Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS
Newsletter - 1st. Edition / December 2020

Message from Director's Office

Welcome all Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS students. Welcome to this new and different term. We are not in person, but we definitely continue to work to support you. We know that this term can give us all a new perspective of challenge. As President Schott said in her welcome to the Spring video, we must **"be kind to yourself and to others. We are operating under high levels of stress. We will not be perfect, but we can be good and overcome this together"**. Indeed, we want to reaffirm that we are together and we will overcome this together. Our staff is committed every day to work from different corners to be able to keep offering you our services. Our tutors and administrative staff (Academic Advisors and Office Specialist), as well as myself, we have not stopped working and coordinating, with other offices, services for your benefit. Proof of this was when last April 8 *TRIO / SSS Five Minutes Financial Aid Wellness Check* was offered remotely with the Financial Aid Office. This activity we will be held again on May 6. Also, from the first day of this Spring Term 2020, we have made our remote tutoring services available to you.

Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS is committed to serve TRIO-SSS students as effectively as possible while doing everything we can to keep our community safe and healthy. While campus restrictions related to COVID-19 are in place, Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS will provide services remotely via video conferencing, email, phone, and Google Hangouts.

TRIO-SSS will be closed to all walk-in traffic until further notice. TRIO-SSS advisors will be meeting with students virtually. Please contact your TRIO-SSS advisor to coordinate. TRIO-SSS Computer Lab will be closed until further notice as well. Online TRIO-SSS Tutoring Services are available during this term. At all times, our Academic Advisors as well as our Office Specialist have been working tirelessly to adapt and reinvent ourselves to our new working reality. I thank all of them for their commitment to support you. Now it's up to you to take advantage of all the support we have to offer you. Once again, you are not alone, together we will overcome this.

Finally, please remember to keep reading your email frequently because conditions may change. Do not forget to visit https://sou.edu/campus/notifications/ for SOU Coronavirus (COVID-19) updates and resources.

Please feel free to leave a voicemail at 541-552-6062 and we will get back to you as soon as possible or contact us at success@sou.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS Online Tutoring Services

Tutoring Services are offered in a variety of subjects for students participating in the Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS program. Tutors support Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS students with coordination of homework, planning for tests, supplemental instruction, to name a few. TRIO-SSS tutors include Writing, STEM, Study Skills, and Spanish, please our website for current listing.

Tutoring Information:

- This year we have added a new writing agreement. In order to meet with a writing tutor, you need to complete the writing agreement and send it to our writing tutor. Please see our website for specific instructions.
- Best practices include meeting with a writing tutor before you start writing anything. As soon as you get your assignment bring the instructions to a meeting with our writing tutor and work out an outline.
- Regardless of what tutoring you are seeking please be prepared for tutoring sessions. Sit in a comfortable quite place, have pen and paper ready with your study materials.
- Have a tutoring goal; "by the end of this tutoring session I want to have read the instructions with my tutor for my Spanish 101 assignment".

Winter Term Tutoring Services began on January 04, 2021

Due to COVID-19 – TRIO-SSS will be closed to all walk-in traffic until further notice.

Due to COVID-19, TRIO-SSS will provide online tutoring services during Winter 2021.

- Please, if it's possible, book services 24 hours in advance. You will be able to book up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the slot available. Please consider your availability carefully before booking online tutoring services.
- Online tutoring is not a drop off service. You will need to be online to meet with the tutor and participate in the tutoring process.

For more details and book an appointment you can visit

https://inside.sou.edu/success/tutoring.html

Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS Online Advising Services

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1. Download the Navigate app by looking for *Navigate Student* in the App Store or Google Play
2. Sign-in using your SOU username and password
3. Complete the intake survey

If you have questions about How to book an appointment with your TRIO-SSS Advisor you can check our video tutorial at https://inside.sou.edu/success/schedule.html

Spotlight on Success at Southern TRIO/SSS Alumni

Genesis Beas was selected to represent The Northwest Association of Educational Opportunity Programs (NAEOP) at their -remotely- Policy Seminar in Washington, DC. on March 22-25, 2020, sponsored by the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE). At the Policy Seminar, which includes a two-day advocacy session with panels of legislative experts, Genesis had the opportunity to share her story to members of Congress and illustrate the positive impact TRIO programs, such as Student Support Services (SSS), make on our communities. She not only represented the NAEOP, but also Oregon and Southern Oregon University (SOU) and its Success at Southern/TRIO SSS program.

Genesis graduated (Cum Laude) in June, 2019 with a Bachelor of Science major in Sociology & Anthropology and a minor in Spanish. During her years at Southern Oregon University (SOU), she participated actively in many campus programs, beginning with the Success at

Southern/TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Program. She held the position as Multicultural Club Coalition Coordinator, served as PEAK and Lead Student worker at the Hannon Library Circulation Desk, and had the opportunity and honor to serve as President of the Latino Student Union. She also collaborated for two years helping out the First-Year Mentor Program, and held a full-time AmeriCorps position as their College Access Corps Coordinator. Genesis is currently working at Southern Oregon University/AmeriCorps as the Latino Programs Coordinator.

NAEOP includes the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. NAEOP provides a venue in which all TRIO and similar programs may support the success of low income, first generation and underrepresented students to obtain a quality education.

Spotlight on Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS Students

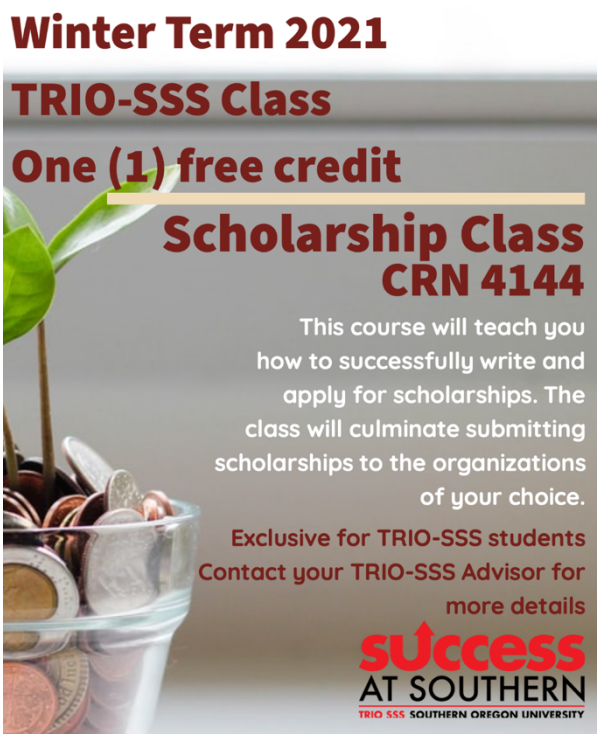
- Bringing Education and Success Together (BEST) Scholarship- **Karma Mills-Morrow**
- "Don't Know Much About Geography" Scholarship – **Sarah Ross**
- The SOU Retirees Association Scholarship – **Sarah Ross**
- Sherm and Wanda Olsrud Scholarship **- Janeen McGinnis**
- Theatre Committee Scholarship - **Janeen McGinnis**
- American Association of University Women Scholarship – **Tina Springer**
- **Yesenia Cortes** - Accepted in the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Nursing Program

If you want to share with us your achievements, please contact your TRIO-SSS Advisor. We will be very happy to know more about your achievements.

Winter Term 2021- Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS Classes

Success at Southern/ TRIO-SSS will offer **two one-free credit classes** during Winter Term 2021. **Scholarship Class.** This course is available to students enrolled in the Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS program. This course will teach students how to successfully write and apply for scholarships using the OSAC, SOSA, and FORD. The class will culminate in each student submitting scholarships to the organizations of their choice. **Academic Development Class.** This course provides activities for students to learn skills and academic navigation challenges that have been identified by research as barriers to academic success. Some

activities may include planning future schedules, reviewing different ways of taking notes, study habits and skills and more. This class will be required for students who are on academic standing, SAP, or recommended by your TRIO-SSS Advisor. **Contact your TRIO-SSS Advisor for more details.**



New Initiative – TRIO-SSS Ambassadors

A new initiative has started at Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS. ***We are recruiting ambassadors for our program!*** *What is an ambassador*? An ambassador is an accredited person who is representing an entity such as a country, a company, or in this case a federally funded program. The **Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS Ambassador Program Initiative** encourages the active participation of **its students and Alumni in promoting Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS services through presentations, orientations and/or events to current and prospective TRIO-SSS students. The TRIO-SSS Ambassador is a Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS student or a Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS Alumni who will work directly with TRIO-SSS Staff to promote**

services and help engage TRIO-SSS current students into the different services provided by Success at Southern/TRIO-SSS.

While the ***TRIO-SSS Ambassador position is voluntary*** it provides you with excellent skills that you can put on your resume as well as networking opportunities at conferences and events. TRIO-SSS Ambassador must have strong communication and organizational skills, the capability to connect with students, a level of self-awareness and confidence, works well in a team setting, to be committed to all required activities and training sessions and enjoys helping others. TRIO-SSS Ambassadors will be selected by a committee integrated by administrative and faculty staff members. ***TRIO-SSS Ambassadors Cohort 2020 will be published during Winter Term 2021 so apply now.***

Visit our website at https://inside.sou.edu/success/success-at-southern-trio-sss-ambassador-initiative.html if you are interested in knowing more about this initiative (minimum requirements, expectations, benefits, among others) apply for this position.

We are here to support, help, encourage, teach, and inspire you, as well as learn from you. Let's pull together and work together to help one another be better.

Stay tuned for our next edition

Your Success at Southern /TRIO-SSS Staff Team