

Southern Oregon University

TRIO-SSS Newsletter

Spring Term - June, 2021



Congratulations Graduating Seniors!

We just want to take a moment and congratulate our outstanding graduates. We have over 30 graduating seniors this Spring/Summer 2021! While this has been a unique year we no less honor our students who have shown such resilience and brave the economy in this time. Graduates please join our [TRIO-SSS Alumni group](#); we want to be able to stay in touch with and provide you with updates. Feel free to update us anytime about your life's accomplishments, we love to hear from you. Stay in touch with your Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS Family! Don't forget to keep us updated by filling out our Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS alumni update form- click [HERE!](#)

Congratulations!

To our outstanding students we wanted to announce your amazing accomplishments. Well done students, thank you for your accomplishments.

- TRIO-SSS Students elected @ Associated Students of Southern Oregon University (ASSOU):
 - Franklin Paul Jeffers, Non-Traditional Senator
 - Brenda Ledezma, Accessibility Senator
- Tamara Gruenhagen has been selected to receive one of 20 BEST scholarships nationwide. This is the second year that TRIO-SSS from SOU has had a scholarship winner. Look for the BEST scholarship in Fall from your TRIO/SSS Advisor.



Tamara Gruenhagen and Chris Mahan, TRIO-SSS Advisor

Have an accomplishment you want to share, email your TRIO-SSS advisor with the details and see your name appear in our next newsletter.

Welcome TRIO-SSS Peer Mentors and Ambassadors

TRIO-SSS has started two new initiatives. These opportunities are great for your resume and being more involved in TRIO-SSS.

TRIO-SSS Peer Student Mentors

TRIO-SSS has hired three (3) Peer Student Mentors to work with TRIO-SSS students. Peer mentors are successful TRIO-SSS students who have been chosen to help guide you to be the best student you can be. Peer Student Mentors can guide you student to student through helping connect you to campus resources, talking about campus challenges, share ideas and tips on study and organization and so much more. Peer Student Mentors are currently designing a Summer and Fall weekly program where students can join into discussion on college topics. Stay tuned for more. They also meet individually with students. You can ask your TRIO-SSS Advisor to refer you with our TRIO-SSS Peer Student Mentors. **This service is exclusively for TRIO-SSS students.**



TRIO-SSS PEER STUDENT MENTOR

KATIE
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MAJOR: SOCIOLOGY
& ANTHROPOLOGY

MINOR: ARTS

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DURONVIL

MAJORS:
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CRIMINOLOGY &
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Coming in Summer - Interested in knowing more about our Peer Student Mentors check out our website, more information and options to book appointments with our TRIO-SSS Mentors will be available on June 12, 2021.

TRIO-SSS Ambassadors . Welcome TRIO-SSS Ambassadors; TRIO-SSS thanks you for joining this awesome team. Staff and ambassadors are working to make the TRIO-SSS brand more visible on campus. TRIO-SSS Ambassadors are volunteers who believe that the TRIO-SSS project is a great resource for students. TRIO-SSS Ambassadors have strong communication skills, go getter attitude, and a good understanding of the SSS project. TRIO-SSS Ambassadors talk to incoming students about how the SSS program works and may develop events and activities to help promote the SSS mission. Our TRIO-SSS Ambassadors meet bi-weekly, every two weeks, for brainstorming and logistics for events and activities. If you are interested in becoming a TRIO-SSS Ambassador we will be taking more applications in Fall 2021, please let your advisor know of your interest. Please help welcome our 6 ambassadors below.

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MILLS-MORROW

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ADMINISTRATION
MINOR: PSYCHOLOGY



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MINOR: EMERGING MEDIA
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MAJORS: INTERNATIONAL
STUDIES AND SPANISH



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Summer Opportunities

Summer is upon us and we wanted to share some good news with you. TRIO-SSS will be providing **summer tutoring and peer mentoring!** Tutoring in Math and Writing will be available over the Summer. In the past this has not been possible but this year we are able to expand our services to include summer tutoring! Check out our [website](#) for details and hours (Summer Term tutoring and peer mentoring hours will be published on June 12, 2021).

Our fabulous TRIO-SSS Peer Student Mentors will be hosting their own summer sessions. Stay tuned for more information. Interested in knowing more about our Peer Student Mentors check out our website (by June 12, 2021), more information and options to book appointments with our Mentors will be available.

Fall 2021 Classes - Scholarship

Students please look for our Fall 2021 classes in scholarship. Chris Mahan, TRIO-SSS Advisor, has been teaching this course for years and has helped many students increase their scholarship funding. Fall is a great time to take advantage of scholarships and get a fast start. This class helps keep you on track for filling out your FAFSA/ORSAA, as well as scholarships applications. You will learn to write more effectively and increase your chances of receiving scholarships. This course also introduces the BEST scholarship that two of our TRIO-SSS students have won in the past. As with all of our classes the scholarship course is 1 credit and free to TRIO-SSS students. CRN 1532 or 1533 in person for Fall 2021. Let your advisor know if you have any questions or concerns.

**Fall Term 2021
TRIO-SSS Class
One (1) free credit**

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Scholarship Class

CRN 1532 or CRN 1533

This course will teach you how to successfully write and apply for scholarships. The class will culminate in submitting scholarships to the organizations of your choice.

Exclusive for TRIO-SSS students
Contact your TRIO-SSS Advisor for more details

Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS is hiring peer tutors!

Are you looking for a Fall job? Want to work and contribute to support your TRIO-SSS colleagues on campus? Apply now to be a TRIO-SSS peer tutor! **Handshake Posting #3882651**

Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS is hiring for Fall! We are looking for students with demonstrated knowledge in the area of tutoring, patience, professional, strong interpersonal communication, energetic and hardworking to join our tutoring team.

Preferred Subjects: Math, Science, Language, Anatomy and Physiology, Writing and Others

You must to apply through Handshake- Peer Tutor - Handshake Posting #3882651.

Work-study not required.

August - Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP) application

For those of you who are graduating this year (Spring/Summer 2021) or next year (Fall 2021, Winter 2022, or Spring 2022) please consider applying for the Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP) in August. WRP program is a work program to help students with disabilities get a job in the federal government. This free program connects postsecondary students and recent graduates with disabilities to federal employers who are seeking to hire for internship and full-time positions. The WRP is managed by the U.S. Department of Labor and the Department of Defense. There are limitations but students fill out the application in August and interview in September and the session closes in October. For more information visit:

<https://www.wrp.gov/wrp>

Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. If your household is eligible, you can receive:

- Up to a \$50/month discount on your broadband service and associated equipment rentals
- Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands

A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household. To receive the connected device discount, consumers need to enroll in the EBB Program with a participating provider that offers connected devices (not all service providers offer device discounts). The service provider will provide the discount to the consumer.

The program will end when the fund runs out of money, or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the COVID-19 health emergency, whichever is sooner. More information at: <https://getemergencybroadband.org/>