

SSS NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

8/29 Drop fee begins

9/6 \$50 Late Payment fee

9/12 Last day for 100% refund. Classes dropped after this date will be assigned a "W"

Financial Aid Census date

9/13 Classes dropped for non-payment

9/16 Last Day to ADD classes, including COOP

9/30 Fall Semester Graduation Application Deadline

10/3 Block Classes begin

10/7 MID-SEMESTER GRADE CHECK DUE

10/10-14 Semester Break

10/17 SSS Participation Grant Application Due — Graduation Plans due

10/17 Last day to Drop or Audit classes

10/27-28 SSS Northern Utah College Tour

11/11 Last day for complete withdrawal

We're on the web
<http://dixie.edu/trio/>

SMART START SEMINAR I

All new SSS participants began a class this fall offered by the SSS Staff. SSC 1001, Smart Start Seminar I, is a class that is designed to ease the transition to college by providing students with the skills and information necessary to be successful students and productive citizens.

The class, held every Tuesday at noon in the UHB, covers topics such as: DSC Student Services, Knowing Yourself—Self Assessment and Setting the Stage for College Success, Success Skills, Academic Success, Service

Learning, Time Management, General Education and Graduation Plans/Transfer, Life Long Success, College Courses and Careers to Choose a Major, Financial Aid, Personal Finance and Staying Healthy.

This one credit class is required for all new SSS students. The instructors are Jonathan Morrell, Susan Garner and Larry Esplin.

A number of the presentations are being recorded and used as online workshops this fall semester.

FALL GRADUATION DEADLINE

The deadline to apply for fall semester 2011 is Friday, September 30. As a participant in SSS, it is the program's goal to have each SSS student complete an Associate's degree. This past year, 2010-2011, we had 64 SSS students who completed their Associate's degrees. Many students may be able to complete their AS degree by the end of fall semester.

If you are a student who is close but not sure if you should apply for December graduation, come by the SSS offices and any advisor can review your transcripts to see if you should apply for graduation in December or wait until May or July.

Jonathan Morrell is able to complete your graduation application .

Northern Utah College Tour Set For October

VISIT UVU,
BYU, UofU,
Weber
State and
USU

As a participant in SSS, you have the opportunity to participate in a **FREE** college tour to any or all of the state's four-year institutions and receive personal transfer advising.

The 2011 Fall Tour is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, October 27 and 28. Sophomores have priority since they need information about transferring next year. For this tour, only continuing SSS students are eligible to go.

We will visit UVU, BYU, University of Utah, Weber State and Utah State. We will spend the night at the Crystal Inn in Logan, and SSS will pay for your lodging and food for the trip.

We set up appointments with aca-

demical advisors at each institution so they can inform you of the best classes to take while you are still attending Dixie State College. A tour is scheduled each semester to introduce you to different post-secondary institutions.

If you are interested in a tour of any of the colleges listed, contact Jonathan Morrell (652-7656) as soon as possible, Room 103 in the NIB. There are six seats on the van. The other tour will be held in April 2010. If there is enough demand, we may take two vans.

Tours to SUU are afternoon tours and leave and return the same day. Those tours are scheduled as need demands.

SSS participation Grant Applications Due 10/17.
Pick up Application on bulletin board across from SSS Offices or from any SSS Staff. You must have a PELL grant to apply.
Continuing students only

Carry Snacks in your backpack: peanut butter sandwich, fruit, min-carrots, bagels— so you are not at the mercy of vending machines.

Focus on fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy products. They are satisfying filled with nutrients, and enough students don't eat enough of them. Plus, they require little or no preparation.

“Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.”
William Jennings Bryan

WHY MEET AN ADVISOR?
To develop a graduation plan, to learn college requirements, to add, audit or drop courses to discuss academic or personal problems and to plan for graduation and transfer.

RETURNING STUDENT WORKSHOPS BEGAN SEPTEMBER 6th

As a returning member of SSS you need to view at least one workshop each semester to remain active and eligible for the Fall Participation Grant. The fall workshop was recorded and a student must view two workshops by October 17 to be eligible for the SSS participation Grant..

At each workshop, we will give announcements about upcoming campus events and SSS activities. We will also talk about the mid-semester grade checks and the college tour.



The OPEN HOUSE presented information about changes at Dixie State College and how those changes affect students.

The OPEN HOUSE also gives updates about new personnel, requirements and deadlines for Fall Semester and important information on the Participation Grant eligibility and criteria.

Come by and get your SSS Planner and check the semester calendar.

The SSS Open House for the new academic year was held Thursday, August 25 at noon in NIB room 144.

BLOCK Courses Begin October 3

Block courses start October 3 and run daily through the end of the semester. These courses are helpful for students who dropped or audited courses early in the semester and need to add a course to remain eligible for financial aid (Pell grants or scholarships).

If you drop below 12 credit hours and are on any type of financial aid and need to sign up for additional credits, these courses are for you.

They are also for students who finish

course work early and wish to move to the next level.

There are also a number of various computer skills courses that start later in the semester; see the on-line fall semester schedule.

Contact the SSS personnel for more information about the block courses.

"I know for sure that what we dwell on is who we become."

Oprah Winfrey

Appointment

Etiquette

Most importantly, **BE ON TIME!** If you are going to more than 10 minutes late, call the SSS Office to reschedule your appointment. Other tips for appointments include: Turn off your cell phone, be prepared by bringing relevant materials, and respect your advisors and their time.

CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGE?

Has your address or phone changed? Notify the Student Support Services office of these changes.

This will ensure you are aware of activities and other information that influences your participation in SSS.

Contact Christie Nielson at 652-7655 if there are changes. **All SSS E-mail goes to your Dmail account.**

Introducing the SSS Staff

Christie Nielson began working with the TRiO-SSS program as part-time Administrative Assistant at the beginning of Spring Semester 2011. Previously she had worked full-time for several years in the Purchasing Department here on campus, and so had become acquainted with the staff at Student Support Services. A few of her prior job titles include: legal secretary at the Utah Attorney General's Office in SLC, data entry specialist for Huntsman World Senior Games, and secretary to the vice president of Thrifty Drug Stores in Los Angeles.

Although Christie was born in Rome, New York while her dad was a test pilot for Air Force fighter jets, her family moved to Southern California when she was still a baby. They lived in San Diego for a while, then later moved to Ventura County. After graduating from Simi Valley High School, she attended BYU, went on a mission to Taiwan, then married and became the mother of three beautiful children. She moved with her kids to St George in 1991 after her divorce. Though she still misses the beach, she's enjoyed her time in Southern Utah and has come to appreciate the uniqueness of the desert.

One of Christie's daughters recently earned her Associate's Degree from Dixie State College and is currently living in Virginia; the other daughter graduated from Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School last January. In December, Christie decided to finish the college degree she started long ago – she re-applied to DSC and is currently enjoying taking classes with her son. She loves road trips, reading, music, playing puzzle games, watching movies, and just spending time with her kids and the family cat.



New Workshop Format begins Fall Semester

The SSS workshops will be available online for students to watch beginning with the Wellness Center presentation September 6. Eric Robinson, a counselor/therapist, will present information for staying mentally healthy throughout the semester. To get credit for a workshop, students must view the presentation online and complete a journal entry describing the main objective of the workshop and your response..

The workshops will be on the main SSS web page and can be viewed anywhere at any time.

Earn While You Learn—CO-OP Courses

If you would like to pick up a few more elective credits this semester, it is still not too late to enroll in Co-Op Education. It is a great way to earn college credit while you are working.

CO-OP Education is a special academic program which allows students to blend course work with related work experience. It is supervised by an instructor/coordinator and in many cases Jonathan, Susan or Larry can act as the coordinator for SSS students. The benefits to students are: it encourages career exploration, increases employability

and earning power, increases potential for job advancement, and defrays the cost of college expenses while earning college credit. For more information on how to enroll, see Karl Hutchings, in the Career Center and Financial Aid Building, or call him at 652-7668 or 652-7669.

SIGN-UP with Karl Hutchings at the Career Center for 1, 2 or 3 credits. If you have already paid for 12 credits, these additional credits are free.

WELCOME BACK TO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The beginning of the new school year brings new changes to the Student Support Services program. The new fiscal year began September 1, and recruitment for new students began in June as students began registering for fall semester.

If you received this newsletter, you are a current or new participant

Over the summer, the SSS staff reviewed every SSS file. As students completed Associate's degrees (*there were 66 who graduated this past academic year*) they were contacted regarding their future plans. Most graduates were planning to continue their education. Some students who had completed certificates had already found employment in a related field. Other students who were not returning had left school to get married, serve an LDS mission or work.

Those students who had registered for fall semester were automatically forwarded into the 2011-2012 SSS program. We currently have 120 returning students and selected 130 new students to fill the program to more than capacity. We are funded to serve 200 students. Of the 200+ students, most meet eligibility requirements of first-generation and low-income and/or disabled. The others can be either first-generation or low-income.

More than 850 students completed SSS intake applications during freshmen O&R throughout the summer. The orientation for SSS was in August

SURVIVAL FOOD STASH:

Dried fruit (raisins, craisins)

Granola bars

Graham crackers

Peanut butter

Low fat microwave popcorn

String cheese

Mini carrots

Nuts (preferably unsalted)

Applesauce

Whole wheat crackers

Dry whole grain cereal

Fresh fruit

Low fat yogurt

Student Graduation Plan Needs to be Completed By October 7

As a returning participant, you need to make an appointment with any SSS advisor to review your a Student Graduation Plan (SGP). This plan will help guide you through Dixie State General Education classes, major and minor pre-requisites and elective credits.

With an SGP in place, you can plan for your two, three, or four years at DSC and how you will progress towards completion of an associate degree and prepare for comple-

tion of a Bachelor's degree.

Every SSS student must complete an SGP and have a graduation plan to remain active in the SSS program.

You will also need a current SGP to apply for a participation grant. Mid-semester grad checks are also due October 7th.



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FALL 2011 SSS Participation Grant Applications Due 10/17 Returning SSS Students Only

Come and visit with Larry or Susan if you need help with study skills, math skills, test taking or marking text books. Rm 101 and 104

Check out all the Dixie State College activities and events at :

dcsa.dixie.edu - Homepage for student involvement
dcsa.dixie.edu/clubs - Dixie State Club information
dcsa.dixie.edu/studentlife - What is going on @ DSC
www.dixieathletics.com/ - DSC Athletic site
Right2know.dixie.edu - FAQ and legal stuff
www.facebook.com/DixieStateCollege

CHECK YOUR DMAIL FOR CAMPUS EVENTS

If you plan to graduate Fall Semester, the application deadline is Friday, September 30, 2011. Contact Jonathan for more information if you need him to complete the advisor's portion of the application.

