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Arkansas Tech University

Newsletter: Twenty-seventh Edition

September 2013

september birthdays

2nd - Quinton Abron
3rd - Shelbie Lewis
4th - Sahara Collins
9th - Deedrick Collier
9th - Taylor Barrett
9th - Waylon Doty
11th - Travion Odom
14th - Javante Johnson
14th - Taylor Kendrick
16th - Nancy Isom
25th - Daniel Byers
25th - Andrew Powers
30th - Lisa Her

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

checklist

Remember your SSS requirements this semester to receive full program benefits:

- Make an appointment to meet with your SSS Advisor to complete an Academic Success Plan (goals).
- Make plans to attend at least one regular SSS workshop this semester.
- Attend at least one Financial Literacy Session each academic year.
- Be sure to check your OneTech email regularly.



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back in the swing



Fall 2013 has officially begun! Remember what a great resource you have in SSS. Make us your destination for tutoring, major & career questions, academic advice, financial aid questions, and college success! We are very excited that you are back on campus, so please stop by the SSS Department on the second floor of Ross Pendergraft Library & Technology Center. We're here to help make college easier!

summer trip

SSS took 14 students to Blanchard Springs Caverns in August. We had a great time touring the dark caves, observing fluttering bats, conquering nearly 700 stairs, and learning about the science and history of the caverns.



measuring up

During the summer, we had an internal review conducted to see how SSS is performing and in what ways we can improve our services. The reviewer mentioned that we are an excellent example for other TRiO programs, and that we are serving our students very well! Go SSS!

upcoming events & important dates

September 2 - Labor Day Holiday (campus closed)

September 4 - Last day to add classes or change courses. Last day to drop courses with full reduction of tuition/fees.

September 10 - (Workshop) *Connecting the Dots with Critical Thinking*, 9:30am, Baz-Tech 204

September 19 - (Financial Literacy) *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?*, 2:45pm, RTH 208

September 25 - (Workshop) *Note-taking in College*, 11:00am, Baz-Tech 203

fall football



It's time for Tech football!
Join us at Thone Stadium for the first game of the season on Saturday, September 14.

Go Wonderboys!

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!

what can SSS do for you?

Word is getting out that SSS is an **amazing** resource for college students! However, some students begin to feel that their participation becomes an obligation; they just see more requirements to add to their already-busy lives. In reality, the program requirements are quite **small**, and the benefits of membership with SSS are **huge**! Take a look at what SSS can do for you.

why workshops?

Workshops are one of those “requirements”, but they provide an opportunity to improve college, career, and life skills. If that’s not enough, perhaps you should know that workshops can be a **great resume booster**! As an SSS participant, you can boast about your involvement with SSS and show that you have taken responsibility for your professional and personal development through workshops. Now that’s impressive!



build references!

You will need to have references for a job when you graduate college, and your SSS advisor might be a good reference. What can she say about you? Does she know you well enough to say anything at all? One of the benefits of meeting your requirements is to have someone say to your potential employer, “This student is responsible and worth the hire!”

Pictured left to right: Lori Wineland, Lindsey Riedmueller, Nichole Christensen

find support!

Your SSS Advisors have been through college [and graduate school]. They understand the stress, the drops in motivation, the intimidation with instructors, the money struggles, and the fears of life after college. They love helping students through these issues, so find support in these amazing people! Build relationships with them. They want to see you succeed. Your SSS advisors are your biggest supporters outside of your own family!



what's the point?

TRiO programs exist to help students persist in continuing their education. SSS specifically aims to help students graduate from college. We want to see you on graduation day, cheering you on as you celebrate your accomplishment!

is there anything else?

*free tutoring
using textbooks
using calculators
free printing
class schedule planning
time management help
setting goals
financial aid help
creating a resume
free cultural trips
community involvement
building friendships
searching for scholarships
exclusive computer lab
motivational support
major/career advice*

*job searching
grad school preparation
recommendation letters
professional connections
leadership skills
job interview practice
speech practice
mentoring
free etiquette dinners
accountability
communication skills
online class guidance
organization skills
and more...*