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TRIO DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES



Director's Message

Dear Students,
 It is with great pleasure that I welcome you back to another great school year. We are committed to maintaining health and safety standards while helping you on the road to graduation and professional success! I encourage you to take advantage of the free tutoring, academic and life skills workshops, study skills development, and importantly meet with our DSS advisors on a regularly basis. The DSS staff and I are looking forward to a new semester! I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate our fall graduates, students who received academic commendation and made the Dean's list, and our scholarship recipients. Congratulations on your academic achievements!



TRIO DSS Director,
 Vanessa Souriya-Mnirajd

Valentine's Day Community Service

Do you want to do something special this Valentine's Day? Here is your chance! Send a heartfelt letter to residents of the Plaza North Senior Residences. TRIO DSS joins the McNair Scholars Program as part of a community services project in an effort to help encourage senior citizens in our community. TRIO DSS invites you to give back to the community by participating in this fun event!

We will have Valentine cards available for you to pick up or you may create one in between your classes at the office.

You may email or send your letter to your DSS Advisor by Friday, February 11th to ensure residents receive their cards on Valentine's Day. Contact your DSS Advisor for additional information.

Tri-Alpha at WSU

The induction ceremony for the Tri-Alpha First-Generation Honors Society at WSU was held on November 12, 2021! This organization recognizes the academic achievements of first-generation college students as well as faculty/staff who identified as first-generation college students. Faculty, staff and students who were inducted received certificates, honor cords, and a lapel pin. We encourage you to join Tri-Alpha if you are a first-generation student. Please contact LaWanda Holt-Fields at 978-3139 or Vanessa Souriya-Mnirajd at 978-5949.



Spring 2022 Tutor Program



Tutor Requests

TRIO DSS tutoring for Spring 2022 semester has begun. Contact your DSS Academic Advisor today to request a tutor. Both virtual (ZOOM) tutoring and in-person tutoring sessions are offered. University 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 spring semester is March 25, 2022. Act now and secure a tutor as soon as possible!

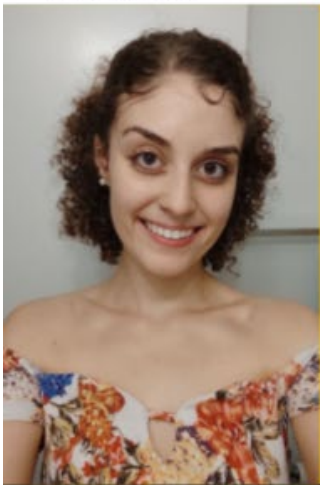
Mark Your Calendar

Mid-Semester Conferences will occur during the week of February 28 – March 11, 2022.

If you receive tutoring at any point during the spring semester you are required to attend a mid-semester conference with your DSS tutor and DSS Academic Advisor. Mid Semester conferences gives you the opportunity to reflect on your tutoring experience, to voice concerns, and to address strategies for improvement.

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 Spring 2022 semester. For more information, contact the TRIO DSS Tutor Coordinator, Shukura Bakari-Cozart at shukura.cozart@wichita.edu or by phone at (316) 978-5949 Monday-Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm.



Welcome Our New Lead Tutor: Magdalena Mollo Vinoly

Hello, my name is Magdalena, and I am a senior at WSU majoring in Statistics with a minor in Anthropology and I have an associate degree in Mathematics. I have been a peer-tutor for about 4 years now, both at WSU and at previous schools I attended, where I also received tutoring services. Throughout these years I have seen the difference peer-support can make when it comes to students' success, and I love being part of a group of students that focus on helping fellow students reach their academic goals. As a Lead tutor I hope to get more involved as I keep learning alongside my peers. Working with other students and seeing them progress and gain confidence in themselves are my favorite things about being a tutor. I am excited about the opportunity of being part of TRIO DSS as a Lead Tutor and I am looking forward to helping my peers this year as I finish my degree.

DSS Writing and Math Specialists

TRIO DSS has a Writing Specialist and Math Specialist who are available for drop in tutoring services. Our specialists will be available in the DSS office for drop in services during the following days and times:



Writing Specialists: Mira Hawkinson

Mon & Wed 12:30pm - 5:00pm
Tue & Thurs 9:00am - 12:00pm



Math Specialists: Joseph Sekavec

Mon & Wed 11:00am - 12:00pm
Tue & Thur 8:00am - 10:45am
Fri 9:00am - 5:00pm



Spring 2022 DSS Workshops

TRIO DSS workshops aren't simply something we want students to do to kill time: we hope they are helpful! Students need to complete at least one financial literacy and one study skill/career development workshop each semester, to help students feel more confident in their studies and after graduation.

There are hundreds of resources over a range of topics centering on financial literacy, study skills, life skills, career development, and more at www.trio-dss.webnode.com, through the TRIO DSS BlackBoard listed under "My Organizations" and called "TRIO DSS Online", during our bi-monthly hosted workshops, one-on-one with your advisor, or through other departments on campus such as the Office of Career Development and the Ablah Library! Students, don't forget to fill out your pre and post surveys to receive credit. Contact the Study Skills Coordinator, Madison, at madison.davis@wichita.edu with any questions.

Spring 2022 Workshops Hosted by TRIO DSS

All workshops hosted by TRIO DSS for Spring 2022 will be conducted in person in Grace Wilkie Annex RM 163 unless noted otherwise.

Reminder: To receive program services, all participants are required to complete one Study/Career Development Workshop and one Financial Literacy workshop each semester during the 2021-2022 school year.

Date	Time	Workshop Topic and Presenter
02/15/2022	1:00-2:00PM	Citing & Formatting Using MLA (Ablah RM 217) by Angela Paul, Ablah Library
02/16/2022	1:00-2:00PM	Citing & Formatting Using APA (Ablah RM 217) by Angela Paul, Ablah Library
03/02/2022	1:00-2:00PM	Time Management by Office of Student Success
03/24/2022	1:00-2:00PM	Resume Workshop by Maggie Slack, Career Development Center
04/06/2022	10:00-11:00AM	Lifestyle Simulation by Madison Davis, TRIO DSS
04/22/2021	1:00-2:00PM	Workforce Skills (NACE Competencies) by Madison Davis, TRIO DSS

Study Skills Tips For Success

Time Management

1. Make a weekly or daily to-do list
2. Reward yourself when tasks are complete
3. Schedule your "me" time
4. Read the syllabus and plan from it
5. Prioritize and schedule what you need to do

Test Preparation

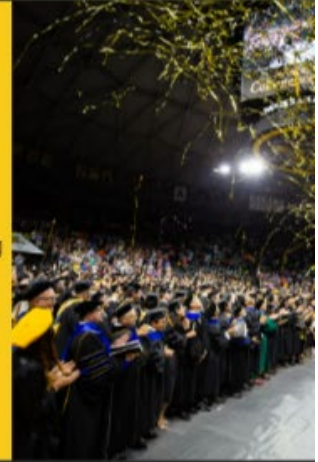
1. Make flashcards
2. Don't cram!
3. Verbalize what you know – tell/teach material to others
4. Identify your problem areas
5. Take advantage of extra credit

Congratulations Fall 2021 Graduates

TRIO DSS is so proud of all our graduating seniors' accomplishments. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck moving forward and we are here to support you on your journey as you continue with your careers.

Athena D.	BS Criminal Justice	Ryan R.	BS Mechanical Engineering
Angel D.	BAE Elementary Education	Tasanya R.*	BA Psychology
Samuel E.	BGS Communication	Aunjnae W.	BA Psychology
Lillian N.*	BS Biomedical Engineering	Skylar W.	BBA Entrepreneurship
Trey O.*	BGS Art History		

*Graduated Magna Cum Laude



Fall 2021 Academic Achievement

TRIO DSS is so proud of all our students accomplishments. We would like to acknowledge and congratulate all of our students who made the Dean's List or received Academic Commendation.

Dean's List

Akila B.	Michael M.
Cameron F.	Lillian N.
Alice F.	Trey O.
Margaret H.	Derek O.
Emily H.	Anita S.
Megan H.	Tristin S.
Hayden K.	Terrence T.
Lynn K.	



Academic Commendation

Emmie B.	Rena K.
Emily B.	Daniel L.
Athena D.	Heather M.
Justin G.	Antonio R.
Jennifer H.	Joseph S.



Spring 2022 Scholarship Recipients

DSS Grant Aid Award

Joseph S.

Phillip Bowers Memorial Scholarship

Emily H.

Educational Opportunity Fund Scholarship

Akila B.	Daniel L.
Kenzie B.	Michael M.
Devyn F.	Dylan M.
Elleana F.	Timothy R.
Emily H.	Jacob R.
Breonna J.	Joseph S.
Lynn K.	Tristin S.

Call For DSS Ambassadors

Do you want to beef up your resume? Do you love being a part of TRIO DSS and want to share your love of TRIO DSS with other students? Are you at least Sophomore standing? TRIO DSS is currently looking for students who fit the criteria to join our DSS Ambassador program. TRIO DSS Ambassadors help staff with enrollment by tabling with the staff (in normal in-person semesters), presenting to classes, talking with other TRIO DSS students, and dipping their toes into new activities such as social media planning, graphic design, and student engagement initiatives! Contact Madison at madison.davis@wichita.edu to discuss becoming a TRIO DSS Ambassador today!

Guiding Students



Toward Success



Make an appointment to meet with your DSS advisor as soon as possible to determine which services you will need and how we can best help you achieve your goals for this semester. Advisors are available via Zoom, phone, email, and in person appointments.

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TRIO Disability Support Services

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TRIO DSS Staff

Vanessa Souriya-Mnirajd, Director
Shukura Bakari-Cozart, Academic Advisor/Tutor Coordinator
Madison Davis, Academic Advisor/Study Skills Coordinator
Kayleen Hallberg, Administrative Specialist/Database Manager

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<https://wichita.edu/dss>

Facebook: Trio Dss

Twitter: @trio_dss

Instagram: wsu_trio_dss

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

