

Student Support Services

*Outstanding
Alum*



Jennifer Nguyen

*Rising
Star*



Lillian Tran

Jennifer Nguyen is an alumnus of TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) at Wichita State. Originally from Viet Nam, Jennifer graduated high school in 1978 but didn't enroll at WSU until 1996. Once there, she majored in industrial engineering and found the Student Support Services program. She was working fulltime and raising three children when she decided to drop out. She shared her ideas with her SSS advisor who reassured her that everything would work out if she "stuck it out." Jennifer received great advising and tutorial support in math and chemistry and finished her bachelor's degree.

She credits Vanessa Souriya-Mnirajd and retired professor Don Malzahn, PhD for encouraging her to graduate. Currently, she is a tool design engineer at Textron Aviation in Wichita. "SSS guided me to the right career. I was strong in the major, pursued it, and completed it," Jennifer exclaims.

Lillian Tran is a senior at Wichita State majoring in biological sciences. She enrolled in TRIO Student Support Services during the spring 2016 semester in need of additional support with her academics. Since then, she has grown to be an extremely confident, hardworking, and dedicated student. She has been on the Dean's Honor Roll for the since fall 2015.

Through SSS, Lillian has benefited from tutoring and a host of other services. She is actively involved in several organizations at WSU including Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Future Health Care Professionals, and the Vietnamese Student Association. She also volunteers for Heartland Hospice, Convoy of Hope, Race for the Cure, and Habitat for Humanity.

Lillian takes pride in giving back to the program by tutoring SSS peers in need of additional support as she once was. She recently completed Level I Tutor Certification through the International College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). Lillian plans to attend graduate school in the medical field.