the content of their papers. Writing Specialists are available by appointment or will accept walk-ins provided they are not already working with another student.

What the Writing Specialist CAN Do

- Edit for grammatical errors and spelling
- Assist with paper outlining
- Help with finding resources for students to get extra writing assistance
- Help with MLA, APA, and Chicago styles and check for references

What the Writing Specialist CANNOT Do

- Assist in the writing of a paper
- Edit the content of a paper
- Make changes to the vocabulary of the paper
- Edit papers for scholarships, grants, or anything outside of WSU class assignments
- Help with looking up sources for papers

Specialist Hours

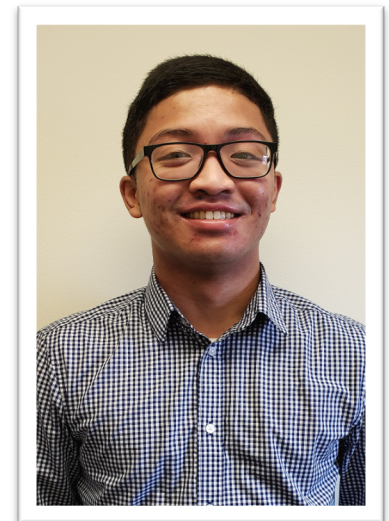
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday, Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm

Richard Mai

Hi everyone! My name is Richard Mai, and I am the new Writing Specialist here at TRIO DSS! I completed my Undergrad studying English, and am now working on my Master's Degree studying Educational Psychology. Writing is something that I enjoy, and I hope that I can share that with others and help people enjoy writing a little bit more as well!

Currently, I am involved in Chi Sigma Tau Fraternity and Asian Student Conference. In the future, after I have completed my Master's, I would like to take a higher role in Fraternity/Sorority Life or Student Involvement. I look forward to working with everyone!



Richard Mai



Kalie Dudeck

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I am a Secondary Education major for English. I have worked at TRIO DSS for over a year and have had the pleasure of tutoring English and Mathematics. I have always loved helping people with their educational endeavors and watching them grow. It is my goal to use my love of teaching/tutoring and my degree to help students to improve their writing skills since writing is a skill that will never vanish.

This semester, it gives me great joy to have this opportunity to spread my passion for working with students as Writing Specialist. The position allows me to not only help students with writing and grammar, but to share my joy with those that come in the office. My goal has always been to become a teacher (completed by May of 2022) and possibly become a published author. I can't wait for what this semester has to come!

Spring 2020 Tutoring



Kegan Clark
Tutor Coordinator

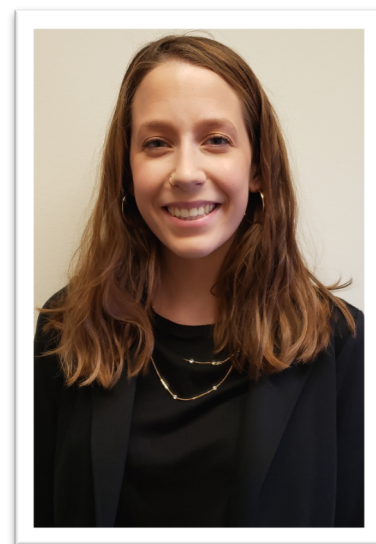
It's 2020 and we're already well on our way to the mid-point of the semester! Students currently receiving tutoring are required to attend mid-semester conferences with their tutors and advisors, which will start on March 9th and proceed through March 20th. Mid-Semester Conferences give students and tutors a chance to provide constructive feedback, discuss strategies to improve course grades, and other relevant tutoring information. Mid-semester conferences also allow students to reflect on how they are doing in their classes and to determine if students need to increase tutoring hours or withdraw from the class. The last day to withdraw from a class with a "W" is April 3rd.

Students actively enrolled and taking courses at WSU this Summer may request a tutor. Please let your Academic Advisor know before the end of the Spring semester if you plan to request tutoring during the summer so I can do my best to find a tutor for you.

Welcome Our New Lead Tutor: Jordan Hotaling

I am a Psychology major with a double minor in Signed Languages and Sociology, graduating in Spring 2020. I have worked as an ASL and Psychology tutor for TRIO DSS since the Fall of 2019. Working as a DSS tutor has been one of the most rewarding parts of my time here at Wichita State; I love getting to help out our students and form bonds through learning.

This semester I have the opportunity to further my professional development and leadership skills as the Lead Tutor for TRIO DSS. This position will help me gain a greater knowledge of students with disabilities and also help me further my growth as a young professional. After graduation, I hope to continue my psychology education in pursuing a Master's Degree in Forensic Psychology.



Jordan Hotaling
Lead Tutor

Important Dates For Spring 2020 Tutoring

March 9 th – 20 th , 2020	Mid-Semester Conferences
March 23 rd – 27 th , 2020	Spring Break – Talk to your tutor if you plan to meet for tutoring
Wed. April 1 st , 2020	Last day to request a tutor for Spring 2020
Fri. April 3 rd , 2020	Last day to withdraw from 16 week courses with a "W"



Spring 2020 Study Skills Workshops



Mercedes Lubbers
Academic Advisor/Study Skills
Coordinator

February is almost over and our first month of workshops is coming to a close. On February 13th, 2020 TRIO DSS hosted Stephanie Cockerell, the College of Applied studies and Fine Arts Success Coach, for a workshop on note-taking and test prep. TRIO DSS study skills coordinator, Mercedes Lubbers, has extra handouts from the note-taking workshop if you would like them and were not able to attend.

The second workshop is Thursday, February 27th, 2020 from 2pm-3pm on “Financial Planning after Graduation” with a presenter from the Office of Student Money Management. If you’re unable to attend in-person workshops, please complete one-on-one sessions with your academic advisor, attend outside workshops on campus from departments such as Career Development, Counseling and Prevention Services, or within your major departments. You may also complete your requirements online at www.trio-dss.webnode.com. Get them done now, so you don’t have to worry about them later!

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| Feb. 27 th | 2:00-3:00PM | Graduation Financial Planning by Trang Bui, Office of Student Money Management |
| Mar. 10 th | 10:00-11:00AM | Eating on a Budget by Office of Student Health |
| Mar. 19 th | 2:00-3:00PM | Thinking Critically for Understanding by Mercedes Lubbers, TRIO DSS |
| Apr. 7 th | 10:00-11:00AM | Stress Management by Dr. Erin Lohman, Counseling and Prevention Services |
| Apr. 23 rd | 2:00-3:00PM | Financing a Professional Wardrobe by Jill Pletcher, Office of Career Development |

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

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