Director’s Message

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!

Vanessa Souriya-Mnirajd
Director

Upcoming Events

October 3rd, we will have guest speaker, Tegan Perry, from the Office of Financial Aid to tell us more about the FAFSA and to be there if you have any FAFSA questions. Have questions on dependency? Need to know more about how professional judgement? Ask Tegan! Bring your computers or we’ll have one with us. Let’s finish our FAFSAs together after Tegan’s presentation. The FAFSA opens October 1st and, for WSU, priority closes December 31st. The sooner we get it done, the better. We’ll have some snacks, too, so let’s have a fun time (as much as one can when talking about the FAFSA).

On October 24th, we have a fun opportunity to learn more about our personalities and compatibilities. Jill Pletcher, Director of the Office of Career Development will be joining us for True Colors to provide us with a fun workshop that is more play than work or lecture! Join us to find out if you’re a Gold, Green, Blue, or Orange!

Visit Our Writing Specialist

TRIO DSS employs a quality Writing Specialists who is here to help students understand difficult writing concepts or assist with editing papers.

Writing Specialist Madison Davis is available for drop in tutoring or by appointment. Please contact the office for specific specialist hours.

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.

Don’t forget!
Welcome Our New Academic Advisor/Tutor Coordinator Kegan Clark

Hello students,

My name is Kegan Clark and I am the new Academic Advisor and Tutor Coordinator for our TRIO DSS program. Previously I was with the Office of Student Success for almost 5 years, serving as a Tutor, Supplemental Instruction Leader, First-Year Seminar Success Coach, and Academic Success Specialist. I currently hold a B.A. in Psychology with an emphasis in Human Factors and a minor in Criminal Justice, as well as a B.A. in Spanish from Wichita State University.

I love to learn new things, gather exciting experiences, and to travel (I have visited 13 countries so far, come ask me for a good story). I am passionate about helping others succeed, having a great tutoring program, and using my knowledge of metacognition (thinking about thinking) to help students study better. I look forward to meeting each of you and working together towards our goals.

Fall 2018 Study Skills Workshops

Study Skills Coordinator, Mercedes Lubbers looks forward to presenting and offering educational and, hopefully, fun and interactive workshops for our students this fall. TRIO DSS seeks to enhance students’ lives and educational skills by providing them with tools they can use to succeed, grow, and thrive!

To receive program services, all participants are required to complete two Study/Life Skills Workshop per semester and one Financial Literacy workshop during the 2018-19 school year. Please see the list below for study skills workshops that TRIO DSS is offering this fall. Unable to attend any of these workshops? Contact Mercedes Lubbers at Mercedes.lubbers@wichita.edu for other options.

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Tutoring Needs

TRIO DSS staff strongly encourages students to take advantage of the free tutoring services that the program provides. Students can receive free individualized tutoring in most main General Education courses (up to the 300 level). Please meet with your advisors to request tutoring if you need additional help with your classes.

Scholarship/Grant Aid Opportunities For Spring 2019

TRIO DSS will soon be accepting applications for EOF Scholarship (Non-Pell Grant Recipients) and DSS Grant Aid (Pell Grant Recipients) to be awarded for Spring 2019. Applications will available in the DSS office lobby beginning October 1st and must be submitted to your academic advisor no later than October 31st. Please see below for qualifications and objective criteria:

Qualifications:
- Students must be in jeopardy of dropping out of school due to financial constraints.
- Students must be an active participant in TRIO DSS for one semester before being considered eligible for EOF Scholarship or Grant Aid Award.
- Students will be able to compete for EOF Scholarship or Grant Aid awards as long as they are in good standing but awards will be given at the discretion of the Director. If granted the award, the student must provide a thank you letter to TRIO DSS.
- EOF Scholarship or Grant Aid is awarded first to those students with the greatest unmet financial need.
- In addition to the aforementioned guidelines for EOF Scholarship or Grant Aid, students must meet the following objective criteria:

Objective Criteria:
- Students must be a participant in good academic standing as defined by SSS standards (minimum 2.5 GPA).
- Students must comply with the two DSS Academic enhancement activities each semester.
- Students must attend or view the Financial Literacy Workshop.
- Students must keep regularly scheduled appointments with TRIO DSS staff; i.e., the Academic Advisors and DSS tutors.
- Students must complete the Federal Grant Aid Application (FAFSA) by the designated deadline.
Organizational Tips for Success in Class

• Attend Every Class
• Use an academic planner
• Break down assignments
• Use three-ring notebooks for class notes
• Organize and save computer work
• Keep returned papers, quizzes, and tests
• Have phone numbers for classmates
• Get organized for the next day

Advisor Changes

Students who regularly met with Kimberlee Cook during the 2017-2018 school year will now meet with Kegan Clark. Kegan may be reached through email at kegan.clark@wichita.edu.

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