

SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE

SSS/TRiO Talk

Welcome SSS/TRiO Director, Lolita L. Mack



Welcome students to the Fall 2011 semester at Southeastern Illinois College. My name is Lolita L. Mack and I am the new Director of Student Support Services at SIC. I have been a TRiO Advocate since I was a high school student in the Upward Bound Program. I have been a student and/or employee of Upward Bound and Student Support Services for approximately 15 years. I was also employed at Southern Illinois University Carbondale as an Academic Advisor for the College of Engineering. I am extremely excited to join the SSS staff here at SIC. I expect a great 2011-2012 academic year for our new and returning SSS students. We will have a variety of new and creative events/activities and we hope that you all will actively participate.

Please take your time and read the weekly newsletter to receive updated information on SSS events and activities. Also make sure to read the requirements for the Supplemental Grant Aid and let the SSS staff know if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to assisting you with grant assistance, but you all must actively participate in the program's events and activities. I will be available to answer any questions that you have regarding the SSS program and your academic success.

We have arranged the events and activities for various time blocks and online so that you all will not have to miss a class. Remember WE WILL NOT give excused absences for students to attend the workshops and activities. Prior approval should be discussed with instructors for the trips and conferences offered to the SSS participants. There are many opportunities for attending the workshops and trips without missing class.

Again, I am excited about joining the SSS staff at SIC and I'm looking forward to meeting you all over the next couple of months. Feel free to stop by my office in the E-Building Room 120. Thanks for welcoming me with open arms and I intend to return the favor. ~Lolita



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DATES:

Workshops will be held in the VPAC Lobby (E-Building)

Oct 5 Grant Aid Meetings 12:30 & 2 pm

Oct 12 Money Management 12 pm

Oct 14 Study Skills 12:30

Nov 2 Goal Setting 12:30 pm

SIU & USI Trips TBA

"ENVISIONING YOUR FUTURE WITH SUCCESS THROUGH TRiO"

FALL WORKSHOPS

Grant Aid Orientation Meetings

Wednesday, October 5, 12:30 and 2:00, VPAC

Interested in learning how to earn scholarship money in TRiO? Join us at one of the two meetings to receive the paperwork for the upcoming scholarship competition. If you plan on competing you MUST attend one of these meetings.

Money Management

Wednesday, October 12, 12:30-1:30, VPAC

Are you drowning in debt? Wondering how to pay for college? Never seem to have enough cash? Need to plan for the future? Can't figure out how to make ends meet? Get a grip on your finances with this workshop where budgets, student loans and affording life will be discussed!

Study Skills

Friday, October 14, 12:30-1:30, VPAC

As you begin a new semester this workshop will review your learning preferences and help you find more study tips to utilize your style. The workshop will also include some tips on note taking, utilizing study aids, and effective ways to self-quiz or test.

Goal Setting

Wednesday, November 2, 12:30-1:30

This workshop will reflect on the barriers and/or obstacles that sometimes cause us to give up on our dreams or ideas. Learn how to identify the obstacles and make a concrete plan to succeed.

Fun with Math

TBA (Watch your email & campus flyers for date and time)



Advisement

Students please see Joni if you have questions regarding academic advisement, transfer, admission to a university, or financial aid at the university. It is not too early to begin thinking about transfer! If you are an Education major planning to transfer Fall 2012, remember that you will need to take the Basic Skills Test this semester. Feel free to call, email, or drop by if you have questions!

GRANT AID SCHOLARSHIPS

The new round of Supplemental Grant Aid Scholarships will begin in October.

How Do I Qualify?

1. SIC student with 2 semester enrollment in SSS/TRiO
2. Verify FAFSA/Pell Eligibility
3. Letter of Application
4. 2.5 OGPA and 2.5 for the Semester
5. Attendance, Participation, & Completion of Required SSS/TRiO activities
6. Attendance of the Mandatory Grant Aid Orientation Meeting
7. Other requirements as determined by the SSS/TRiO Director

GRANT AID ORIENTATION MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2011- 12:30 & 2:00 PM
VPAC LOBBY

You are **guaranteed** to miss out on **Vital Information, Scholarships, Food, Drawings** and **much more** if you do not **CHECK YOUR SIC EMAIL DAILY!** Can you be reached easier by a different method? Please let us know how to reach you.

Have you changed your phone number or address? See Lisa to update your data in our system.

TRIO STUDENT OF THE MONTH



SSS/TRiO would like to congratulate Kristen DePriest of Harrisburg for her selection as TRiO “Student of the Month”.

Kristen earned a Business Management degree at SIC and also worked in the college’s business office. Kristen also contributed to the SSS program by presenting a Money Matters/Financial Literacy workshop with instructor Dan Holt for the SSS/TRiO students. She is also an accomplished musician.

Along with academic achievement, Kristen received national recognition at the PBL Awards of Excellence on June 26. DePriest competed in the Small Business Management Plan and brought home fifth place. This competition consisted of a written small business plan and oral presentation. DePriest’s plan was developed for an organization that schedules music for weddings and other special events, which she plans to open in the future.

Congratulations Kristen!

Free Tutoring

Are you falling behind in your classes? Do you need someone to proof your essay? Do you need someone to help you study for an upcoming exam?

If you answered ‘yes’ to any of these questions you should stop by the Student Success Center in A145D. It is located in the hallway next to the Library (Galatia Corridor).

The Student Success Center offers **FREE** tutoring in most subjects and tutoring is available Monday through Friday. They also have two computer labs available for student usage.



TRiO Lab Rules:

- *Free printing for SSS Students only
- *Printing allowed from Angel or SIC Library Database
- *Lab is a QUIET area for our TRiO students
- *No cell phones or food please



SSS LAB HOURS



Fall and Spring Semesters:

Monday – Friday : 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Summer Semester:

Monday – Thursday : 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

Newsletter:

TRiO Talk (Semester Edition)

TRiO Talk (Weekly Mini Newsletter)

Lolita L. Mack, TRiO SSS Program Director

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Provides TRiO students
assistance in:

- ✓ Financial Literacy
- ✓ Personal Enhancement
- ✓ Academic Retention

Joni Pulliam, TRiO SSS Program Advisor

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Provides assistance for
TRiO students in:

- ✓ Course schedules
- ✓ Transfer assistance
- ✓ Academic advising

Anita Lowery, TRiO SSS Education/Technology Coordinator

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Provides assistance for TRiO
students:

- ✓ Developmental courses
- ✓ Tutoring
- ✓ Technology questions
(online courses)
- ✓ Social networking/Web

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Provides assistance for
TRiO students:

- ✓ Student supplies
- ✓ Lab assistance
- ✓ TRiO Student
Advocate



Free Services Available to SSS TRiO Students

Free Tutoring
Academic & Personal Counseling
Career Center
Textbooks (lab use only)
Specialized software
Private Computer Lab
Culture Enrichment Activities

Free Printing for Notes &
Assignments (Course & Angel)
Study Skills & Personal
Development Workshops (online &
face-to-face)
Transfer assistance
University Trips

Supplemental Grant Scholarships
Peer and Faculty Mentors
Financial Aid & FAFSA Assistance
Financial Literacy Information
Free tuition for ENG 105 and READ
106 classes
Free Tickets to on campus cultural
presentations

TRiO Program Requirements

1. First-Generation College Student
2. Low-Income based (Receive Pell)
3. Documented Disability (Registered with SIC ADA)
4. Over a 2.0 GPA, making progress on Associates Degree, & plans to transfer to a university preferred (certificate programs not eligible)

**Join SSS/TRiO Online**

WEB: www.sic.edu/sss

PHONE: 618-252-5400 (EXT. 2435, LISA SEETS)

TOLL-FREE: 1-866-338-2742

FACEBOOK: Southeastern Illinois College Student Support Services TRiO Program (search & click "Like")

TWITTER: TRiO SIC (search & click to "follow")

BROADTEXTER: SIC TRiO, www.broadtexter.com to enroll for free or email Anita Lowery

Follow Student Support Services TRiO With Social Networking

**STUDY TIPS**

Are you studying in a good environment?
Library? Bedroom? Kitchen table?

Be realistic and honest with yourself. Are you talking or texting? Listening to Music? Studying with friends?

Be aware of **HALT**—are you Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or Tired? Stop and solve the issue before trying to study.



Do you have study tools ready: Calculator? Highlighters? Paper, pen and pencils?

Need help studying? See SSS staff or a tutor in the Student Success Center!

TRANSFER

Are you transferring after graduating from SIC?

See Joni for assistance.

It's NEVER too early to start on transfer plans!



**SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE/TRiO SSS
2011 CALENDAR**

Fall Semester – 2011

September 14	Back to School Bash (11:30 am -1:00 pm)
October 5	Grant Aid Meetings (VPAC 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm)
October 6	Credit Card Use & Abuse (A221: SIC Community ED Register 252-5400 ext. 3213 by September 13)
October 7	Staff Development Day (Classes meet until 11:30 am)
October 7	Mid-Term
October 10	College Closed for Columbus Day Holiday
October 13	Money Management (VPAC Noon) with Lolita Mack
October 14	Study Skills (VPAC 12:30) with Anita Lowery
October 14 & 15	Big River: The Adventures of Huck Finn (VPAC 7:30 pm)
October 16	Big River: The Adventures of Huck Finn (VPAC 2:00 pm)
October 19	Health Fair (Community ED: 9:00 am-noon) B-Building
October 26	Understanding the Basics: Investing & Scams (Com. ED) (Noon B114: Register 252-5400 ext. 3213)
November 1	Personal Improvement Plan with Joni Due by 4 pm
November 2	Goal Setting (VPAC 12:30 pm) with Joni Pulliam
November 8	Native American Story Teller (Community ED) 10:00 am & 7:00 pm (SIC Auditorium, B126 E & W)
November 11	Veterans Day – College Closed
November 23-24-25*	Thanksgiving Holiday – College Closed
November 28	Classes Resume
December 2 & 3	The Madrigal Feaste (VPAC 6 pm)
December 4	The Madrigal Feaste (VPAC 12:30 pm)
December 7	Final Exam Study Kits (Student Center-11:00 am-1:00 pm)
December 9	Grant Aid Applications Due by 4 pm
	Scholarship & Transfer Letters Due by 4 pm
December 11	G.F. Handel’s Messiah (VPAC 2:00 pm)
December 12-13-14	Semester Final Exams
December 14	End of 2011 Fall Semester
December 20	Offices Close at 4:30 pm
December 21-January 1	Offices Closed