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TRIO DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES



Director's Message

Welcome back to campus for the 2021-2022 academic year! I hope that each of you are ready for a productive year. We have spent past few months for your arrival with hopes of providing you with a great year! You may have noticed a few changes as well as new faces in our office. Let's take a moment to welcome Madison Davis, Academic Advisor/Study Skills Coordinator and Joseph Sekavec, Math Specialist. I am excited to announce the new Academic Advisor/Tutor Coordinator will be joining us on Monday, September 20th. She will be working with students who were formerly assigned to Charity. They bring an array of experiences and ideas that will enrich life on our DSS Program. We want to continue providing excellent customer service, therefore will we conduct meetings in person and via Zoom to meet your needs. I wish you the best of luck this semester!

Vanessa Souriya-Mnirajd



Fall 2021 Kickoff

The staff of TRIO DSS has been busy at the beginning of this semester reconnecting with our students and forming new connections as students return to campus in full force this fall. Our academic advisor has presented and shared information about our program in several classes. Staff and student assistants have also spent some time talking to students at our information table in the RSC and during the Involvement Fair.

First-Gen 2nd Annual Art Showcase

The First-Generation Coordinating Council & First-Generation Student Organization will be hosting the 2nd Annual Art Showcase in the Cadman Art Gallery of the RSC from Nov. 1st - 19th. This year's theme is Identity. We encourage all of our First-Generation college students with artistic ability to apply. Visit [FIRST Generation Student Exhibit](#) for more information or contact marco.hernandezguillen@wichita.edu. Submissions are now being accepted through October 8, 2021.

Meet Our New Academic Advisor/Study Skills Coordinator



As many of you know, TRIO DSS was happy to add a new Academic Advisor/Study Skills Coordinator this summer. She will be working with students who were formerly assigned to Mercedes and will be tasked with organizing, planning and presenting study skills workshops, running our social media, and supervising our DSS Ambassadors program among other duties.

"Hello! My name is Madison Davis and I am the new Academic Advisor/Study Skills Coordinator for TRIO Disability Support Services. I worked for TRIO DSS as a Peer Tutor and Writing Specialist from January 2018-December 2019 when I graduated with my B.S. in Criminal Justice. Afterwards, I began graduate school here at Wichita State and graduated with to a role with my M.A. in Criminal Justice in May 2021. I am excited to be back at TRIO DSS and I look forward to getting to know all of my students."

Fall Study Skills Workshops

This semester has gotten off to a great start and in-person workshops at TRIO DSS have resumed! Our first workshop was a syllabus party and goal-setting workshop so students could start the year off right! Our upcoming workshops are a mix of financial literacy, study skills, and life skills workshops and we will have various guest presenters from different departments here on campus. All workshops will be streamed via Zoom for those who do not wish to attend in person.



Upcoming Study Skills Workshops

Date	Time	Topic and Presenter
Tues. September 21st	3:00	Career Pathways Management by Career Development Center
Wed. October 6th	12:30	Completing FAFSA for 2022 by Office of Financial Aid
Tues. October 19th	1:00 PM	Advocating For Yourself by Madison Davis, TRIO DSS
Wed. November 3rd	1:00 PM	Planning For End of Year Success by Madison Davis, TRIO DSS
Tues. November 16th	1:00	Mental Health Awareness by Counseling and Prevention Services

Meet Our New Math Specialist



TRIO DSS has hired a new Math Specialist, Joseph Sekavec. Our Math Specialist is available to help students who are needing assistance in understanding concepts for specific class assignments but may not require tutoring services for the entire course.

"Hello, my name is Joseph Sekavec. I am a senior majoring in mathematics and computer science. I am also a math specialist for TRIO DSS. It is my objective to attend a PhD program after my bachelor's degree is finished, and then to become a professor. Some of my interests outside of work/school include martial arts, learning more about coding, volunteering as an assistant coach, and of course, YouTube and video games."

Math Specialist Hours

Joseph will be available in the DSS office for drop in services during the following days and times:

Monday	11:00am - 12:00pm
Tuesday	10:30am - 1:30pm
Wednesday	11:00am - 12:00pm
Thursday	10:30am - 1:30pm
Friday	8:00am - 5:00pm



Fall 2021 Tutor Program

TRIO DSS tutoring has begun for the Fall 2021 semester. Contact your DSS Academic Advisor today to request a tutor. Both virtual (ZOOM) tutoring and in-person tutoring sessions are offered. WSU guidelines on social distancing and mask wearing will be strictly enforced for your protection. There are tutoring rooms available with plexiglass to provide additional protection. Tutoring rooms can be reserved ahead of time by calling the DSS office at 316-978-5949. Last day to request a tutor for the fall semester is October 29, 2021. Act now and secure a tutor as soon as possible!

Become A DSS Tutor

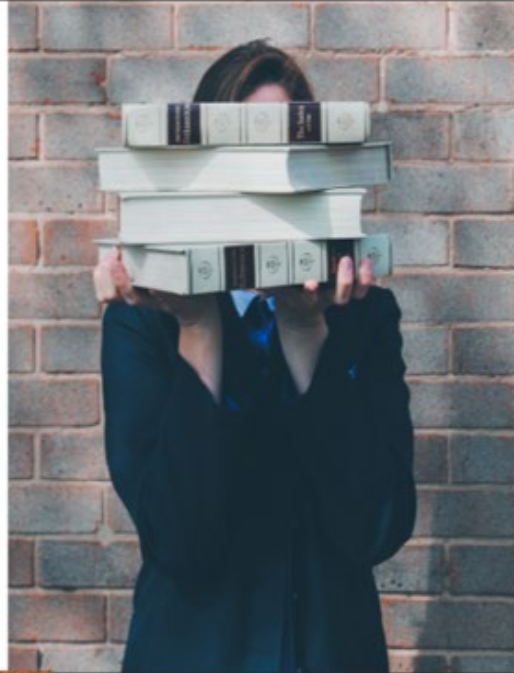
Do you enjoy helping others? DSS staff members encourage you to consider becoming a part-time peer tutor for TRIO DSS. We currently have regular and work-study positions open for the Fall 2021 semester. For more information, email Vanessa at vanessa.souriya@wichita.edu or contact the TRIO DSS Office at (316) 978-5949 Monday-Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm.



Study Tips For Success

Our main goal at TRIO DSS is to ensure that all of our students persist and graduate. We are dedicated to providing the resources to help our students succeed. The following study tips are from our most recent workshop Learning Styles, presented by the Office of Student Success:

- Take brain breaks! Studying or doing homework for too long without a break can actually cause you to forget important information.
- Use alternative methods like acronyms and songs to help you retain information
- Use an agenda so you don't forget assignments or fall too far behind.



- Submit your tutor request for Fall 2021
- Returning students complete Intent to Continue for FL 2021
- Continue to meet with your advisor for monthly meetings

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Keep up to date with our future events and much more!

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Study Skills Website: <https://www.trio-dss.webnode.com>

