

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

DIRECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Welcome to all new and returning students...

This year at Three Rivers College is starting off with an explosion—for we have a student body count that is over 4,000! So this will be the year that Three Rivers becomes the preeminent leader in education for the southeast Missouri region. We at Student Support Services (SSS) are here to give our students that extra bit of attention that may be needed to help them succeed in the Three Rivers academic setting. For our new students, we hope that all of you become acquainted with all of the SSS personnel and services that are offered. To our returning students, it is a pleasure once again to be able to serve all of you and I wish everyone success for the upcoming year. As you may have noticed, Student Support Services and Educational Talent Search have merged under their true banner of Trio; we will still continue to offer our great services, but we want to promote our ETS contributions for those who have graduated under that program.

There is also one more noticeable addition, and that is the implementation of Supplemental Instruction in SSS. This brand of academic support will be elaborated more in this newsletter, but we want our students to take full advantage of this newly minted program. Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a program that provides peer-facilitated study sessions that are led by qualified and trained students or instructors for targeted classes. This program is designed to help maximize the students' learning and comprehension abilities providing a platform for students to become more in-depth in the rigors of their respective academic discipline outside of class. To find out more information about SI, please come see Richard McGill, our Assistant Director. I am looking forward to another successful year and wish everyone the best of luck!

Sincerely,

Bomani Spell, Director TRiO Programs



NACOLE KILLIAN

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Nacole Killian was chosen to be the SSS Student of the Month for September 15th to October 15th.

Nacole is an adult-returning student who lives in Doniphan, MO. She is planning to enter the nursing program next fall after completing her general education requirements this year. She has been an exemplary SSS participant. Not only is she a participant, she is also active in the SSS program as a mentor to other students.

Nacole's dedication to her education, while juggling work and her family epitomizes what a participant of Student Support Services should be. The SSS staff are constantly impressed with Nacole and wish her the best of luck finishing her degree.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN SSS THIS SEMESTER?

- Recruiting new participants! New Three Rivers students who are eligible are encouraged to apply.
- Supplemental Instruction: Be on the lookout for this new service.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Located in A106 @ Noon

- October 5th: Test-taking
- October 19th: Transfer Seminar
- October 19th: Campus Visit MSU
- October 26th: Midterm Celebration!
- October 28th: Campus Visit MSU
- November 2nd: Time Management
- November 16th: Reading
- November 30th: Stress Management



2011 SSS SUMMER PROGRAM

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

Our new assistant director of TRiO programs, Richard McGill, has been working diligently to implement a new Supplemental Instruction program at Three Rivers.

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is an academic assistance program that utilizes peer-assisted study sessions. SI sessions are regularly-scheduled, informal review sessions in which students compare notes, discuss readings, develop organizational tools, and predict test items. SI is being offered in the following classes:

A&P I, Intro to Chemistry and Intermediate Algebra

If you have any questions about SI, please contact Mr. McGill at 840-9650.



SSS STUDENTS IN TLC



SSS STUDENTS VISITING MIZZOU

HOW STUDENTS QUALIFY

Student Support Services is a federally funded program designed to assist Three Rivers' students who qualify to become better college students, stay in college, and graduate. You are eligible to become a participant of Student Support Services if:

You are a first generation college student—neither of your parents has a 4-year degree; or

You meet the low-income guidelines—qualifying for financial aid usually means you qualify; or

You have a disability that is documented—including a learning, physical, or mental disability.

SSS SERVICES

Advising & Counseling

SSS advisors help students to navigate the Community College system, decide on majors, develop better study skills as well as offer personal, career, academic and financial aid counseling.

Tutoring

Participants may receive one-on-one and small group tutoring provided by qualified peer tutors who are familiar with the requirements and expectations of Three Rivers instructors.

Seminars

Various study skills seminars, in addition to transfer workshops, are offered throughout the semester to supplement the learning process and ensure academic success.

Cultural Enrichment

Participants have the opportunity to interact with other SSS students and attend activities or performances that will enrich their college experiences.

Advocacy

SSS advisors serve as advocates for SSS students. When students have academic, financial aid or career questions, SSS advisors act on behalf of the students to find the answers to those questions.