Representing Equalizing and De-stigmatizing Disabilities (R.E.D.D.) is a new student organization created by the students of TRIO Disability Support Services. R.E.D.D. promotes awareness of disabilities and provides a welcoming, encouraging, educational, and uplifting environment for students with disabilities and their allies.

The R.E.D.D. cabinet is comprised of the following TRIO DSS students: Madison Davis, President, T’Mori Wright, Vice President, Malarie Cook, Secretary, and Lillian Nieman, Treasurer. The group is advised by TRIO DSS Academic Advisor and Study Skills Coordinator, Mercedes Lubbers.

The first R.E.D.D. meeting was held on February 18, 2019. At this meeting, the members participated in a meet and greet activity and discussed the direction of the group. It was decided that the group will focus on awareness and advocacy. Future meetings will be held every other Monday at 4 p.m. This semester, R.E.D.D. will hold various events and fundraisers to bring awareness to the group and the organizations it supports. We hope to see you at our next meeting on March 4th.

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
Talk to your advisor now to request tutors for the Spring semester. Mar. 29th is the deadline to submit a tutor request.
Tutor Spotlight

TRIO DSS employees ten peer tutors and one lead tutor who provide quality tutoring services for our students. In this edition, we would like to recognize Lead Tutor Jacob Collins for his exceptional work and dedication to the program.

Jacob is a first semester Anthropology graduate student at Wichita State University. During his undergraduate, he worked as a Japanese tutor for TRIO Disability Support Services for 2 years. TRIO Disability Support Services was a very large part of his undergraduate, not only was he a tutor, he was a DSS student, and was the president of the R.E.D.D. (Representing Equalizing Destigmatizing Disabilities) student organization. This semester Jacob has had the pleasure of continuing his involvement with TRIO DSS as the lead tutor. This position continues to provide him with valuable professional training for when he finishes his graduate degree and begins searching for a full-time position in his field.

Jacob’s ultimate hope is to use his degree and time here at WSU to one day get a position with a museum. Currently, Jacob also works for the Lowell D. Holmes Museum of Anthropology as an Assistant Curator, and at the Pizza Hut Museum as a docent. His dream position would be working for an LGBTQ museum where he could create exhibitions celebrating the achievements which have provided him the ability to be openly bisexual while holding all of these different positions.

Study Skills Workshops

TRIO DSS Director Vanessa Souriya-Mnirajd and Advisor Mercedes Lubbers will be presenting on Effective Studying at the study skills workshop on March 5th at 4pm. Pizza will be provided for students who plan to attend. We look forward to engaging with our DSS students and hopefully giving them helpful tips on how to manage the everyday stress of studying while learning better methods. Students may email the study skills coordinator at mercedes.lubbers@wichita.edu to RSVP for this workshop.

Upcoming Spring 2019 study skills workshops:

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*Students MUST RSVP to McNair events or they will NOT be allowed in
TRIO DSS Celebrates National TRIO Day

On February 21st, the Office of Special Programs at Wichita State celebrated National TRIO Day by hosting the College Access Retention Success (CARS) Conference during the day and the National TRIO Day Banquet in the evening. The theme of the banquet was “Honoring Our Own.” Each program highlighted program accomplishments and recognized one of their former students as a Building Bridges Outstanding Alum and a current student as a Rising Star. TRIO DSS recognized alum Jenna Smith (Spring 2009 graduate) and current participant Andrea Reed. Below are the profiles for Jenna Smith and Andrea Reed that were submitted for the National TRIO Day Magazine produced by Wichita State University Office of Special Programs.

Outstanding Alum Jenna Smith
Jenna Smith joined TRIO Disability Support Services 2004 and remained in the program through graduation. She graduated from Wichita State in May 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Health Services Management and Community Development.

After graduating with her bachelor’s degree, Jenna went on to obtain two master’s degrees. She earned degrees in Public Health from the University of Kansas in 2012 and Aging Studies from Wichita State University in 2014. Jenna plans to return to school in the near future to work on a doctorate.

Jenna has put her education to good work as an advocate for adults with Alzheimer’s and dementia. She worked for five years as the family care coordinator for the local chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association and now works as a helpline care consultant for the Alzheimer’s Association headquarters providing support for caregivers and family members.

Rising Star Andrea Reed
Andrea Reed was a returning adult student when she joined TRIO Disability Support Services. Andrea came to WSU in 2010 and graduated in Fall 2018 with a degree in General Ethnic Studies and a Tilford Diversity Studies Certificate.

Education was not always at the top of Andrea’s mind. After raising two children and battling breast cancer, she felt she was too old to go on to college. A friend encouraged Andrea to join the Educational Opportunities Centers program at Wichita State. When Andrea moved on to the main campus, she found career exploration, graduate school options, and study skills workshops from DSS. She also took advantage of the DSS writing specialist to help her with her papers.

She will begin graduate school in 2019 in the liberal studies program. Eventually, Andrea would like to operate a living community where she can help elderly women live out their lives as they would like.
Tips For Organizing Your Study Time

- Before you start, make a plan
- Always allow more time than you think you’ll need
- Prioritize your work and make time for tasks that are the most important
- Focus on one task at a time
- If something seems overwhelming, break it down into smaller parts
- Alternate types of assignments (English, math, history)
- Do difficult assignments first, while you’re still fresh and alert
- Take regular short breaks

Mark Your Calendars!

- Bowers Scholarship to be awarded May 2019. Applications will be available Mar. 1st - Apr. 1st
- EOF Scholarship to be awarded Fall 2019. Applications will be available Apr. 1st - 30th.
- DSS/ODS Student Recognition Apr. 19th

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