TRIO DSS Alumna Recognized

We are proud of former TRIO DSS student, Tammy Dorsey for her achievements and recent recognition in the WSU News. Tammy is currently a graduate student in Innovation Design and has developed a diagnostic tool called Pedi-Cell. For the full story visit https://www.wichita.edu/about/wsu-news/2018/11-nov/wsu-prenatalhope-story.php.

TRIO DSS Alumna with Director Vanessa Souria-Mnirajd at 2018 DSS/ODS Student Recognition

R.E.D.D. Student Organization

TRIO DSS has been working with some of our students to create an open student organization called R.E.D.D. (Representing, Equalizing, Destigmatizing Disabilities). The officers of the group: Jacob Collins, T’mori Wright, Malorie Cook, and Lillian Nieman, attended the SGA meeting held on November 14th to answer questions by SGA members.

The SGA will meet again soon to discuss the inclusion and approval of R.E.D.D. as a Recognized Student Organization. Pending SGA approval, we will have a recognized student group that hopes to promote awareness for disabilities and create a welcoming, encouraging, educational, and uplifting environment for students with disabilities and their allies. Stay tuned for more information and updates on the group!

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.

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.
Tutor Spotlight

TRIO DSS employees thirteen peer tutors who provide quality tutoring services for our students. In this edition, we would like to recognize tutor Madison Davis for her exceptional work and dedication to the program.

Madison is a Junior majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. She has been a tutor here at TRIO DSS since January 2018. Madison has tutored general education courses in English, Spanish, and Math.

In addition to tutoring, Madison also serves our students as the TRIO DSS Writing Specialist. She enjoys helping students plan and edit their papers.

"I tutor because I love watching students succeed," says Madison. "Knowledge and confidence are two main components of success, so each tutoring session is 75% helping the student understand the material and 25% pep talks. Working here keeps me enlightened and inspired. It is a rewarding and fulfilling experience for me and the students I work with."

Study Skills Workshops

TRIO DSS workshops experienced a great revival this semester with numerous presenters and student attendees. The semester began with a Syllabus Planning Party that assisted students in planning out important dates and assignments for the semester according to their teacher supplied syllabi. We also had great guest speakers such as Tegan Perry with Office of Financial Aid to help us learn about FAFSA updates and Jill Pletcher from Office of Career Development who taught us our True Colors and how to work with others. We’ve had increased attendance at workshops and students appear to be utilizing the online workshop options more and more! We love to see the study skills workshops growing and expect to see that trend continue this spring.

Join TRIO DSS for the last study skills workshop of the semester on December 5th, 2018 from 1:00pm-2:00pm in Grace Wilkie Annex RM 163. We will be having a speaker from the Office of Student Money Management presenting on “Budgeting, College Expenses, Credit, and Identity Theft”. They will follow up the presentation with a fun interactive activity called “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire”. This last workshop will fulfil a Financial Literacy workshop requirement and will help you keep your finances in check with the upcoming holidays.

If students have any recommendations the would like to see for study skills, contact Mercedes Lubbers at Mercedes.lubbers@wichita.edu. She will be planning next semester’s topics during the month of December.
Celebrating First-Generation College Students

The TRIO DSS staff took part in the First-Generation College Celebration by participating in the First-Gen Resource Fair on Nov. 8th in the RSC. TRIO DSS joined many other departments on campus in providing information about the services that are available for First Gen students.

TRIO DSS First-Generation Stats

- 443 First-Gen students served since 2001
- 56% of total students served since 2001 are First-Gen students
- 152 First-Gen students graduated with bachelor’s degree from WSU
- 45 First-Gen students currently being served for the 2018-2019 academic year

Scholarship/Grant Aid Opportunities For Spring 2019

TRIO DSS is still accepting applications for EOF Scholarship (Non-Pell Grant Recipients) and DSS Grant Aid (Pell Grant Recipients) to be awarded for Spring 2019. Applications are available in the DSS office lobby and students must contact their academic advisor no later than December 7th. Please see below for qualifications:

Qualifications:

- Students must be an active participant in TRIO DSS for one semester before being considered eligible for EOF Scholarship or Grant Aid Award.
- EOF Scholarship or Grant Aid is awarded first to those students with the greatest unmet financial need.
- 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.
Finals Study Tips

- Get some rest – Sleep 7-9 hours a night
- Study in 45-minute increments
- Organize your calendar, designate time for studying
- Make study guides for each exam
- Study in groups, find people in your class to prep with
- Take a practice quiz
- Eat healthy, your body will feel better and you will be more alert
- Reward yourself for a job well done!

Mark Your Calendars!

- WSU FAFSA Priority Deadline, Dec. 1st
- Money Management Workshop, Dec. 5th
- Last Day of Fall Classes, Dec. 6th
- Study Day, Dec. 7th
- Fall Finals, Dec. 8th - 13th
- Campus Shutdown Dec. 21st – Jan. 1st

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