



## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Fall 2016 is well underway and TRIO SSS hit the ground running by hosting our new cohort of students for two days of community building, information sessions, fun and other activities. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive! Now we are busy advising students, planning events and helping all program participants navigate a new year at CSUSM. To date, TRIO SSS students have made more than 170 contacts with the SSS staff and Peer Mentors in just 3 weeks.

The beginning of an academic year is a good time to look back on the previous year and reflect on some highlights. The following data clearly demonstrates not only recent academic success for our TRIO SSS students but also provides several examples of where they pushed hard to reach personal goals. When available, I have also provided some comparison data for the general CSUSM student population.

### Graduation Rates (6 year)

All students

First Time Freshmen

### CSUSM General Population

47.5% (fall 2008 entry)

### SSS Students

76% (as of August 2016)

67% (fall 2008 entry)

64% (fall 2010 entry)

### Retention Rates

All students

First time Freshmen

### CSUSM General Population

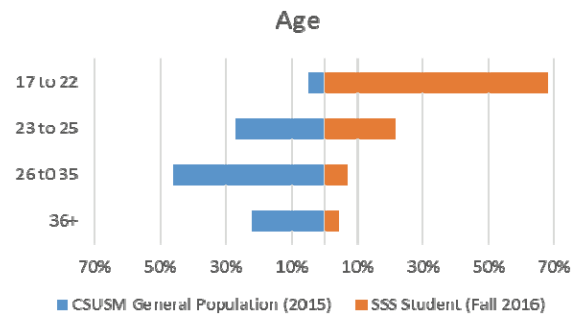
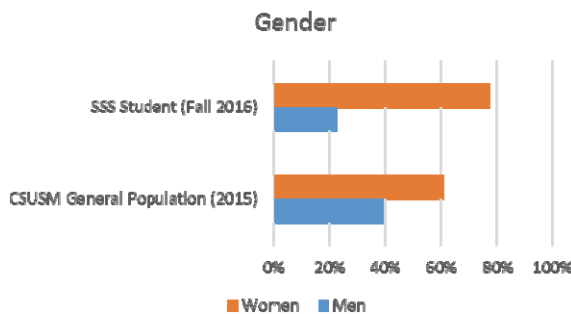
83% (fall 2014 entry)

### SSS Students

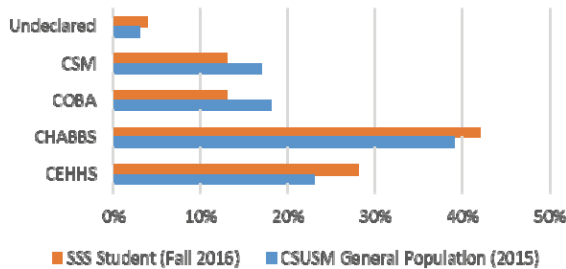
92.4% (fall 15 to fall 2016)

100% (fall 2014 entry)

93.5% (fall 2015 entry)



### Colleges for Major



### Additional Highlights from 2015-2016

- 50% of TRIO SSS who participated in Academic Coaching improved their GPA and 90% have re-enrolled.
- Seven of this year's graduates have enrolled in post-bacc programs (2 Credential, 3 Masters and 2 PhD).
- SSS Students were honored with several scholarships including Research initiative for Scientific Enhancement Scholarship, American Association of University Women Scholarship, Raymond Family Scholarship, Joel Grinolds Memorial Scholarship and the 2016-2017 CSU Trustees Award for Outstanding Achievement.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as we continue to share the latest transformations, opportunities and achievements in TRIO SSS during 2016-2017!



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# TRIO SSS FALL NEWSLETTER 2016

## SPRING 2016 AWARD WINNERS



**TRIO SSS honored Elie Ghasb with their 2016 Senior Excellence Award**

Elie Ghasb graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Bio-chemistry and a minor in Chemistry in May. He wants to pursue a career in medicine and plans to apply to medical schools across the country. In the meantime Elie works as a medical scribe in the Inland Valley Trauma Center. Elie has been an active student in TRIO SSS and a great advocate for the program.

*Congratulations Elie Ghasb!*



**TRIO SSS honored Sonia Perez with their 2016 Faculty /Staff Advocate Award Winner**

Sonia Perez has been on campus for thirteen years. She is currently the coordinator of the Faculty Mentoring Program and Faculty Center. In this position she has matched several SSS students with Faculty Mentors.

*Congratulations Sonia Perez!*

## SPRING 2016 CULTURAL EVENT

Students and staff visited the MOXIE Theatre to see a performance of *Brownsville Song*. The play was inspired by the murder of Tray Franklin, a black college student and promising boxer in New York.



In line with the African Culture, the students enjoyed the African Cuisine at the Café Royale in San Diego



## SPRING 2016 DEAN'S LIST

**Congratulations to the following students who earned a 3.5 (or higher) GPA in Spring 2016**

Victoria Baldan	Jacqueline Garcia	Everardo Martinez
Diana Bautista	Gabriela Garibay	Maria Montero
Andrea Briseno	Elie Ghasb	Roxanne Moretti
Jackelyn Carrillo	Tali Gomez	Brenda Nazario
Crystal Castro	Karina Gutierrez	Abigail Orozco
Graciela Chavez	Lisa Hammond	David Ortuno
Saul Cigarroa	Julianna Hernandez	Irma Pascual
Tanya Cosino	Karen Herrera	Amanda Pedroza
Bernardo Cruz	Edith Jimenez	Maria Quintana
Lilian De Alba	Connor Leone	Carolina Quirarte
Alexa Diaz	Daisy Lopez	Madeline Rayon
Deyanira Fonseca	Silvia Lopez	Lesley Rivera
Alexa Francisco	Rafael Lopez	Steven Robidoux
David Franco	Eileen Lux	Steven Salas
Rocio Fuentes	Susana Magana	Tammy Thai
Juan Galvez	Miguel Manzano	Thi Tran
Alexis Garcia	Angelica Marigliano	Crystal Villalobos

**Congratulations to the following part-time students who have earned a 3.5 (or higher) GPA in Spring 2016**

Jean Aguilar

Ashley Campos

Nancy Cervantes

Sossity Corby

The TRIO SSS Program held its Graduation Ceremony in the Faculty Center May 5, 2016. Families and friends gathered to honor, and share the success of the graduates.

## *Congratulations To...*

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|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Jean Aguilar        | Melissa Flores   | Lisa Hammond    | Latishia Rivera Santiago |
| Nora Avila          | Jennifer Flores  | Donna Lee       | Salvador Roman           |
| Shai Borwick Cooper | Hector Galvez    | Daniel Lopez    | Steven Salas             |
| Tabita Carranza     | Juan Galvez      | Susan Magana    | Cynthia Sandoval         |
| Nancy Cervantes     | Alejandra Garcia | Roxanne Moretti | Nicolas Soriano          |
| Erika Cortes        | Gabriela Garibay | Amanda Pedroza  | Jayme Temple             |
| Andrew Craig        | Elie Ghasb       | Madeline Rayon  | Heidi Uriostegui         |



## DEAN'S LIST RECOGNITION CEREMONY

We had a very successful Dean's List Students recognition ceremony early in the spring. Dr. Chonwerawong gave a motivating talk to the students encouraging them to keep aiming higher.



## TRIO SSS Volunteer Day

The Elizabeth Hospice San Diego was the chosen venue for this year's TRIO Volunteer event.



The TRIO SSS Staff and students volunteered to help prepare activities for Camp Erin which is a bereavement camp for children.



## WELCOME NEW TRIO SSS STUDENTS!

Avigail Alaniz  
Anashea Atempa  
Emanuel Balbuena  
Andrew Baird  
Katie Benitez  
Allison Brown  
Xavier Byrd  
Octavia Cash  
Michael Contreras  
Jemefer Cruz  
Ruby Cruz  
Andres Diaz  
Dannika Dugan  
Jessica Ferguson  
Yesley Fregoso  
Carlos Fernandez  
Yessica Flores  
Jaymes Forsythe  
Marisela Sanchez Garzon  
Benson Gitau  
Maricruz Gomez  
Andrea Green  
Sergio Hernandez  
Stephanie Hernandez  
Ashley Ho  
Josselene Jimenez

Alyssa Juarez  
Michael Kitchin  
Casandra Lopez  
Edith Lopez  
Elizabeth Lopez  
Israel Lopez  
Melissa Lopez  
Areli Lujan  
Ariana Maceda  
Adriana Martinez  
Victor Martinez  
Denisse Melgoza  
Mellany Morales  
Yessica Navarro  
Patrick Pardo  
Marvin Pena  
Adriana Perez

Samantha Perez  
Zachary Perez  
Diana Robles  
Fabiola Rivera  
Maura Rogel  
Angelina Saunders  
Michael Saunders  
Lori Schindler  
Luis Silva  
Zohra Sohial  
Tandice Tamgidi  
Maria Vidaca  
Halie Wierenga  
De'Andre White  
Spencer Williams  
Susan Wong





## Fall 2016 Calendar of Events

### Workshops

<b>Tuesday October 04</b>	<b>12:00—12:50pm</b>	<b>Adulting 101 Part 1</b>
<b>Thursday October 13</b>	<b>12:00—12:50pm</b>	<b>Building Communication With Your Professors</b>
<b>Tuesday October 18</b>	<b>12:00—12:50pm</b>	<b>Thrashing Test Anxiety</b>
<b>Thursday November 03</b>	<b>12:00—12:50pm</b>	<b>Graduate School 101</b>
<b>Tuesday November 15</b>	<b>12:00—12:50pm</b>	<b>Life After Graduation</b>
<b>Tuesday November 29</b>	<b>12:00—12:50pm</b>	<b>Getting Great Letters of Recommendation</b>
<b>Thursday December 08</b>	<b>12:00—12:50pm</b>	<b>Stress Management</b>

### TED TALK THURSDAYS

<b>Thursday, September 29, 2016</b>	<b>4:00pm—5:00pm</b>	<b>“All about Success”</b>
<b>Thursday, October 20, 2016</b>	<b>4:00pm—5:00pm</b>	<b>“The Joy of Time”</b>
<b>Thursday, November 10, 2016</b>	<b>4:00pm—5:00pm</b>	<b>“Money Matters”</b>
<b>Thursday, November 17, 2016</b>	<b>4:00pm—5:00pm</b>	<b>“The Power of You”</b>
<b>Thursday, December 01, 2016</b>	<b>4:00pm—5:00pm</b>	<b>“Stress is Your Friend”</b>