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God turns coal into diamonds with time and pressure. He may be doing the same with you

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## Student Award and Graduate Recognition Ceremony When: May 10, 2017 Time: 1:30 in the afternoon Place: Jesse Stone Lecture Hall Attire: Black & White or Navy Blue & White All SSS students are invited We hope to see you, tell all your SSS friends



The Winner for Trio SSS Dress for Success Contest is Ajanae' Lee and Honorable Mention is Beatrice Wright.



### TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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For many of our TRiO Student Support Services students, this term will be the final semester before reaching graduation/transfer goal here at SUSLA. For many students, the transition from a community college may be an overwhelming experience. Adjusting to a new environment and processes make it far too easy to miss a deadline or get derailed along the way.

Here are a few tips that can help to alleviate some of the stresses for transfer students:

Attend Orientation Sessions Attending these sessions will not only help you to meet other transfer students, but you will also learn crucial information about your college.

Utilize Your Resources Successful students are the students that seek help form others.

**Connect With Mentors** Your first semester may be tough at first, you are experiencing a new environment with new people, and you may feel overwhelmed. Connecting with past professors, or new ones, advisors and the people who know you best to keep you motivated.

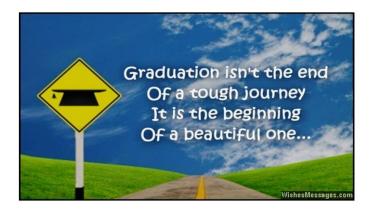
Avoid Missing Important Deadlines Avoid missing important deadlines such as financial aid, campus housing, class adds/drops and tuition payments. Missing important deadlines could create unnecessary barriers.

**Breathe** Take things slow. Take time to adjust to your new environment and learn to adapt to new study techniques and a new academic culture.

Best of luck to all the students that will be graduating/transferring after this semester. For students returning next semester(Fall), our TRiO SSS team will continue to assist and provide services to each participant.

Best Regards,

Karen B. Coco, SSS Director







As you approach the midterm of the spring 2017 term, you may be wondering if, in some of your classes, you are going to meet your own academic expectations.

The midterm period is an excellent time to evaluate your academic progress in each of your classes. These are among the many questions you could be thinking about at this time.

Am I going to pass this course? What must I do to improve my grade? My performance/attendance hasn't been good, what can I do to recover? I think I did alright but, what could I have done to do better?

Student Success Center and Student Support Services want to help you to achieve a better academic outcome. Check out the following examples of what students, who have certain academic standings must do to stay in school.

lf you are/have	You are required to	You should
On academic probation now	Earn at least a C average (2.0) during this current semester and if you don't you will be suspended for one semester	Contact your advisor or call 670-9282 as soon as you can
been reinstated for financial aid this semester following an appeal and you have signed an academic plan	Meet specific requirements as specified in your academic plan and if you don't, you may not be eligible for financial aid. You must pay attention to the accumulation of hours you have attempted to know exactly what you are required to do.	Contact your academic advisor and review the requirements of your plan so your required GPA can be determined
Planning to enroll in Nursing or other programs that have selective criteria	Meet that criteria otherwise you will not be selected	Want to find out where you stand now rather wait until you apply for the program to find out.

The time is now! Contact your advisor at 670-9282 and make an appointment to discuss any issues you are experiencing with your classes.

## ELITE CLUB AT CHRISTIAN SERVICE HOSPITALITY HOUSE SOCK DRIVE





#### TR<mark>i</mark>O DAY

During the cold weather season TRIO SSS ELITE Club held a White Sock Drive, and in the spirit of the cold, wet weather SSS students, friends and families have donated warm white socks. The Elite Club kicked off the sock drive in January 2017, and socks were donated to needy families; during this year TRIO Day of Service on March 25, 2017. "A BIG Thank you to all of our supporters."

~Ajanae' Lee, Elite Club President

## **SGA CONVENTION 2017**





# Benefits of Tutoving

# Counselor's Corner



#### Something to Ponder . . .

#### Why not wait for tutoring until trouble happens?

Getting help with course work is always a good idea – no matter when it happens. Even when it occurs at the last minute, getting help with a paper, or help understanding important concepts, or help studying for a test, can make a difference. However, starting early to work regularly with a tutor – especially for a difficult subject – can make a significant difference. Here are three reasons why starting tutoring early can help you succeed.

• **Real learning takes time**. Starting with a tutor early in the semester gives your student a chance to learn concepts slowly and solidly.

• Early work with a tutor helps your student **grasp foundational concepts** on which more difficult work may be build. Getting the basic building blocks early can prevent difficulty later in the semester; it's a proactive approach.

Beginning early with a tutor means that there is **time to change tutors** if that is necessary. All tutors are not alike. If the match-up isn't right, there is time to make changes before crunch time occurs.

~ Linda Robinson, Tutorial Counselor

## 6 exciting education trends for 2017

Teachers live in constant states of reinvention. By design, the role of an educator is to examine current states both within the classroom and within the world and find ways to adjust and pivot depending on what is in the best interest of students and learning. Perhaps more than any year in recent past, 2016 incited many questions and unknowns for teachers – leaving room for much uncertainty, but also offering great opportunity for exploration and growth.

By: Jennifer Williams, January 17, 2017

Read more from Jennifer's Blog on https://English .com/blog/education-trends



# 2017 Spring Career/ Transfer Fair

The 2017 Spring Transfer fair was held on April 24, 2017 from 9:00am-12:00pm on the campus of Southern University at Shreveport in the gymnasium. Not only was it a Transfer/College Fair it was also a combined Career and Health/Financial Awareness Fair. The hosts for the event were Dr. Tuesday Mahoney, invited the Employer Vendors, Ms. Urina Holt, invited the Health and Financial Awareness Vendors and Deloris Surles invited our four year institutions.

The students met with the various representatives. The services offered were designed to develop or improve students' academic and post-secondary success decisions, women's health and child development, as well as assist with career job placement and financial awareness.

Prizes were given away throughout the event. Earlier in the month of February a Resume Writing Contest was sponsored by Trio Student Support Services. The winners of the event were announced at this event: they were Armesha White and Marsha Smith.

Any questions regarding transfer please contact.

~ Deloris Surles, Transfer Counselor

Fine Arts Building, Room C-15.

Mr. Bell - Educational Pounselor



# 2017 STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES GRADUATES









# Hats off to our Graduates!

# **Congratulations!**





I hope your dreams take you... to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known."



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