Welcome Back!

Welcome Back! 2014 brings change to Student Support Services. Celeste Zuniga will be serving as the Interim Director for the McNair Scholars program. Because of her expanded role with McNair Scholars, her work with the Leadership Certificate program will be transferred to Tiffany Snider and Dory Pohl will oversee the SSS tutoring program. We thank Celeste for her service and look forward to a continued partnership between SSS and McNair.

Several academic, career and professional development workshops are planned for spring 2014 and included in this newsletter. We hope you take advantage of these workshops and our other services and opportunities including:

- Individual tutoring
- Career exploration
- Personal counseling/development
- Academic counseling and development
- Graduate school and career visits
- Financial and economic literacy
- Reference library (http://www2.css.edu/app/depts/sss/book/)
- SSS Loft (available 24/7)

Best wishes for a great semester!

Dory Pohl
Director, TRIO/Student Support Services

Encounter Clothing Drive

The SSS Leadership Certificate program continued its tradition of organizing a community service event by collecting winter clothing for the Encounter. Andrew Schreyer, Senior English major, led the project by organizing a team to market the initiative and collecting clothing items. We are happy to report that 100 hats, 12 pairs of gloves, six scarves, and four jackets were donated. Andrew delivered the items to the Encounter on December 17 and all involved were thanked by Encounter Director, Erick Hermanson. Thank you to Samantha Grob, Lydia Grommish, Ryan Roderick, Jenny Nguyen, Madeline Gregersen, and Andrew Schreyer for making this project such a success.

Participants who helped with the clothing drive are eligible to earn SSS Leadership Certificate program points. Please contact Tiffany Snider @ tsnider@css.edu for more information about enrolling in the Leadership Certificate program or if you have questions about how you can earn points.
The SSS leadership certificate program is intended to encourage you to gain the skills you need to be a leader on and off campus. Certificate earners will be honored at an SSS event held in the spring and it looks great on a resume or application. The program is designed with 3 tiers in mind, 30 points earns you the SSS Leader, 60 points earns you the Saint’s Leader, and 90 points earns you the Scholastica Leader. If you are interested in enrolling in the leadership certificate program, please contact your SSS counselor.

Activities can be either on or off campus. Anything you see fit can be submitted as a leadership activity. If the activity is questionable of earning points, the Leadership Certificate coordinator will consult with the rest of the SSS staff to determine points earned. Please be advised that most activities with a thoughtful reflection will earn points. The form must be submitted during the academic year the activity was done. You cannot submit a form for an activity that was done prior to this academic year starting.

SSS staff will inform you of planned SSS events that will earn points, but feel free to do activities/events that are non-SSS events, on or off campus, and submit the form including a short reflection to earn points.

How do you earn points?

**Leadership Events 5pts:** Any event on or off campus or hosted by SSS that requires you to do a presentation, lead a group discussion, or facilitate a meeting can be counted toward the Certificate Program. Regular club activities and class work cannot be counted. The event must be longer than one hour.

**Professional Development 3pts:** Any event that requires you to work on your resume, cover letter, personal statement, CV, interview skills, or networking can be counted. Events can be off or on campus. For example: the annual CSS event called Saints helping Saints is a professional event.

**Cultural Immersion Events 2pts:** Any event on campus or in the community that immerses you in a socioeconomic or geographic culture different from your own can be counted.

Upcoming SSS activities that will earn points towards your leadership certificate.

• Attend one of the spring semester events as listed on the events calendar and your google calendar.

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### Student Support Services Spring 2014 Events Calendar

All sessions and times are subject to change.
Consult Google Calendar or an SSS staff member for up to date information.
You can accept the Google Calendar appointment or talk to your counselor to sign up for any events.

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<td>Topic - Life/Work Balance Tutors, SSS and SI</td>
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<td><strong>TUES</strong> 25 How to Choose a Graduate School T1115 - 3:30-5:30 p.m.</td>
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Alumni Spotlight

Name: Jenny Lund
Year Graduated: 2006
Major: History
Current place of employment and position: The College of St. Scholastica, Library Specialist – Interlibrary Loan & Reference

How would you describe your college experience and what were some of your most memorable moments from college?

My college experience was challenging in several ways. I was the only one in my family to graduate high school and the first to go to college. It was challenging to figure out financial aid, decide on a major, and figure out class schedules on my own. Some of my courses were particularly challenging. I appreciated this later because it made graduate course work seem less intense than I had imagined it would be. Beyond the course work, life became more challenging. I had to deal with chronic illness, family crises, financial hardship, lack of transportation, etc. When you’re in college, you don’t expect life to push you to the ground, but when it does, it helps to have people that care. CSS is full of people that care.

My most memorable moments are all the little everyday ordinary things like taking the stairs up to Tower Hall, walking through the Peace doors, visiting with friends in the Union. At the risk of sounding incredibly dull, I will also say that I always loved opening the library Saturday mornings. I liked to walk through 3rd floor before turning on the lights so the only light was the sunlight coming in through the stained glass. I can’t imagine starting a day at work in a more peaceful way.

Tell us a little about the path that lead you to your current position?

When I was in high school, I was Alumni Spotlight in The College of St. Scholastica’s Upward Bound program. My Upward Bound advisor, Brian Lokken, arranged for me to shadow the faculty and staff of the CSS library. I really enjoyed coming to such a peaceful place and working with such great people. When I came to CSS as a student one of the first things I did was apply for a job in the library.

After graduating, I eventually got a job at Lake Superior College in the Harold P. Erickson Library as the part-time evening Library Technician. I worked at LSC for 3 years, but I always dreamed of coming back and working at the CSS library again. I started in August and I couldn’t be happier.

Because of your current position, what advice do you have for current students about accessing the CSS library and its resources?

First, please visit us and get familiar with our website. There are a lot of resources available to help you find books and articles, learn a new language, figure out APA or MLA citations, or find something to read for pleasure. Second, don’t be afraid to ask for help. You can visit us in person or you can call 218-723-6140, text 218.422.6942, email library@css.edu. You can also find us on Facebook.

Money Matters... FAFSA Information for Students

January is the beginning of “financial aid season” for the next academic year. It is now time to complete your 2014-2015 FAFSA. The FAFSA can be completed online at www.fafsa.gov anytime after January 1, 2014. DO NOT delay as submitting your FAFSA early will maximize your chances for college scholarships. There are several important changes to the 2014-2015 FAFSA. Please review the attached document for updates. You can also visit The Minnesota Office of Higher Education at www.ohe.state.mn.us for additional financial aid information. The College of St. Scholastica also offers information and assistance on completing the FAFSA at http://www.css.edu/Administration/Financial-Aid.html.

Your Student Support Services counselor is another great resource for FAFSA assistance. Please set up a time to meet with your SSS counselor for help in completing this important financial document. We are here to help and want all of our students to have the opportunity to earn the maximum amount of financial assistance that is available. We hope to see you soon!
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