

Student Academic Assistance News

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Director's Corner



Student Academic Assistance (also known as a TRiO Student Support Services) is back in your lives for the next five years thanks in part to you and your write-in support to our friends in

Washington DC: Senator Patty Murray and Senator Maria Cantwell. This is now an aging story to many of you, but for you newcomers, we came too close to closing our program this past summer.

We are a Dept of Education grant program and as such, we are required to write a proposal every four years (now five) to keep us funded, to keep our counselors here, our tutors, and deliver the services that help you compete and complete at SCCC. When a miscue in the grant submission technology occurred earlier this year, we were informed that our program was ineligible for the grant competition. (There are hundreds of SSS programs like ours all across the U.S. all competing for limited dollars.) We were all knocked off our feet, but we got back up and wrote letters, sent emails, left phone messages, and in time...in a great lo-o-o-n-g and

perspiration-filled, oxygen deprived 6 months, the mistake in the technology was acknowledged and, to make it brief, we got our program and our swagger back. OMG! Indeed.

So here we are now at the beginning of fall quarter, charged and ready to go.

This newsletter includes information about our study skills and personal growth workshops offered each week. Look for our schedule for college transfer visits when counselors can take you to campus of the college or university you would like to transfer to. We would like to offer one cultural event this quarter, but we need your input. And think about getting involved in

some school activity to enrich your educational experience, here. For Example: Student Leadership has developed a project geared particularly to SAA students. It's called "Leadership Development Internship. You can earn \$ while joining a dynamic group of fellow students who "support the fun, educational, and thought-provoking activities that Student Leadership organizes and promotes." Talk to your counselor about applying for one of the positions.

Most of all, study well, learn much, use our services, and enjoy your experiences at SCCC.



Dates to Remember

Friday, Oct. 8th—Last day to add classes, drop w/out a "W."

Friday, Oct. 15th —Last day for 50% refund for dropped classes.

Monday, Nov. 8th—Registration for Winter Quarter.

Friday, Nov. 19th—Last day to drop classes.

Friday, Dec. 3rd—Deadline for Winter Quarter Financial Aid Application.

Thursday, Dec. 16th—Last day of the quarter.

What Can SAA Do for You?

Welcome back to Student Academic Assistance (TRIO) at Seattle Central Community College.

With the start of both a new grant period for the program and a new academic year we want to remind you of what SAA can do for you.

We believe that every student has an opportunity to succeed in higher education. Our mission is to support and challenge you to seize your opportunities for success and to continually develop your pursuit of excellence within the academic realm.

Student Academic Assistance provides:

1. Academic tutoring in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and other subjects.

One-on-one tutoring can make all the difference in learning a topic or figuring out a problem.

2. Academic and personal development workshops.

There are better ways to study, organize your time/money and manage your life.

3. Advising in course selection at SCCC.

Get on track to complete your degree, transfer and get it done before you're out of financial aid.

4. Information on student financial aid.

We help you manage your financial aid, scholarships and complete paperwork.

5. Assistance applying for admission to four--year programs.

Do you have all the prerequisites done?

Get help with planning and applying to university.

6. Individualized counseling for personal, career, and academic information.

We provide support and direction on becoming responsible for your learning and growth.

Get the most out of SAA. Meet with your counselor regularly and use tutoring!

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Get to know Mark Bennett

Who Is Mark Bennett: Mark Bennett has been a wonderful TRIO participant and SCCC student for over one year. He has been extremely successful at navigating life's challenges all while attending school and working to provide a nurturing and supportive environment for his young son. We are honored that he has agreed to share some helpful tips for our readers.

Q: What advice would you have for new/returning students?

A: I would tell students to always ask people for assistance and connect with a counselor. Talk with teachers, create a buddy system, and connect with someone in class so that if you miss a class you have a way of getting the course information. It's important to connect with a counselor as soon as possible to help plan your academic path. Don't be afraid to advocate for yourself. Put yourself out there even for little things. Tell your teacher anything that's going on that might conflict with school.

Q: What has been your most favorite experience at SCCC?

A: I like the atmosphere here. Everyone is really geared toward academics, which is really different from what I'm used to. There's a lot of compassion here, and that's awesome. You don't see that as much, so it's really an incredible experience. I've also had great professors for most of my classes.

Q: What have you found helpful about TRIO support?

A: Working with my counselor and telling her what's going on, and not being afraid to ask for help. I had no idea about all of the resources that are out there. There is someone at school that you can connect with; you can create a safe base for yourself here versus just coming in and not knowing anything.

Q: What are your educational/career goals?

A: I have a passion for health, science and service work. My main goal is to stay focused on academics and continue to pursue my interests. I'm still trying to figure it all out. My main aspiration is to be a full-time father to my son and provide the best environment I can for him.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like to tell our students?

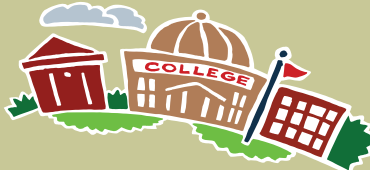
A: Don't be overwhelmed by school, put your work in, and you will get something out of it. Take it seriously, and with help from others, it's easier than you think. People here are friendly and want to help.

Fall Campus Visits

Planning on attending a four year college or university?

Go for a visit with us!!!

The visit includes free transportation, campus tour, and a transfer info session



University of Washington,
Seattle

Thursday, Oct. 28

Seattle University, Seattle

Wednesday, Nov. 17

Seattle Pacific University, Seattle

Friday, Dec. 3

Ask your counselor for details!

Tutoring Services

Tutoring begins Oct. 4th!

Don't wait until the end of the quarter to get help. Start the quarter off right by getting tutored now!

Students in the Student Academic Assistant program are eligible for **two hours of tutoring per week** for each subject they are taking.

Fall Tutoring Hours for SAA

8am-4pm M-F

Room 1102B

Questions? Call us

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Congratulations To Our 2010

Foundation Scholarship

Recipients

Elizabeth Jones

Sara Toppin

Callie LeVina

Oxana Melnik

Jessica Pierard

Jennifer Rubio

Amelia Abiem

Getahun Getahun

Yonas Yihdego

Peichang Zhao

Maryan Maie

Verlee Clifton

Annie Li



FALL WORKSHOPS

10/12 Tuesday

Take Great Notes

10/14 Thursday

Time Management

10/19 Tuesday

Math Success

10/21 Thursday

Choosing a Major

10/26 Tuesday

Write a Great Essay

10/28 Thursday

Students on a Budget

11/4 Thursday

Holistic Goal Setting

11/9 Tuesday

Master Math Problems

11/16 Tuesday

Take Great Notes

11/18 Thursday

Stress Management

12/2 Thursday

Finals 911

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