

TRiO SSS FALL NEWSLETTER 2010

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Hello TRiO SSS students and Welcome to Fall 2010!

We are excited to have you as part of our program! Students in TRiO SSS are among some of the most successful students here at CSUSM! For example, did you know that by being part of TRiO SSS you have already INCREASED your chances of GRADUATING with your Bachelor's Degree? Here are a few statistics you may be interested in knowing:

- In the past five years (December 2005– August 2010), TRiO SSS has graduated 207 – and most of those students finished their degrees in six years or less.
- In 2009-2010, we graduated 45 students! This is a remarkable 50% increase over the previous year!
- Several of our graduates earned their degree while completing TWO majors and a minor!
- Our six year graduation rate for the 2004-2005 cohort was 53%, which is 7% above the overall CSUSM average six year graduation rate!
- In the last five years, we have averaged an 87% persistence rate for our students . Moreover, the last two years have been our best, reaching an incredible 90% retention— both years!
- Sixteen students in 2009-2010 earned college credit through the TRiO SSS special one unit class.
- More than a third of ALL our students finished the 2009-2010 year with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

In addition to letting you know the amazing success rate of our students, I also wanted to share some more good news. In December 2009, the TRiO SSS staff submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Education to have our grant renewed. The competition proved to be extremely tough. However, I am happy to report that TRiO SSS at CSUSM learned in August that we became one of only 1,026 successful awards granted throughout the entire United States. Our grant scored higher than 449 other proposals and a large part of that was due to the fact that we could report on the incredible success of our students! TRiO SSS has been on the CSUSM campus since 1993 and we are thrilled that we have the opportunity to continue to serve and support our fabulous students!

Wishing you all a fantastic Fall 2010 semester! See you soon!

Heather Northway



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2009-10 AWARD WINNERS



SENIOR EXCELLENCE AWARD
WINNER

Carmen Contreras

This year TRiO SSS honored Carmen Contreras with the Senior Excellence Award for 2010. Carmen has been a student in the TRiO SSS program since 2006, and has been enthusiastically involved in many of the CSUSM activities. In May this year Carmen graduated with a degree in Business Administration (Management).

Congratulations to Carmen and her family for a great achievement!



FACULTY ADVOCATE AWARD
WINNER

Elizabeth Bigham Ph.D.

TRiO SSS recognized Elizabeth Bigham as the 2010 Faculty Advocate Award winner. Dr. Bigham is an adjunct professor in the College of Arts and Sciences, Human Development. She has been actively involved with the TRiO SSS program. For the past two years Dr. Bigham has been the professor and student advocate for our One Unit Credit Class.

Congratulations Dr. Bigham!

SPRING CULTURAL EVENT



In the Spring Semester, the TRiO SSS participants and staff attended a concert performed by the Orchestra Nova in St. Paul's Cathedral, San Diego



Prior to the performance Everyone enjoyed a sumptuous meal at the Bombay Restaurant, San Diego

FALL WORKSHOPS

Look out for workshop announcements on your email and Facebook!

Attendance at one of our workshops counts as a contact!

SUMMER TRANSITION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP)



The 2010 Summer Transition Enhancement Program (STEP)

took place August 2nd—August 6th for our 1st year Freshmen. This was a unique one week opportunity intended to help TRiO SSS 1st year Freshmen transition to college by:

- ◇ Building a campus community and social support
- ◇ Building a sense of personal confidence by making new friends
- ◇ Meeting staff, faculty, and students committed to helping them succeed
- ◇ Learning about college life and expectations
- ◇ Belonging to a supportive learning community focused on their success
- ◇ Participating in fun team building activities

Eleven students enrolled and successfully completed the program. Participants included:

ANELA AMBA-PASCUA

YELTSIN GONZALEZ

ROSE VASQUEZ

BIANCA BAUTISTA

CELESTE HERNANDEZ

CARLA VERGARA

LINDA CARTER

ANNA KAIYARATH

KRISTEN YALDO

MELISSA FLORES

CALEB PEREZ

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO WERE ON THE DEAN'S LIST FOR THE SPRING 2010 SEMESTER!

| | | | |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Raisa Alvarado | Nora Diaz | Amy May | Marissa Meyer |
| Liza Baghoyan | Erin Franco | Anne McCulla | Karen Padilla |
| Beatriz Barron | Emilce Herrera | Rachel McNamee | Jane Pereda |
| Juddy Bouchaleun | Brittney Jackson | Maria Mendez | Mary Sado |
| Panchita Cantu | Ana Lopez | Dinora Mendoza | Sonia Villalba |
| Anthony Cuomo | Danielle Mata | | |

THE FOLLOWING PART-TIME STUDENTS ALSO EARNED A 3.5 (OR HIGHER) GPA IN SPRING 2010 SEMESTER

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|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Viviana Correa | ^a Maryzeh Sadoughi | John Whiteside |
| Tony Perez | Lorena Santos | Wayne Wilkins |
| | | Clairenda Thomas |

WELCOME NEW TRiO SSS STUDENTS

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Alma Aguirre | Melissa Flores | Alissa Ponce |
| Rabieh Al-Ashi | Yeltsin Gonzalez | Anajeli Resendiz |
| Anela Amba-Pascua | Celeste Hernandez | Karl Rivera |
| Heidi Balvaneda | Danielle Hiotis | Ivan Rodriguez |
| Bianca Bautista | Jenna Jauregui | Kathylee Valdez |
| Daniel Bolanos | Anna Kaiyarath | Rose Vasquez |
| Linda Carter | Melissa Kelley | Iliana Velasco Contreras |
| Amparo Chavez | Brenda Macias | Carla Vergara |
| Cynthia Cordova | Erika Martinez | Vincent Vuong |
| Melanie Cowan | Rosa Ortiz | Joel Williams |
| Samuel Diaz | Macuilxochiti Palacios | Kristen Yaldo |
| Kevin Diep | Caleb Perez | Carla Zeballos |
| Lorena Duran | | |

TRiO SSS GRADUATION CEREMONY

The TRiO SSS Program held its Graduation Ceremony at McMahan House on May 6th, 2010.

Families and friends gathered to honor, and share the success of the graduates.

45 TRiO SSS students graduated this year.

Congratulations

Jessica Estrada Arias
Maria Arroyo
Jeanette Arzate
Alan Avery-Medina
Liza Baghoyan
Beatriz Barron
Jency Basinger
Yvett Beltran
Juddy Bouchaleun
Paola Conde
Jennifer Conley

Carmen Contreras
Maira Corrales
Kevin Cruz
Nora Diaz
Matthew Dobler
Lynnea Duris
Kimberly Flores
Monica Gudino Garcia
Roxana Gudino
Francisco Gurrola
Janeth Hernandez

Michelle Jules
Ana Lobatos
Marisol Marquina
Consuelo Martinez
Roxana Martinez
Grant McArthur
Maria Mendez
Dinora Mendoza
Jose Mendoza
Norma Molina
Giang Nguyen

Maria Paniagua
Marika Patterson
German Perez
Rosio Preciado
Wendy Putman
Angelica Ramirez
Fernando Rojo
Clairenda Thomas
Mayra Turchiano
Yazmin Vargas
Geoffrey Wilton
Zenía Zambrano



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IMPORTANT DATES—FALL 2010

August

30 (Mon) **First Day of Classes**

September

6 (Mon) **Labor Day Holiday Campus Closed**

October

22 (Fri) **Last day of class for first session of Fall half-semester classes**

23 (Sat) **First day of class for second session of Fall half-semester classes**

November

11 (Thur) **Veteran's Day—campus closed**

25-26 (Thur-Fri) **Thanksgiving holiday—campus closed**

December

11 (Sat) **Last day of classes**

13-18 (Mon –Sat) **Final Examinations**

22 (Wed) **Grades due from instructors; last day of Fall semester.**

FALL 2010 WALK-IN HOURS

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EFFECTIVE 8/30/2010

| | | |
|------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Joe LeDesma | Tuesday | 1:00PM —3:00PM |
| Jason Tan | Wednesday | 9:00AM—12:00PM |
| Heather Northway | Thursday | 9:00AM—12:00PM |

Please Note

- Walk-in counseling/advising is on a first come, first serve basis.
- Your walk-in time with the counselor / advisor will be limited to fifteen minutes.
- If you would like to see a counselor / advisor for a longer time you will need to make an appointment.

TELL A FRIEND



We encourage you as TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) participants to tell your friends about the benefits of participating in the program, and urge them to apply to the program. We accept applications year-round and admit students during the spring, summer and fall semesters. You can find the TRiO SSS application form on our website <http://www.csusm.edu/sss/applyingtoss.html>, and we are located in Craven 4100.

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