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Internships and Working the "Right" Jobs

By: Karen Coco, Director

We in TRIO/SSS know you are working hard – both in your classes and in your work study or off campus jobs. We know it's scary to see that first student account statement and wonder, "How will I ever pay for this?" Your TRIO/SSS Counselor is here to help you figure out your payment planning and options, but I really want to talk about why it is actually *important* to work during your college years.

Yes, it's difficult to balance school work, sports, activities, service or volunteer commitments, family, faith commitments... AND to have to work a bunch of hours to pay for school. We always encourage full-time college students to reduce

work commitments to a maximum of 20 hours a week so you can maintain that balance in your life, but did you know that employers actually *want* to see college work experience when they are hiring? According to a study published in the Chronicle of Higher Education, and cited in Business Insider, "employers place more weight on experience, particularly internships and employment during school vs. academic credentials including GPA and college major when evaluating a recent graduate for employment." Now, don't go telling people that Aly at TRIO/SSS said your college grades don't count—because they *do*: when you study hard and earn good grades, you are more likely to get a competitive internship. So it's *all* important. But don't dismiss the work that you do in your part time jobs! Aim for the jobs that give you skills that can help you get other jobs. These are called transferable skills and the trick is to highlight that work on your resume and in your interviews as you move along in your college and work career.

Don't forget to stop by and visit with your counselor before the semester ends.

Our focus remains the same—**YOUR ACADEMIC SUCCESS!**



The Pros & Cons of Community Colleges by Scholarships.com



Community college is not what it used to be—in fact, there are major incentives to attending a local junior college. Not to mention the obvious financial advantage, junior college is a place where you can knock out your general courses and explore your other interests on a schedule that works for you. In my own experience, I found that junior college was a great place for me to figure out what major I was going to pursue and where I would eventually obtain my degree from. One of the most impressive professors that I have had the pleasure of learning from taught at the community school I attended, and some of the most interesting people I have ever met went there—think famous rock stars back from a tour in Europe just looking to learn a little Spanish. Maybe I just got lucky, but I'd like to think that community schools can offer something to everyone.

Pros



- **Cost of Tuition**

- The most obvious reason that students attend community college is for the financial advantage. Many junior colleges cost less than two thousand dollars each semester to attend full time. Attending community college gives students the chance to prepare for the financial demands of a 4-year university if they plan on transferring.

- **Flexible Schedule**

- Many students don't realize that if they plan on working while attending school, community college is hands down, the best option. They offer far more night classes than other universities and more schedule options. The workload, unfortunately, is lighter than a state school or private university and attendance is not usually required.

- **Give students an opportunity to explore major options**

- Instead of spending thousands of dollars at a private university towards a major that you are less than sure of, consider attending a community school while you are making your decision. Classes cost less, so you will have the opportunity to explore interests that you might not have otherwise pursued.

- **Smaller Classes**

The class size is surprising to most students because the tuition is so reasonable. While classes aren't as small as those of a leading [private university](#), many have as few as twenty students. In a smaller class, professors have the opportunity to learn more about their students. Likewise, students will find their teachers more accessible and can get assistance

Cons



- **Limited Curriculum**

- Typically, community colleges are 2-year schools. If you plan on obtaining a 4-year degree you will have to transfer to another university at some point. If you're looking for a permanent residence, this probably isn't the best place for you.

- **Lighter Workload**

The workload is significantly lighter than at a [state university](#) or a [private college](#). There is sometimes very little course work aside from major exams but keep in mind that college is what you make it - putting in the time is entirely up to you.

- **Uninvolved Students**

- This is probably the biggest deterrent for the junior college: Many of the students are uninvolved. Few have plans for an academic future outside of what they receive at the junior college level—and they study accordingly. This causes tension in the classroom, particularly with more accomplished professors who are not accustomed to dealing with complacent students. Outside of the lecture itself, classroom discussions are rarely stimulating as they are carried on solely by the professor and one or two enlightened individuals. Good news for the dedicated student: The professor will recognize your potential and reward you accordingly.

- **[Campus life](#) (or lack thereof)** Junior colleges do have clubs and organizations, but campus life is not an integral part of the atmosphere. For most students at community schools, their schedule revolves around work and classes are done in the mean time. If you are looking for a lively social scene, again, community college is probably not for you.

The Path to College Graduation **By: Mr. Bell, Educational Counselor**

The path to college graduation is more uncertain than ever: nearly one-third of undergraduates leave after their first year and many require six years to complete their studies. Every year across the United States, a significant number of students fail to complete their college degrees. Here at Southern University at Shreveport, Student Support Services provide students with the necessary tools to help them deal with life situations. Student Support Services provide students with the opportunity to take advantage of workshops that are taught each semester. We offer workshops such as Time Management, Resume' Writing, Excel, Study Skills, and many other workshops that will assist students in college and in the world. These are some of the tools that Student Support Services equip our students with to be successful in today's world.

Counselor's Corner



Deloris Surles-Transfer Counselor

FYI

Transferring to a different college can be a scary and hectic time for any student. Throughout my career as a transfer specialist, it has been noted that Trio Student Support Services Students' are prepared regarding things like where classes are located and if their classes are going to transfer. Fortunately, all their fears quickly fade. That is because Student Support Services' staff expose their low-income, first generation students to campus tours so that they are prepared to transfer to four-year institutions. A transfer workshop is presented each semester. Yes, if you are interested in transferring to a four-year institution come into the office and visit with

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Ten Tips Why Tutoring is Beneficial

1. Improves academic performance
2. Can be customized to each student's needs
3. Improves study habits
4. Improves self-esteem
5. Helps develop critical thinking
6. Encourages intellectual independence
7. Challenges high performing students
8. Improves social skills
9. Helps manage learning difficulties
10. Personalized, direct feedback

THE ELITE CLUB OFFICERS

Ajanae' Lee (Current President)

Chasity Baines (Vice President) and
(President-Elect for January)

Rosilyn Williams (Treasure)

Ashli Thomas (Vice President-Elect
in January)

Latarian Walker (Sergeant-At-Arms)

Michaela Williams and Asia Collins
(Assistant Secretary)

Candice Slater, Jacob Peterson, and
Daria Thomas (Event Planners)

Tutoring Services Expanding for Fall 2017 . . . ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM

The TRIO Student Support Services Tutorial Program is a gem for all of you in need of additional help with your classes this semester. We have nine tutors waiting to assist you during the hours of 8 am-5pm, Monday-Thursday in the F Bldg., NCR 101. The tutor and areas in which they specialize are as follows:

Math tutors — Sheeza Ali, Elizabeth Oluwabunmi, Chelsea Croft, Isaiah Nwokolo, Faith Adefemi, and Ahmed Kareem.

Science tutors – Sheeza Ali, Faith Adefemi, Isaiah Nwokolo, Basha Adger, and Chelsea Croft.

English tutors – Elizabeth Oluwabunmi, Kayla Allen, Basha Adger, Ahmed Kareem, and Jeremiah Brown.

We are expanding our tutorial services to meet the needs of students who are unable to visit the tutorial lab by offering ZOOM. Zoom is a high definition video conferencing and desktop sharing software. The service is free for 40 minutes for each conference session with up to 25 participants. The information listed below will tell you more about ZOOM.

What is Zoom Link?

- Web, audio & video conferencing. • Used for online meeting. • Group messaging. • Screen sharing. Use on Windows, Mac, iOS (iPhone/iPad) & Android (phone/tablet).
- <https://zoom.us/j/5493394208>

How do I get a zoom account?

Visit your email inbox and **open** the email from **Zoom.us**. Click the link provided in the email to activate your **account**. After clicking the link, you will be given the opportunity to activate your **account**. Do this by providing your First Name, Last Name, a Password, and confirm the Password then click Activate.

How do I use zoom?

To join a scheduled meeting:

You can click on the URL link that is in the description section of the calendar invitation or calendar reminder.

You can copy the URL link and paste it into your browser's address bar.

You can start the meeting from your zoom client directly.

How does Zoom app work?

Once you have the **Zoom app** installed, tap the **zoom** application icon on your iOS device to open **Zoom**. Once the **Zoom app** is open, you can choose to Sign In or Join a Meeting. Once you sign in, you will be able to host, schedule, and join meetings. You can also chat with contacts via Group Messaging.

Please take advantage of these services and get to know a tutor and see how they can help you in your classes this semester. -- *Linda Robinson, Tutorial Coordinator*

Student Support Services Workshops and Campus Events



2017 Fall Elite Club Fashion Show



50th Anniversary Celebration



Welcome Week Fall 2017



Cheerleaders in SSS



How to Make It on a College Budget Work-



Money Management Making Cents of
Your Money Workshop

COLLEGE TOUR OF NEW ORLEANS



Student Support Services traveled to New Orleans, LA. We visited (3) universities in the New Orleans. The purpose of this tour was to allow student an opportunity to see what other HBCU's have to offer. The universities visited included Dillard, Xavier and Southern University in New Orleans. Students were able to see the difference between a private and public institution.

Candice Slater stated:

I really appreciated the chance to visit the (3) HBCU's. It really opened my eyes to the success and progress bestowed upon these institution. We visited three universities and, out the three (3) Xavier was my favorite. Xavier defines everything I think about when I dream of college. They offer state-of-the-art technology, clean environment, and highly sought after academics, which helped to draw my interest to Xavier University.

Ajanae' Lee stated:

The colleges were a lot of fun to visit. All of our tour guides at each university were very articulate. They were very detailed and informative. I felt the most welcome at Dillard University and the most comfortable at SUNO. This was a great experience. I learned that our former president Barack Obama spoke at two commencements at Xavier University.

Carlissa Pennywell stated:

I had a great time on the trip. Touring these four-year HBCU's has been a real eye-opener. Even though, I will not be attending any of these schools, it was still a great time. What I learn about these universities we visited, they have their own rules, regulations, and pride for students. For instance, Dillard University students are not suppose to walk on the middle grass on campus until they graduate.

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