



TRIO DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

▶ Guiding Students Toward Success

Message from the Director

Congratulations! We are almost at the end of the semester. We hope that you are studying hard for your finals and turn in all your assignments to your professors. The DSS staff and I would like to congratulate those students who will be graduating this spring and summer. We are so proud of your accomplishments and you should be commended for your years of commitment. If you are not graduating and not taking summer classes, take time to be with your family and enjoy your time off from studying! Have a great summer and we will see you in the fall.



Vanessa Souriya-Mnirajd, Director

Fall 2019 EOF Scholarship Applications Available

TRIO DSS is currently accepting applications for Fall 2019 EOF Scholarships. Students not receiving Pell Grant who have at least a 2.5 GPA and have met all DSS program requirements are encouraged to meet with their advisors to make sure they meet all qualifications. Applications are available in the office and must be submitted to your DSS advisor no later than May 31st.



Congratulations to Our 2018-2019 DSS Graduates

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| Karen Abshire-Gordon | Zach Masood |
| Ashley Allenbach | Brandon Massingill |
| Camela Anderson-Jones | Grant Milford |
| Amber Barker | Andrea Reed |
| Matthew Cook | Paige Shamburg |
| Matthew Crow | Matthew Stillwell |
| Amena Elamin | Terren Thompson |
| Libby Heflin | Marliz Valles |
| Darein Johnson | TimothyJay William |

Reminders

Textbook Lending Library
All textbooks that were borrowed from TRIO DSS should be returned to the office no later than May 16th by 5:00PM

Tutor Requests
Talk to your advisor now to request tutors for the Summer & Fall semesters.



TRIO DSS & ODS 3rd Annual Student Recognition

TRIO DSS and the Office of Disability Services (ODS) celebrated their 3rd annual collaborative event on April 19, 2019. TRIO DSS and ODS have worked closely together since the inception of the TRIO DSS program in 2001 to provide a variety of services for students with disabilities at WSU. The Student Recognition celebrates the achievements of TRIO DSS and ODS students and recognizes WSU faculty and staff who have collaborated with our programs and given support to our students.



TRIO DSS & ODS Graduates pictured with WSU Administrators, TRIO DSS & ODS Directors

This year we were honored to have Dr. Marche Fleming-Randle, VP for Diversity and Community Engagement, Deltha Q. Colvin, Associate VP for Special Programs, and Alicia Newell, Assistant VP for Retention and Assessment join us to give special remarks and present medallions, certificates, and roses to all 2018-2019 graduates who were in attendance. Graduating seniors, Karen Abshire-Gordon and Andrea Reed inspired the audience with speeches reflecting on their academic journeys. ODS presented a Faculty Appreciation Award to Jenise Eck, Senior Administrative Assistant for the Math & Statistics Department and TRIO DSS presented the Lighthouse Award to Dr. Susan Norton, Director of Office of Adult Learning.

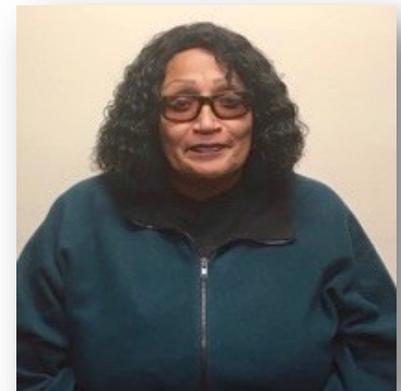
Student Recognition Graduate Speaker Profiles



Karen Abshire-Gordon,
Graduate Speaker & Student of the Year

Karen Abshire-Gordon is currently a Senior in the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. She joined ODS in Spring of 2015 during her first semester at WSU and joined TRIO DSS in the Fall of 2015. Karen credits ODS and TRIO DSS with providing her the resources and support she needed to succeed after being out of school for over 25 years. She will be graduating this Spring with a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Sociology with a 3.74 GPA. She intends to pursue a Master's degree in Educational Psychology here at WSU, eventually working in the field of Clinical Therapy.

Andrea Reed began her college career in 2010 with the TRIO EOC program where she spent two years. She then moved onto the main campus and received her associates in 2014 from WSU and graduated from WSU in Fall 2018 with a degree in General Ethnic Studies, a minor in Women's Studies, and a Tilford Diversity Studies Certificate. Throughout her time at WSU, Andrea participated in TRIO DSS and ODS programs. Andrea met with her DSS academic advisor for degree audit, career exploration, graduate school options, peer tutoring and study skills workshops. Eventually, she believed that she could go on to graduate school. She is continuing her education with WSU's Liberal Studies graduate program, which she began in Spring 2019. After graduate school, Andrea would like to operate a living community where she can help elderly women live out their lives as they would like.



Andrea Reed, Graduate Speaker

Highlights From the 3rd Annual Student & Tutor Recognition

Phillip Bowers Memorial Beacon of Light Education Fund Scholarship

The Phil Bowers Memorial Scholarship was established through the WSU Foundation by Phil's twin sister, Phyllis Ruth Long and other family members, with the desire to continue his legacy to be a "Beacon of Light" for students with disabilities. Phillip Bowers, former Assistant Director for TRIO Disability Support Services, passed away on May 10, 2012. This year's recipient is TimothyJay William. Tim is currently a Senior in the College of Fine Arts. He has volunteered for over 900 hours at Hamilton Middle School over the past 6 years and is dedicated to setting a positive example for the youth he works with. Tim will be walking this Spring and after taking his final summer course, he will graduate with a B.A. in Performing Arts.



Phillip Bowers Scholarship recipient TimothyJay William pictured with DSS Director Vanessa Souriya-Mnirajd & DSS Admin Specialist Kayleen Hallberg



Tutor of the Year Mackenzie Zielke pictured with DSS Tutor Coordinator Kegan Clark and DSS Lead Tutor Jacob Collins

Tutor of the Year Award

Mackenzie Zielke is a senior who is graduating this May with her Bachelor of Science in Biological Science, featuring a concentration in Ecological, Environmental, and Organismal Biology. As this year's Tutor of the Year, Mackenzie has modeled leadership and professionalism for our entire tutoring staff. She has put her students' needs above her own and demonstrated that she cares deeply for the students she tutors. She has attended all of our tutor trainings, and always provided her unique perspective during discussions. As a program, it is our vision that the TRIO DSS Peer Tutor Program be recognized as a model peer tutoring program for Wichita State. With quality tutors like our Tutor of the Year, we can achieve this vision together.



Lighthouse Award recipient Dr. Susan Norton, Director of Office of Adult Learning pictured with DSS Director Vanessa Souriya-Mnirajd

ODS Director Grady Landrum pictured with TRIO DSS Staff. TRIO DSS surprised Grady with a gift in appreciation for his years of service at WSU and his collaboration with the TRIO DSS program. We will miss Grady dearly & wish him well in his retirement!



TRIO DSS Tutorial Staff



Faculty Appreciation Recipient Jenise Eck, Senior Admin Assistant for Math & Statistics pictured with Alicia Newell, Assistant VP Retention & Assesment, ODS Director Grady Landrum & ODS Test Coordinator Jennifer Nicholson

R.E.D.D. Student Organization Update

R.E.D.D. is experiencing an exciting time of growth and development, but we can't do it without you! This semester saw a handful of students get involved through meetings where we discussed volunteer goals, fun ideas for fundraisers like a "pie an advisor in the face" day, supporting WSU's Shocker Locker, and much more! In the Fall, we would love to support our community even more and participate in campus events such as Neurodiversity Awareness Week. We want our students to be involved in their communities, gain volunteer experience, make friends, and create awareness and change. All students should be proud of who they are, and we're here to help! Plus, you can add your involvement with us to your resumes. Who doesn't want that?



Announcements

- R.E.D.D. is currently looking for a new secretary for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year.
- We are going to try to organize over summer, so that we can hit the ground running in Fall with fundraisers, events, and philanthropic activities.
- If you're interested in keeping up with us over summer, helping us at tabling events, or designing some of our promotional materials, you can reach the president, Madison Davis, at madavis7@shockers.wichita.edu, the Advisor, Mercedes Lubbers, at mercedes.lubbers@wichita.edu, or find us on Facebook!

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Keep up to date with our future events and much more! Visit our website at:

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