

# TRiO Student Support Services Fall Newsletter 2008 Newsletter

## Director's Message



Welcome to Fall 2008!

Before you race into another busy semester, we invite you to take a moment and reflect on the word "community". This is a word that you will hear quite a bit here at Cal State San Marcos and in TRiO SSS. For example, you may have already come across the phrases "Campus Community", "Learning Community", "Community Engagement" or "Community Service Learning Program". Or perhaps you have noticed that the new CSUSM homepage has a tab labeled "Community" and begins with the statement, "Imagine more for your community".

*Why is the word "community" such an important part of the CSUSM vocabulary?*

"Community" refers to a group (such as students like you!) who lives close together and/or has shared interests. CSUSM very much believes in the concept of community: sharing and helping one another. The community of CSUSM consists of your friends, classmates, faculty,

and staff as well as all the people in the surrounding areas who help our campus with so many services on a day-to-day basis. And, of course, community also includes the TRiO SSS team. Every person within TRiO SSS is here to assist you. We are all working together toward a shared interest: helping YOU to succeed in college and earn your bachelor degree!

In order to make your community the BEST that it can be, remember that it takes YOU as well. A "community" is an ever changing entity that really flourishes the more you put into it. Community on a college campus is something that is created both inside and OUTSIDE the classroom. Community is the energy that bonds people together to build something extraordinary; something even greater than what currently exists. But in order to improve what we already have, it will mean commitment and involvement from YOU.

So, before you settle too deeply into your routine, think about how you may become more involved this year. For example, if you have never attended one of the TRiO SSS cultural events, sign up! These events are free, lots of fun and will connect you with other TRiO SSS students who just might turn out to be great people to add to your study group "community" later in the semester! Another idea might be to come into the Center and make a new friend or share some community time with old friends! Then again, workshops offered by TRiO SSS are another way to get involved. (Plus, you will earn a "contact" and come away with some new strategies to an old problem that you can share with others.) Or, if you are an upper classman/woman, consider being a mentor to a first year student who could really benefit from all your knowledge. Finally, don't forget to look into all the wonderful organizations and clubs that are offered here at CSUSM as well as the amazing arts, lectures and cultural programs on campus. If you are passionate about a topic or cause, CSUSM and TRiO SSS will be happy to connect you with others in the community who share your interests! Every community benefits and is enriched when a greater percentage of people take time to become actively involved.

So, in short - the more YOU BRING to YOUR campus community, the more you will RECEIVE from it. If you need help finding a way to become more involved or fitting something new into your already busy schedule, come in and speak with a TRiO SSS staff person. We have lots of great ideas to help you get better connected with your community and experience more from college in general.

Have a great semester! We look forward to seeing you soon!

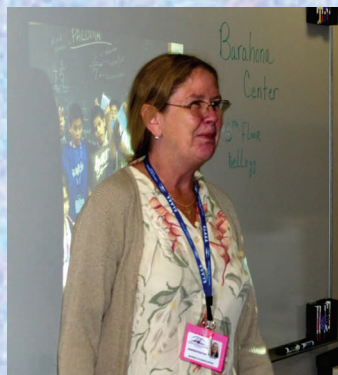
*Heather Northway*

## 2008 FACULTY ADVOCATE AWARD WINNER

### Maureen Dupont

We are delighted to report that Maureen Dupont was our Program Faculty Award Winner for academic year 2007-2008.

Maureen is the Director of the Math Center at CSU San Marcos. She is passionate about math and works hard to create that same passion in her students.



*Congratulations Maureen !*

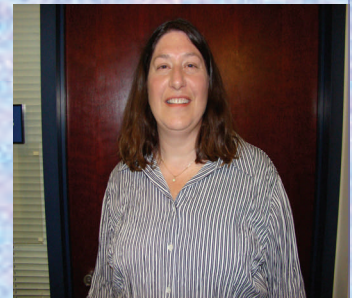
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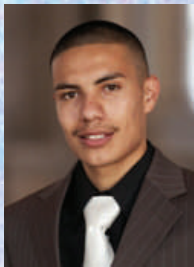
## SSS SENIOR EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, TRiO Student Support Services was pleased to present Kathy Kim with its Senior Excellence Award for 2008. For years, Kathy dreamed of graduating from college and having a career where she would be able to provide health education to adolescents and young adults. She is now a little closer to fulfilling her career goal as she completed her B.A. in Human Development (with a Health Services emphasis) in May, this year. Furthermore, she graduated with an overall 3.67 GPA, earning her a place on the Dean's List every semester at CSUSM and the distinction of Cum Laude at the commencement ceremony.



In addition to her academic accomplishments, Kathy was a founding member and the treasurer of the Kappa Omicron Nu (Nu Epsilon Chapter) honor society for Human Development and Kinesiology. She was also involved in several research fairs and clubs on campus. Finally, she organized several health promotions, volunteered numerous hours for many organizations in the community and served as a research assistant for both psychology and human development.

## HIRAM LOPEZ—A SUCCESS STORY



Hiram Lopez an SSS student, was selected to participate in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Summer Internship.

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) is a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization dedicated to developing the next generation of Latino leaders. CHCI's educational services are designed to provide Latino students with the tools and resources they need to succeed in attaining a higher education.

The Summer Internship takes place every summer (early June-early August), in Washington D.C., for 32 promising Latino undergraduates from across the country that are selected for an eight-week program in the nation's capital. While in DC, interns work in the offices of U.S. representatives. Interns benefit from the leadership development curriculum's emphasis on work experience, community service, and learning. This comprehensive three-prong approach fosters critical professional development and personal growth in the participants. Hiram was placed to work with Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47).

Hiram states:

Through CHCI internship I have:

- ◆ A better understanding of public policy issues and the legislative process.
- ◆ Had the opportunity to meet national leaders who play an essential role in the legislative process so that I can take their advice and use it to achieve my future career goals in the political spectrum.

What I want to do or be doing in five years ?

I see myself graduating from law school becoming a successful Latino lawyer that will endlessly advocate for social justice.

The SSS team would like to wish Hiram the best of luck as he leaves CSU San Marcos and transfers to UC Santa Barbara. .

## LOTTERY GRANT PROJECT

Earlier this year (2008) our SSS Director wrote a proposal for Lottery Grant funds to help us enhance services for our First Year Students. The Proposal was successful and as a result we are able to make add services one academic and the other social.

On the academic side we are going to hire instructors to help you meet your Math and English EPT and ELM requirements. On the social side we are planning additional events/gatherings such as group movies, picnics on campus, bowling, live theater, cultural dance lessons. The events will take place between Fall 2008 and Spring 2009.

Look out for updates ☺

## Great News!



SSS students move  
onwards and upwards  
supporting each other.



## SPRING 2008 CULTURAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



This past Spring, SSS students spent a night taking part in a beginning Salsa class with Majesty in Motion, a dance Company based in San Diego. Students were able to learn some basic moves that they would later use to impress friends and family.

Before class, they were treated to an early dinner at Andre's Patio, a Cuban/Puerto Rican Restaurant in San Diego.

## SUMMER BRIDGE 2008

SSS Summer Bridge students spent a Friday this Summer in Downtown San Diego. Students were treated to Indian cuisine at the Bombay Restaurant before heading off to experience an afternoon at Balboa Park.

While at the park, students participated in group tours of both the Museum of Photographic Arts and the Japanese Friendship Garden



## CULTURAL EVENTS/FIRST YEAR ACTIVITIES

Keep your eyes open for the upcoming Fall cultural event which will be held a few weeks after the beginning of the semester. Check your e-mails frequently to find out when to sign-up.

And for you first-year SSS students, activities are coming up that will help you relax, unwind and meet other students who are in the program. You will be contacted as soon as activity plans are finalized.

## FALL WORKSHOPS

Be on the look out for workshops offered by SSS staff this Fall! Workshops will cover specific topics to improve student development.

## DEAN'S LIST SPRING 2008

Angie Alvarado  
 Maria Arias  
 Liza Baghoyan  
 Beatriz Barron  
 Rachel Brooks  
 Carmen Contreras  
 Simeon Cowart  
 Joanne Dimitrakopoulos  
 Ayashia Duckworth

Alexis George  
 Esther Gette  
 Carmen Guitron  
 Kathleen Kim  
 Lorena Lopez-Vargas  
 Yesenia Martinez  
 M. Mcarthur  
 Nastassja McDonald

Elizabeth Pablo  
 Rosio Preciado  
 Samuel Quinta  
 Mirna Ramirez  
 Anabel Sanchez  
 Lorena Santos  
 Katherine Stallings  
 Yesenia Trejo

## WELCOME ! FALL 2008 SSS FRESHMEN

Amber Bergguist  
 Tabrina Blackmon  
 Constance Bronder  
 Daniel Lopez  
 Ellis Brian  
 Nancy Garcia  
 Jackie Godinez  
 Wendy Leon

Lisamarie Limon  
 Angelica Lopez  
 Stephanie Martinez  
 Maria Martinez  
 Alejandro Montes  
 Karla Montes  
 Lizbeth Montes  
 Erika Montiel

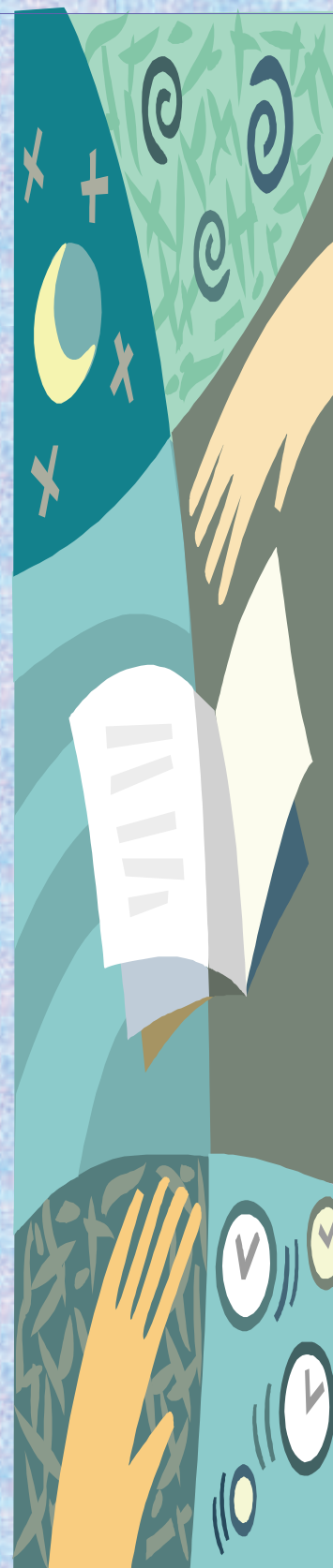
Rafael Navarro  
 Crystal Nunez  
 Karen Padilla  
 Myra Pozos  
 Esmeralda Reyes  
 Veronica Sanchez  
 Yesenia Sierra  
 Kelly Theimthath

## 2007-2008 SSS/ DUAL GRADUATES

Rachelle Acker  
 Cinthia Aquilar  
 Catalina Beltran  
 Allyson Bullock  
 Jacylyn Carraway  
 Juliet Cody  
 Simeon Cowart  
 Ayashia Duckworth  
 Cynthia Garcia  
 Tatiana Garcia

Carmen Guitron  
 Maria Hernandez  
 Meta Kalaher  
 Christopher Kiefer  
 Kathleen Kim  
 Crystal Machado  
 Viviana Martinez  
 Yesenia Martinez  
 Nancy Martinez-Molano  
 Said Massod  
 Esteban Muro

Samuel Quintana  
 Terri Scannell  
 Dina Shenouda  
 Alejandra Sosa-Chora  
 Katherine Stallings  
 Jing Sun  
 Steven Thornberry  
 Onyinyeh Udeh  
 Sarah Villalobos  
 Rasheen Zamayar





## WALK-IN COUNSELING FALL 2008

**Walk-in Hours**      **Effective 9/8/2008**

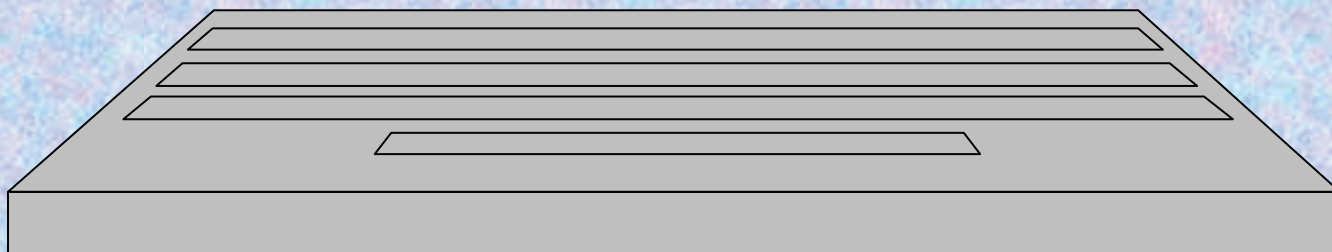
Joe LeDesma	Tuesday	1:00–3:00 PM
Heather Northway	Wednesday	9:00 AM– 12:00 PM
Jason Tan	Thursday	9:00 AM–12:00 pm

### Please Note

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

## AMENDED LAPTOP CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

- ◆ Laptops are issued on a first come, first serve basis
- ◆ Laptops are only checked-out on Mondays after 1:00 PM and must be returned the following Monday, before 12 Noon.
- ◆ If the laptop is not returned within the above stated time limits, you will loose your check-out privileges for that semester.
- ◆ **IMPORTANT:** You are responsible for the costs of replacing a laptop you have checked-out, if is lost, damaged or stolen.



## TRiO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM REQUIREMENT UPDATES

### Mandatory for First Year incoming Freshmen:

Adhere to the course selections provided by the TRiO SSS counselors and advisors for my first two semesters at CSUSM;

- ◇ Attend required Supplemental Instruction sessions if offered during my first year.
- ◇ Satisfy the ELM/EPT requirement within the first year
- ◇ Satisfy the Computer Competency Requirement within the first year
- ◇ Participate in SSS/EOP forums/workshops, campus activities, and cultural events.
- ◇ Understand that any stipend provided will be determined by Federal guidelines and CSUSM TRiO SSS stipulations

### Transfer and continuing SSS students requirements:

Complete **at least two** contacts per semester with TRiO SSS. Of the two mandatory contacts, **one contact** must be with a TRiO SSS professional staff member and the other contact must be completed by participating in TRiO SSS sponsored services. Services include SSS workshops, cultural events and similar activities. Check with TRiO SSS staff FIRST if you are not sure about the event. Activity or service.

#### Please Note:

Your first TRiO SSS contact must take place within the first 6 weeks of school each semester

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 1	Labor Day - Campus closed
Sept. 2	Welcome to SSS Freshman Lunch Hour—University Patio
Sept. 5	Deadline for Faculty Mentoring Program Applications
Sept. 8	Last day to drop classes with no academic record.
Sept. 15	Last day for undergraduates to apply for Spring/Summer 2009 graduation (Applications will be accepted from June 1, 2008 - Sept. 15, 2008)
Oct. 3	General Scholarship application deadline.
Oct. 13	First day for Fall 2008 classes that meet the second session of the term
Oct. 31	Alcohol Awareness Program deadline for completion
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Holiday - Campus closed
Nov. 27 - 30	Thanksgiving Holiday - Campus closed
Dec. 6	Last Day of classes
Dec. 8 - 13	Final Exams
Dec. 25, 2008 - Jan 1 2009	Campus closed - Winter break
Jan 9, 2009	Official grades available on <a href="#">MyCSUSM</a>
Jan 20, 2009	First Day Spring Classes





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