



TRIO SSS FALL NEWSLETTER 2011



Director's Message

Welcome to Fall 2011!

The SSS team is always excited to begin a new year. We truly enjoy our “partnership role” with our students as we help you reach your goals. And did you know that we count on your feedback to help us revise, improve or change what we offer in the program so that it better serves you? In fact, in the Fall 2010 semester, working in collaboration with the National Latino Research Center (NLRC), SSS conducted a survey to find out what you liked best about staff and services. According to the results, we learned that:

- *94% of the students agreed they could trust the SSS staff and agreed that SSS staff is knowledgeable about university requirements.*
- *92% of the students stated that SSS staff is knowledgeable about the campus resources.*
- *91% of the students agreed that SSS staff demonstrated sensitivity to their unique needs as a student from a first generation, low income and or/disability background and helped to clarify how to reach their educational goals.*

In addition, students who responded to the survey shared with us what they felt were the most important SSS services. We were pleased to see that the top TWO services that the student seemed to appreciate (Advising / Counseling and Priority Registration) actually go hand-in-hand! In other words, if you come see the SSS staff early in the semester, you will “earn” Priority Registration! Other services that made it into the “Top Ten” included SSS sponsored cultural enrichment activities, mentoring and tutoring.

Furthermore, shortly before the fall semester started, we asked many of you to share with us “what has worked to help you to be successful”. Here are some of your quotes:

“They (the SSS staff) frequently send out e-mails that contain information about scholarships, resources and workshops that are on campus. They always make themselves available when I have questions or I need academic advising. SSS is like my home on campus.”

“The summer transition program helped me adjust to the “college world” before the semester started.”

“It was important to me to have an SSS counselor who was invested in helping first generation students succeed. Mostly SSS made me feel supported and gave me the confidence to believe I could do it.”

“Based on my personal experience, supportive, caring and invested staff helping students is what got me through college and what continues helping me in graduate school.”

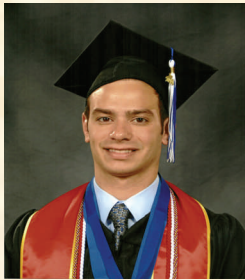
While we are pleased with the overall “good report card” from our students, we are always striving to improve. Our goal is to provide you with the BEST services that can be offered! So whether this is your first semester or your last, please continue to share with us! The program will become even stronger through our combined efforts.

Best wishes for a successful semester. The SSS team looks forward to seeing you soon!

Heather Northway

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2010 –2011 AWARD WINNERS



Senior Excellence Award Winner

ANTHONY CUOMO

TRiO SSS honored Anthony Cuomo with their 2011 Senior Excellence Award

Anthony has been a student at CSUSM since 2009 and has also been involved in many leadership roles. In May 2011 Anthony graduated with a degree in Communications and has been accepted into the master’s program in Communications at CSU Long Beach.

Congratulations Anthony!

Faculty Advocate Award Winner

MERRYL GOLDBERG Ed. D

TRiO SSS recognized Dr. Merryl Goldberg as their 2011 Faculty Advocate Award



Dr. Goldberg is a Professor of the Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) here at CSUSM and Executive Director of Center ARTES. She is also a professional saxophonist and recording artist and advocates teaching and learning through the arts.

Congratulations Dr. Goldberg!

NATIONAL TRiO DAY



As part of the National TRiO Day, our students and staff volunteered their time to work at Fraternity House which is a residential home for individuals living with HIV/AIDS

SPRING CULTURAL EVENT 2011

TRiO SSS students and staff waiting in eager anticipation for the evening ahead at the LIPS Restaurant and in San Diego.



TRiO SSS students and staff also enjoyed a delicious meal and an excellent cabaret show at LIPS Restaurant and in San Diego.

SUMMER TRANSITION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP)



The 2010 Summer Transition Enhancement Program (STEP)...

took place on August 1st —August 5th 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

Twelve students enrolled and successfully completed the program. Participants included

Joseph Abosamra

Aurora Aceves

Liana Camarena

Tabita Carranza

Gabrielle Diaz

Aimee Fischer

Cesar Flores

Ana Mata

Dmitri Ranieri

Oswaldo Sixtos

Elizabeth Zeferino

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO WERE ON THE DEAN'S LIST WITH A GPA OF 3.5 (OR HIGHER) IN THE SPRING 2011 SEMESTER

Ann-Raquel Abrego	Delilah Garcia	Rosa Ortiz	Rosalyn Stanley
Raisa Alvarado	Silas Gyimah	Karen Padilla	Amy Stewart
Heidi Balvaneda	Maria Hernandez	Jane Pereda	Sabrina Tan
Sellenne Cazarez	Danielle Hiotis	Yanely Pinedo	Fethawi Tekleab
Cynthia Cordova	Jenna Jauregui	Dominica Renieri	Shadrach Vaughn
Melanie Cowan	Sarah Lopez	Yesenia Rayo	Joel Williams
Jesse Cruz	Enriqueta Nunez	Mary Sado	Kristen Yaldo
Anthony Cuomo	Laticia Omondi-Ochola	Gary Simmons	Olivia Zema
Alethia Dunn			

THE FOLLOWING PART-TIME STUDENTS ALSO EARNED A 3.5 GPA (OR HIGHER) IN THE SPRING 2011 SEMESTER

Marisol Balverdes	Brenda Hamdan	Krystal Pliego	Truc (Tammy) Truong
Panchita Cantu	Katherine Horch	Marzyeh Sadoughi	Christina Villalobos
Amparo Chavez	Rachel McNamee	James Simpson	Wayne Wilkins
Anthony Coleman		Ngan Tran	

WELCOME NEW TRiO SSS STUDENTS

Dursa Abdullahi	Pedro Diaz	Ana Mata	Vanessa Ruiz
Joseph Abosamra	Amira El-Khaouli	Jeffeth Maxim	Eloina Sanchez
Aurora Aceves	Aimee Fischer	Karen Mendoza	Stephanie Sanchez
Nora Avila	Cesar Flores	Guadalupe Montes	Cynthia Sandoval
Mireya Banuelos	Kevin Fodor	Arturo Montoya	Joseph Sandoval
Michael Bergstrom	Otilia Iniguez Galindo	Selene Moreno	Victor Sandoval
Catalina Bernal	Benito Gonzalez	Lilliana Mougel	Diana Sixto
Liana Camarena	Hoshang Hafizi	Brenda Nazario	Osvaldo Sixtos
Tabita Carranza	Jose Ibanez	Jocelynn Ramirez	Patrick Walsh
Claudia Caywood	Hassan Imani	Brenda Ramos	Thanh Waynick
Marissa Cortes	Claudia Juarez	Dmitri Ranieri	Samantha Webb
Amber Danks	Elicene Martinez	Uziel Alejandro Rivera	Elizabeth Zeferino
Gabrielle Diaz			

TRiO SSS GRADUATION CEREMONY

The TRiO SSS Program held its Graduation Ceremony at McMahan House on May 17, 2011
Families and friends gathered to honor, and share the success of the graduates.

39 TRiO SSS students graduated this year!

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Ann-Raquel Abrego

Anthony Cuomo

Ana Lopez

Linda Rios

Mayra Aguilar

Jessica Fernandez

Amy May

Mary Sado

Raisa Alvarado

Erin Franco

Anne McCulla

Marzyeh Sadoughi

Vanessa Arellano

Lindsay Garcia

Topacio Nguyen-Pizana

Sophia Sheikh

Cristina Babin

Silas Gyimah

Shavone Payne

Rosalyn Stanley

Gerardo Cabral

Brenda Handan

Jane Pereda

Analee Tinoco

Manuel Calderon

Danielle Hiotis

Jasmine Perez

Tammy Truong

Panchita Cantu

Katherine Horch

Krystal Pliego

Sonia Villalba

Sasha-Marie Cazares

Lance Johnson

Martha Ramirez

Catherine Woods

Sarah Colton

Crystal Lewis

Carolina Rendon



MORE QUOTES FROM YOU—ABOUT US...

“ All SSS staff members have been there for me when I needed them for important things in my life, things with school, even through email they would respond to me within a day; and that’s a big plus for me .I also enjoy how they don’t address us students as a counselor but as a friend and they truly are people I can come to with anything and most importantly people I can trust.”

“Being that I am a first generation college student, staff have been very helpful in providing resources for funding and academic counseling to ensure I am geared in the right path to graduate.”

“ By listening to my situation and offering support . Sometimes you just have to have someone listen and understand makes a big difference.”

“They (SSS staff) know I need lots of information and help me with all my financial aid questions. I feel as if they genuinely want to help me out.”

“I feel they (SSS Staff) understand my needs they take us into perspective and make sure that we never feel let down, and keep pushing forward, they are highly motivating and will help in any way that they can do so.”

“They (SSS Staff) are there not only to help you throughout school but they are also there to help you with your life.”

**Remember to check your emails for updates
about our future cultural events!**

FALL 2011 WALK-IN HOURS

WALK-IN HOURS
EFFECTIVE 9/5/2011

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

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