Congratulations Graduates!

The heartiest of congratulations goes out to all of our TRiO-SSS students that have or will graduate during the 06-07 academic year! All of your hard work and dedication have paid off. Whether you will continue your education and transfer to earn a bachelor’s degree or join the work force right away, your TRiO-SSS staff wishes you the best of luck in your future endeavors. Our 06-07 graduates are:

- Wanieta Bovan, Associate in General Studies, AAS Social Work Technician
- David Brown, AAS Computer Network Administration
- Cameron Charron, Associate in Arts
- Oksana Davydov, AAS Dental Hygiene
- Kelly Donlan, Associate in Arts, Associate in General Studies
- Johnny Earnest, AAS Marketing Management
- Jennifer Fricke, Associate in Arts, Associate in Science
- Gloria Gatica, AAS Business Management
- Kina Gladney, Associate in General Studies
- Juanita Johnson, Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in General Studies
- Lauren Lechota, Associate in Science
- Miriam Loucks, Associate in Arts
- Tari Price, Associate in Arts
- Rachel Randolph, AAS Criminal Justice
- Starletta Robinson, AAS Early Childhood Education
- Cecelia Satchell, Associate in General Studies
- Tawni Saunders, Associate in Arts
- Marlee Spender, Associate in General Studies
- Beth Stephens, Associate in Arts
- Heath Tolliver, Associate in Science
- Tashira Wallace, Associate in Arts
- Paris Ward, AAS Social Work Technician
- Jacqueline Warren, AAS Social Work Technician
- Barbara Wilson, AAS Early Childhood Education

Announcing our SSS Graduate Trip to Orlando, Florida!

And you thought that Associate Degree would only get you a great job? How about an all-expenses paid trip? Now that you have reached your academic goal, let’s celebrate! Your TRiO-SSS Program will be taking up to 17 graduates on a four-day, all-expenses paid trip to Orlando, Florida in June! Sights include all four Walt Disney World parks, “La Nouba” presented by the theatrical group Cirque du Soleil, Universal Studios theme parks, and a show by Blue Man Group. Invitations and details will be sent to graduates separately by mail.
Where Have You Been?

Our SSS Program and participants have been on several Cultural Enrichment Activities this past winter semester. Events include a Pistons Game in January, the Broadway musical “Hairspray” in February, and a tour of the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park; along with the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids in March. We’ve also toured the University of Michigan-Flint in April and had a blast at our Learning Center Luau. So, if you did not attend these events, we ask you, where have you been?

Remember, all TRiO-SSS activities are FREE to participants! Check your monthly calendars for events. Come, learn, and have some fun with us!

Pictured above:
SSS participants enjoy a showing of the Broadway musical “Hairspray” at the Whiting Auditorium.

Pictured clockwise from left:
Butterflies gather at one of the many nectar feeders located in the butterfly exhibit at the Meijer Gardens.

SSS participants gather in front of the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids.

A Tree Nymph butterfly, one of the many butterflies on exhibit at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park.

Our tour guide shows the group around the Meijer Gardens.

A piece of the Berlin Wall at the Gerald R. Ford Museum.

A re-creation of how the Oval Office looked during Gerald R. Ford’s presidency.

Pictured below:
SSS students tour the campus of U of M-Flint.

Pictured above:
SSS students enjoy a Pistons Game at the Palace of Auburn Hills.
Upcoming Events....

Keep your eyes open for an invitation to the TRiO-SSS Graduate and Academic Achievement Banquet! This year’s banquet will honor our graduates and those students who have earned a 3.0 or higher for the 06-07 school year. The banquet will be held Friday, May 4th at the Blue Collar Gourmet, formally known as Bonaparte’s, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Don’t forget Coordinator Chat! Earn 20 points when you come in on a Chat day. Whenever you see this picture on the calendar, that’s a Chat day!

“‘If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.’”

-Anne Bradstreet
American Poet
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What’s New?

Participation Points Redemption Days!

Each Thursday in May is designated as a Participation Points Redemption Day. What does this mean? Come in and see your SSS Coordinators to redeem those points you’ve worked so hard to earn! Points can be redeemed for:

- Mini Staplers
- Lunch Bags
- Water Bottles
- Caps
- Calculators
- T-Shirts
- Travel Mugs
- Messenger Bags
- Bubble Clocks
- Fleece Blankets

Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a limit of 3 reward items per student.
From time to time, your TRiO-SSS staff may try to contact you via phone, email, or regular mail to follow up with you and your academic, graduation, and transfer plans. Please allow us to ask you a few questions regarding your educational future. We need to ask these questions as a requirement of our federal guidelines and for annual reporting and tracking purposes. If you have any questions about why we may contact you, please call your coordinators at 810 762 5119 (Ellen) or 810 762 0947 (Sara).

Keep an eye on that mailbox! The Reward Trip invitations to New York will be mailed out by May 18th!