

TRiO SSS SPRING NEWSLETTER 2012

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Hello TRiO SSS students and Welcome to Spring 2012!

As you probably already know, TRiO SSS is constantly looking at our program and services to see what is working as well as evaluating where we can improve. As part of this research, I am excited and PROUD to once again share with you that TRiO SSS students are AMAZING!

Last semester, the CSUSM Office of Institutional Planning and Analysis pulled together some data on the one year continuation rates for TRiO SSS Freshmen and Transfer students and compared them to the general CSUSM student population. Great news! TRiO SSS students surpassed the general student population in retention rates every year for the last three years (students who entered between Fall 2008 and Fall 2010). Here is what they found:

Freshmen (FY) Students (Male/ Female Combined)	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010
CSUSM General Student Population	74.3%	77.3%	79.6%
TRiO SSS Student Population	90.9%	90.6%	86.4%

(TRiO SSS FY students were retained at a rate of 6.8% - 16.6% higher than the CSUSM FY students.)

Transfer (TR) Students (Male /Female Combined)	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010
CSUSM General Student Population	84.9%	84.7%	84.4%
TRiO SSS Student Population	91.7%	100%	92.9%

(TRiO SSS TR students were retained at a rate of 6.8% - 15.3% higher than the CSUSM TR students.)

To follow up this data, I decided to review the performance of our newly admitted Fall 2011 students as well as our continuing students. In Fall 2011, TRiO SSS admitted 49 students into the program. I am pleased to report that ALL 49 students completed the Fall 2011 semester with a Good Academic Standing and all had an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher. But even MORE impressive than that: 32 of these 49 students (66%) achieved a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA! In addition, 97% of our 151 continuing students finished the semester with an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher AND 55 of these students completed the semester with a cumulative GPA at 3.0 or higher!

As I delved deeper into our records, I also learned that the students who finished with an above 3.0 GPA came in to see the TRiO SSS staff for advising and counseling MORE OFTEN (averaging 2 or more visits with a total time of approximately one hour) than those who ended up below 3.0 GPA. Furthermore, 80% of the students who did NOT maintain at least a 2.0 GPA (to stay in Good Academic Standing within the program) had *NOT MADE ANY CONTACTS* with the TRiO SSS staff in Fall 2011. So the “take away” lesson here is: come in and see your TRiO SSS staff! We will help you figure out strategies to maintain or IMPROVE your overall GPA!

Hope your semester has started off well! Keep up the good work!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Heather Northway

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CULTURAL EVENT FALL 2011

TRiO SSS students pose for a group photograph outside the Diversionary Theater in Hillcrest San Diego. The students had just attended a thought provoking performance of the show

Learn to Be Latina.



Berta's Latin American Restaurant, in Old Town, was the place of choice for dinner. The menu included a rich cuisine of Latin American dishes to enrich the cultural experience for our students.

SPRING 2012 EVENTS

CULTURAL



The Spring 2012 cultural event will focus on dance (the date and location will be announced later).

CSUSM TRiO SSS VOLUNTEER DAY

The location is Beaumont Elementary School in Vista. Our student volunteers will participate in a panel for 4th & 5th grade classes and lead a discussion on the importance of a college education.

Look out for more details !

FALL 2011 DEAN'S LIST

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO WERE ON THE DEAN'S LIST FOR FALL 2011, AND EARNED A 3.5 (OR HIGHER) GPA!

Heidi Balvaneda
Constance Bronder
Marissa Cortes
Amber Danks
Pedro Diaz
Aimee Fischer
Kevin Fodor
Delilah Garcia
Nancy Garcia
Bianca Guzman
Jennifer Hernandez
Maria Hernandez

Jenna Jauregui
Ana Mata
Rachel McNamee
Lilliana Mougel
Enriqueta Nunez
Laticia Omondi-Ochola
Rosa Ortiz
Karen Padilla
Kim Pham
Yanely Pinedo
Aurora Ramirez

Brenda Ramos
Dmitri Ranieri
Victor Sandoval
Gary Simmons
Amy Stewart
Kathylee Valdez
Patrick Walsh
Samantha Webb
Wayne Wilkins
Joel Williams
Kristen Yaldo
Carla Zeballos

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

Nora Avila
Marisol Balverdes
Sellenne Cazarez
Viviana Correa

Noelle Cox
Melissa Flores
Christian Gonzalez
Veronica Gonzalez

Miguel Jacobo
Brenda Nazario
Diana Sixto
Olivia Zema
Dalia Zepeda

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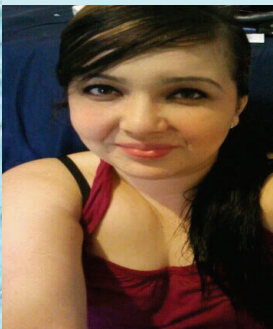
TRIO SSS GRADUATES - WHERE ARE THEY NOW ?



ROSALYN STANLEY graduated in May 2011, and almost immediately left the United States for Spain. She is "...currently living in Valladolid, Spain, teaching English at a Bilingual school."

Although Rosalyn is having a wonderful time travelling she has decided to continue her education in the U.S. A., and has applied for graduate school at California State University Los Angeles (CSULA).

Rosalyn joined TRiO SSS as a transfer student and participated in many of the services such as the cultural and the TRiO Day volunteer events.



MARIA MENDEZ As a first year generation student, Maria Mendez Peralta graduated from CSUSM in May 2010 with a double major in Criminology/ Justice Studies and Human Development as well as a Minor in Sociology. In summer 2010, Maria was accepted into the Masters of Social Work (MSW) program at CSU Sacramento and is an active Title-IVE Stipend recipient.

Maria will complete her MSW at Sacramento State in May 2012. As a Title-IVE recipient after graduation, Maria will be working for Title-IVE funded organizations to complete her two years payback.

Maria recently got married and is expecting her first child in Summer 2012. Based on her educational experience, Maria encourages every undergraduate student to further their education as it will broaden future opportunities.



LINDA CALAGNA graduated in May 2009, and began her journey to find the job of her dreams. It began when she accepted a position with the Department of Defense and moved to Washington State. There she worked in the Naval Sea Systems Command, Financial Department in Puget Sound. Then she transferred to Point Huneme and worked with Naval Facilities, and from there she moved to a position in the Safety and Supply Department at San Diego/Point Loma.

Finally Linda landed her dream job when she was hired by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) located at Camp Pendleton, assisting Special Agents fight foreign/domestic crime. Linda said that she owed her **success to her degree from CSUSM**, because through that she was able to find positions that enabled her to, "...financially take care of myself" which at one time had seemed impossible.

IMPORTANT DATES SPRING 2012

February

6 (Mon) Career Center: Nurse Job Fair Palomar Health 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

March

2 (Fri) Deadline for Completing the FAFSA

2 (Fri) Deadline for the General Scholarship Application

16 (Fri) Last day of class for the first session of Spring half-semester classes*

17 (Sat) First day of class for second session of Spring half-semester classes*

19-24 (Mon-Sat) Spring break

30 (Fri) Cesar Chavez Day—campus closed

April

3(Tues) Job Fair 2011 Kellogg Library Plaza 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

May

11 (Fri) Last day of classes

12-18(Sat- Fri)) Final examinations

18/19 (Fri/Sat) Commencement

24 (Thurs) Grades due from instructors; last day of Spring semester

** Some Fall and Spring semester classes meet in half-semester term.*

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SPRING 2012 WALK-IN HOURS

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 6 , 2012

Joe LeDesma	Tuesday	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Jason Tan	Wednesday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm (effective 3/1/2012)
Heather Northway	Thursday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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