

February 2012

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1/31 Pell Grant Census Date
Last day to drop without "W"
Courses dropped for non-payment
Spring Graduation Application deadline
- 2/3 Last day to ADD classes
- 2/20 Presidents' Day (No School)
- 2/21 Block Courses Begin.
- 2/29 Mid-Semester Grade Checks Due.
- 3/2 Last Day to DROP/AUDIT classes
- 3/12-16 Spring Semester Break.
- 4/6 Last Day for Complete Withdrawal.
- 4/26 Last Day of Classes**
- 4/27—5/3 Finals**
- 5/4 Commencement**
- 5/7 Summer Semester starts (14 week)
- 5/14 Summer Block Begins (5 week)
- 5/29 Summer Semester starts (8 week block)

Mace Jacobson Newest Member of TRiO SSS

Replacing Susan Garner, Mace is the new academic advisor and tutoring coordinator. She comes to the TRiO Student Support Services team from Registration and Records. She has spent 15 years guiding, cajoling and putting out fires for students in the Student Services arena at Davis Applied Technology Center in Kaysville, Utah, and at Dixie State College. Mace is committed to helping students discover and develop their strengths and passions toward success. Her mantra is- take an active role in living; don't let life "just happen".

Mace was born in Delta, Utah, but lived in the suburbs in an even smaller town -- Hinckley. Mace moved to St. George when she was 7 and promptly took up hiking, biking, swimming in actual pools, and all mischief related to outdoor living. Her favorite indoor activity was acting. She was in her first show at Dixie College at the age of 8. By the time Mace graduated from high school she was acting in small summer stock theatre.

Mace attended college on theatre arts scholarships, and earned an Associate's Degree from Dixie State College before attending Utah State University and Southern Utah University. She spent 10 years acting in repertory theatre companies and guest directing. As an actress she married fellow thespian, and humanitarian, Matt Jacobson, after spending a summer in a repertory theatre company together. They were both passionate about "high adventure and romance". They raised four children, and the family shared many happy years laughing, playing pranks, jeeping, and "hanging out" before Matt's passing in 2008.

Previous to her work in student services, Mace spent 10 years in the banking operations industry before becoming interested in education. At that point she enrolled in the Southern Utah University education program. When she, Matt and the family moved to Salt Lake City, she never made it back to school -- even though she was a senior! Three years ago Mace became interested in how people (including herself) can examine their behaviors and self-beliefs, and redirect their lives. She ultimately completed her Bachelor's degree in Organization and Leadership Communication here at Dixie State College, proving educational goals are always attainable for those who want to put forth the effort. Mace declares the keys to success are want and effort.

Mace loves books, film, classes, forums, travel- any territory in which she can discover new things! She is a learning addict! Mace defines a learning addiction as: a strong desire to acquire more information than can ever be remembered or used: Addicted to learning "stuff".

Mace invites you to come by her office, swap adventure stories, and tell her all about your plans to take charge of your life and your success. She'll be cheerleader and coach!



SSS Spring Semester Workshops

Smart Start Seminar II

SSS Spring Seminars/Workshops are well underway Thursday at noon in NIB 144. Forty-four SSS students have signed up for the one-credit hour seminar and other SSS students have been in attendance each week. The schedule for the rest of the semester is listed below:

- 2/2 Major Decision
- 2/9 Financial Aid and FAFSA (**required for all SSS students**)
- 2/16 Study Skills
- 2/23 Writing the Scholarship Letter
- 3/1 Campus Safety
- 3/8 Diversity
- 3/22 Student Graduation Plan Part I
- 3/29 Financial Literacy
- 4/5 Student Graduation Plan Part II
- 4/12 Careers: Resume and Cover Letter
- 4/19 Millennial Student
- 4/29 Stress Management and prevention

Remember, as a continuing SSS participant you must attend at least one workshop each semester.

The workshop on February 9 is one of the most important workshops of the year. Plan to be in attendance. It will be held at noon and will be placed on the SSS Website under workshops.

NORTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY TOUR

Thursday and Friday, April 19 and 20 are the Spring Semester dates for the Northern Utah College Tour.

We will leave Thursday morning and visit BYU or UVU and UofU. We will stay Thursday night at the Crystal Inn in Logan. Friday we will visit USU and Weber State. SSS will pay for your lodging and food for the two days. SSS will arrange departmental appointments for you at each institution.

This is a great way to visit the other institutions in the state and decide where you want to go. Space is limited to 6 students per van.

UTAH INSTITUTION DEADLINES 2012

	Transfer Scholarships	Admissions
BYU	Mar 1	Mar 1
BYUH	Mar 1	Mar 1
BYUI	Mar 1	Mar 1
SUU	Mar 1	July 1
UofU	Mar 15	May 1
USU	Apr 1	July 1
UVU	Feb 1	Open
Weber	Jan 12	Aug 1

NEWS YOU CAN USE

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

Credit for courses numbered 1000 and above is generally transferable and will normally be accepted by the transfer institution.

However, acceptance of credit should not be confused with its application. Transfer credit may or may not apply to department, college or university requirements. In other words, the credit you earn at DSC may count, but perhaps only as elective credits and not for college or department requirements.

Applicability of credit involves the comparability of the nature, content and level of credit earned to that offered by the transfer institution, and the appropriateness of credit earned to specific program and degrees offered by the institution.

The best information about how credits will transfer can be obtained by keeping in contact with advisors in your major and if you have questions, the Advisement Center at your 4-year school can clear up any doubts. Also, have any transfer agreement put in writing from the receiving institution.

If you have specific questions, contact the advisement center of the school you are transferring to directly.

Institution	Advisement Center
BYU	(801) 422-4641
BYU Hawaii	(808) 293-3597
BYU Idaho	(800) 821-1166
SUU	(435) 586-5419
U of U	(801) 581-8146
USU	(435) 797-1128
UVU	(801) 222-8425
Weber State	(801) 626-6752

Check out the following helpful websites for information about transfer schools and transfer process.

**www.utahsbr.edu or
Utahmentor.org**

APPLY NOW FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID!

It is not too early to think about applying for your financial aid for next fall. You need to apply each year. Whether you continue at Dixie State College or transfer to another institution, we can help make the financial aid process less confusing and painful.

We can walk you through the required paperwork necessary for the PELL, SEOG, and UCOPE Grants.

If you qualify for SSS, you should qualify for some type of grant. We can even show you how to use the FAFSA on the Web, the grant application on the Internet. Have your FAFSA done by March 1, 2012 to receive more aid. Student who submit the FAFSA by March 1 will be among the first to be considered for need-based scholarships and state based aid programs. You may be eligible for extra money. If you depend on federal financial aid, be sure to meet the priority deadline.

Remember the early bird gets the worm and in this case.....more money!

FINANCIAL AID TIP

When applying for financial aid, APPLY ONLINE. What are the benefits of applying electronically? According to the U.S. Department of Education, FAFSA on the Web is:

1. **Faster.** It may take only days to process instead of weeks.
2. **More Efficient.** By using skip logic based on your particular information, you will need to answer fewer questions.
3. **More Accurate.** You are walked through the form and answers are checked before you submit your application.
4. **Convenient.** Formatted for both Windows or Macintosh computers, it can be accessed anywhere using Netscape and Microsoft browser versions.
5. **FAFSA on the Web** doesn't require software to be installed and can support unlimited users so thousands can apply at once.

DSC ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Current/Continuing students are those students who are currently attending Dixie State College but did not receive an Academic Scholarship upon admission as a freshman. Students who have earned good grades at DSC are eligible for scholarship consideration based on meeting the following requirements:

- Minimum of 30 credit hours completed at DSC.
- Minimum Grade Point Average of 3.3 or above, earned at DSC.
- Applicants must not be receiving any other scholarships awarded by DSC, or associated agencies.
- Awards require full-time enrollment in eligible programs.
- Award amounts may vary depending on number of applications and availability of funds.

See: http://new.dixie.edu/financial/scholarships/currentreturning_student_scholarships.php

Deadline is MAY 1, 2012

Need-Based scholarships are available to students with unusual circumstances. Students are required to complete a FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student Aid) prior to being considered for any need-based monies. Personal interview and documentation of circumstances may be required on a case-by-case basis. Need based scholarships are awarded year to year based on FAFSA information.

Single Parent Scholarships:

The Re-Entry Scholarship for single parents is made possible through donations from sources who desire to assist single parents who are returning to school to further their education--improving living conditions for themselves and their families. Students must be a custodial parent and enrolled at least half time (6 credit hours or more). See: http://new.dixie.edu/financial/scholarships/single_parent.php

\$ SCHOLARSHIP SITES \$

Most students are always looking for ways to get more money to go to school. Here is a very comprehensive list of scholarship sites to help you finance your education.

General Financial Aid and Scholarship Sites:

www.finaid.org

www.srnexpress.com

www.fastweb.com

general scholarships

www.schoolsoup.com

general scholarships

www.collegeboard.org/fundfinder/html

www.collegenet.com/mach25

www.salliemae.com

www.wiredscholar.com

www.collegeview.com

www.collegenet.com

Specific Scholarship Sites

www.soc.utah.edu/undergraduate/scholarships.html

www.freschinfo.com

School Search

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Federal Student Aid

www.gmsp.org

Bill Gates

www.mapping-your-future.org

Student Info

www.embark.com

College Links and more

www.free-4u.com

Various

www.easi.ed.gov

Fed, State, Private

www.srnexpress.com

8000 Programs/Org.

www.targetusa.com

Coll. Search & Fin. Aid

www.faam.org

Calendar, & Aid Info

www.collegequest.com

Apply to over 1200 Colleges

www.plato.org

Student Loans

www.finaid.org

Aid Estimator & Search

www.collegescholarships.com

www.fastaid.com

Private- Sector

www.collegeboard.org

www.chase.com/educationfirst

Bank Info

www.achieva.com

www.blackstudentfund.org

Black student fund

www.uncf.org

United Negro College Fund

FEBRUARY SSS WORKSHOP

The Financial Aid Workshop will be held on **Thursday, February 9, at noon in NIB 144. If you received Supplemental Grant Aid funds or plan to apply for Supplemental Grant Aid, you MUST attend!**

JD Robertson, Director of the DSC Financial Aid Office, will present information regarding the 2012-2013 FAFSA application. If you have a Pell Grant or would like to apply, this workshop is required. **Students need to reapply for the Pell Grant each spring.** The Financial Aid workshop is a good opportunity to participate in an SSS activity for Spring Semester. Don't miss out! For those students who were unable to attend the February workshop, you can watch the video to get workshop credit. Meet with Larry for details.

TRANSFERRING FROM DIXIE

As a Dixie State College student who will either graduate or transfer, you will save time and money if you follow these steps:

1. Select a major field of study as soon as possible using the career center or an SSS advisor.
2. Obtain a catalog and Major Requirement Sheet (if you have selected a major) from the institution to which you are interested in transferring. If you have not selected a major, contact a member of the SSS staff for their assistance.
3. If you have selected a major, contact the college and department that offers your major and get a Major Requirement Sheet and a transfer guide which shows how courses transfer from DSC to your major. The SSS staff has a transfer guide which shows how courses transfer from DSC to your selected institution.
4. Plan to transfer as soon as you have completed all course work that you can transfer to your bachelors degree. This will depend on your intended major and the courses offered at DSC. Usually no more than 80 transfer credits will be applied toward graduation at the other institution. However, the structured nature of some majors, such as engineering, may require you to transfer much earlier to avoid increasing the time required to complete the degree program.
5. Check the Grade Point Average requirements of your intended major and make sure you are meeting these requirements as you complete course work at DSC.

HAVE YOU MET ALL THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS?

1. Completion of all General Education requirements for your chosen degree.
2. Submission of all official transcripts from other institutions attended.
3. Post AP, CLEP, Vertical, or Language credits.
4. Completion of at least 20 credits at DSC to meet the graduate residency requirement.
5. Payment of all money owed to DSC.
6. A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better as recorded at time of graduation.
7. Subtraction of all credits earned in courses numbered under 1000 from total credits earned.
8. Meet with an SSS Advisor to apply on-line for graduation at: <https://www.dixie.edu/graduation/>
9. You must meet with an advisor by February 1, 2012 and pay the \$35 graduation fee.

Be sure to visit with an SSS staff member if you have any questions regarding these requirements.

WINNING THE BATTLE OVER PROCRASTINATION!

As the semester progresses, students find it more and more difficult to stay motivated. Successful students have found strategies to overcome the procrastination bug. Try to implement some of the following techniques to help you stay on track:

Make a list of everything you have to do.

Write an intention statement.

Set realistic goals.

Break down the task into smaller chunks.

Make your task meaningful.

Promise yourself a reward.

Eliminate tasks you never plan to do.

Estimate the amount of time you think it will take you to complete a task and then double it.

Recognize self-defeating problems (ex: perfectionism, poor time management).

Dwell on success and not failure.

Modify your environment and get rid of distractions.

Adapted from "Treatment of Academic Procrastination in College Students" by Ferrari, Johnson & McCown (1995) and the homepage for the Counseling Center at the University of Buffalo.



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Student Support Services
North Instructional Building
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http://new.dixie.edu/trio/student_support_services.php

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Check out the Scholarship list on the SSS Website

SEMESTER BREAK March 12 - 16
LAST DAY TO DROP OR AUDIT CLASSES—March 2, 2012

FREE TAX PREPARATION

What: Free Tax Preparation services sponsored by Dixie State College, the IRS' volunteer income tax assistant program, and the Five-County Associate of Governments Free e-file for Federal and State Tax Returns.

Who: Individuals of all ages with a wide range of tax-return scenarios are welcome, especially low- and middle-income individuals.

When: Starting Tuesday, January 31, 2012 and running through April 12, 2012 (excluding March 13-15, for DSC's Spring Break) Tuesday through Thursday from 4:30 PM until 7:30 PM

Where: Room 127 of the Udvar-Hazy Building

Why: Assists Accounting students gain practical experience prior to first employment. Facilitate free-of-charge return of State and Federal Refunds back into the community

What You Should Bring:

- Social security cards for each individual appearing in your tax returns;
- Wage and earning statements (Form W-2) from all employers; SSA-1099, showing Social Security Benefits; all types of 1099 forms; 1099-B forms, accompanied by documentation showing the original asset purchase prices and sales proceeds.
- Form 1098 documenting your mortgage interest, mortgage insurance payments, and property tax payments; documentation to verify medical expenses, charitable contributions, and child care payments; any other relevant documentation related to your income and deductions;
- A copy of your 2010 tax return;
- Bank accounting and bank routing number, both of which can be found on a check from your checkbook, if you want an automatic deposit of your Federal and State Tax Refunds into your checking account.

Questions: TaxInfo@dixie.edu