Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a new year with Student Support Services (SSS) program. It is no secret that SSS has come through a year of many transitions in leadership, staff, and programming. These transitions required a significant amount of change in attitude, thinking, and approach to the work of SSS. It is because of the students, staff, and SSS collaborators that SSS has come through these transitions successfully. The successes are attributed to the ongoing belief that TRIO Works.

SSS is one of eight (8) TRIO programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The mission of SSS is to encourage and assist traditionally underrepresented students in the completion of a post-secondary education by providing the following: Academic support, assistance in short-term decision making and long term planning, connections to resources and facilitation of students becoming effective agents of their own learning and personal development. SSS continues to be successful in carrying out this mission due to the support of SSS staff, SDI, TRIO, SSS partners/collaborators and most important the students. The STUDENTS are the reason TRIO Works!

Rachael Weldon-Caron
Director
Daniel Landin-Aviles is from Austin, TX and is a First-Gen student who graduated Fall 2019 with his Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from the McCoy School of Business. Daniel originally came to Texas State to learn how he can support his family’s business and has been an SSS Member since Spring 2017. Congrats, Daniel!

Stephanie has just started her second semester at Texas State as a History major and pre-service educator. She worked hard and smart to earn a 4.0 this past fall and is ready to do the same again this spring! On top of academics, Stephanie will be starting a new student organization with her friends called Bobcat DIY and is also involved with Latinas Unidas, the Women in Leadership organization, and is an LBJ Top Scholars Participant.

SSS Member Jasmine LeBlanc, Junior Public Relations major, had the opportunity over winter break to complete a Study America trip with Professor Charles Kaufman from the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Jasmine and 15 Texas State students traveled to New York City for a busy week that consisted of meeting with different PR firms, networking with people in their fields and exploring the city. They visited nine different offices like Hunter, Edelman, and the UN. At each office the students were able to meet with Texas State Alumni, tour office facilities, get a peek at daily duties, and hear from current employees. One of Jasmine’s favorite visits was Condé Nast, a fashion firm that works with Vogue. Jasmine noticed Condé Nast was a very diverse mass media company and it stood out to her immediately. Jasmine really enjoyed networking with the Texas State alumni that provided a tour and panel during their visit. Jasmine left quite an impression because we are happy to announce that Condé Nast offered Jasmine an internship opportunity! Jasmine looks forward to moving to New York and hopes to one day work at Condé Nast.
RECAP OF EVENTS
Meet Sunshine! She has been working as a tutor at SSS since Spring 2019 and has been a member of SSS since Fall 2017. Sunshine tutors subjects like Biology, Chemistry, and Nutrition. She recommends to the students she tutors to identify their goals and set strategies for academic success! Her freshman year, she built some experience with student organizations by being President of Hall Council at her dorm and part of the Future Teachers Living-Learning Community. By her sophomore year she started working by teaching yoga classes at the REC Center and began teaching as an SSS Tutor. She believes with time management, you can balance responsibilities and still maintain good grades. She loves working at SSS because as a first generation student herself, SSS helps through workshops, events, tutoring and much more to support members. She finds the SSS office to have a good atmosphere and to be a unique place on campus. Come say hi to Sunshine during her office hours!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

13th
5:30PM-6:30 PM
Culture Matters 2.0 Culture Matters TRACS Assignment Opens

14th
SSSA Scholarship Application Opens *Closes March 31st

17th
SSS Summit SAT April 25th 8:30AM-3:00PM | UAC 105 Registration Opens

29th
10AM-3PM
Cultural Trip: Southern Soul Food Cooking Class *Must complete Culture Matters to attend

If you require accommodations due to a disability in order to participate, please contact SSS at least 72 hours in advance of the event.
SSS STUDENT ORGANIZATION
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES ASSOCIATION (SSSA)

Fall Recap:
SSSA hosted 6 meetings, across 4 fundraisers held over $300 was raised toward the SSSA Scholarship Fund, and Officers had the opportunity to retreat at the University Camp low ropes course.

Upcoming Meetings:
2/13 Culture Matters 2.0
2/27 STEM Study Skills Workshop