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## FALL 2009

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

How has your summer been? Were you able to do all the things you wanted to? How are you doing with your plans for fall? As you think about fall quarter we want to let you know about some of the activities we have planned and some of the changes that have happened to the Program.

The director, Cynthia Shaw, left the college this summer, and we will miss her a great deal. George Deitz, who directed the program for

many years, will serve as the interim director until the College can hire a new director this fall.

In addition to our usual tutoring, advising, counseling, and assistance with financial aid and scholarships, we are planning visits to four-year universities and a **fall gathering for lunch October 28**. You can read more about these activities throughout the newsletter.



Please join us for refreshments and conservation during the first week of the quarter.

## FIRST WEEK GOODIES!

As is our tradition the first week of the quarter, we are offering coffee, tea, and snacks for you in our student lounge area. Be sure and stop by

to say "hello," tell us about your summer, and fill us in on how you're doing!

It is also a good time to schedule an

appointment with your counselor to make sure you are on track or set up tutoring.

Looking forward to seeing you all again!



### Financial Aid Credit Limit Alert!

Federal financial aid will fund up to 45 non-college level (under 100 level) credits and up to 135 college-level credits for Associate of Arts degrees at EvCC. HOWEVER, for declared PRE-nursing majors, federal financial aid will pay for only 67.5 college level pre-nursing credits. If you complete your certificate or degrees before exceeding credit limits, federal financial aid will not continue to pay for additional credits. For example, if you complete your AA degree requirements using only 95 credits, Financial Aid will not continue to pay for additional credits, even though you have not reached the 135 credit limit.

Students who have extenuating life circumstance and who think they will exceed the limit are encouraged to appeal through Student Financial Aid Services.

## TRiO-SSSP STUDENTS' FALL GATHERING

Join us for our annual Fall gathering for TRiO-SSSP students on Wednesday, **October 28**, in our waiting area from 11:30-1:00. It's a great way to meet other students in our program

and to get to know us all better.

Get information on program events, the pre-nursing support group that meets once a week, talk to other program

students and maybe start a study group of your own!

**PLUS** - We'll have the traditional **PIZZA**, salad, and drinks for you to enjoy.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarships are an excellent option for funding your education. While winning a scholarship does take some research and time, it's well worth it! If it takes ten hours to win a \$1000 scholarship, that's still earning \$100 an hour for the effort. We encourage you to apply for all EvCC scholarships (see

EvCC web site)! Even if you don't have the best grades, you should still apply because many of the awards are based on financial need, and not just on academic performance. In addition, only students who plan to enroll or are already enrolled at EvCC can apply, so you're not competing against the whole state or

country. Another great resource for scholarships that was developed by a student who won thousands of dollars and now helps other student apply for scholarships is [www.scholarshipjunkies.com](http://www.scholarshipjunkies.com). He has helpful tips for winning scholarships.

The EvCC library also has some books on these topics.

## WAITLIST FOR CLASSES

In order to assess student demand for classes more effectively, EvCC has expanded most waitlists to 25. This means that if you are on a waitlist, you might not get into the class.

We have found that students high on a waitlist (1-5) have some chance of being able to enroll, but because of state funding reductions the college is having difficulty adding

more classes even if there is a large waitlists. As a result students lower on the waitlist (6-25) have less chance of getting in.

In fact, students who find themselves facing full classes and are on one or more waitlists should work closely with an advisor to establish a back-up plan.

In addition, students who are receiving any type of financial

assistance or benefits that change with the number of credits should be talking to that office to determine the ramifications of being on a waitlist.

Students who are still on a waitlist by the first day of the quarter must attend the first class if they want to be considered for instructor permission to enroll. Even then there is no guarantee of enrolling.

## REMINDER OF FREE SERVICES WE OFFER

Besides academic advising, TRiO services include personal and career counseling, facts about transfers to four-year colleges, study skills, help dealing with financial aid issues, and crisis management. We also have computers and a new printer-copy machine for your use.

You can type assignments using a variety of programs including MS Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint. All computers have Internet access.

Laptops are available to check out for three days at a time.

Our program also offers visits to nearby universities, and hosts quarterly gatherings with food, fun and friends!

Our goal is to be a safe and friendly place you can consider your on-campus home base.



***“A safe and friendly place...with food, fun & friends.”***

### Counselors Encouragement

We encourage and invite all students to meet with your TRiO counselor ***at least once a quarter***. We want to support you to ensure your success at EvCC! We’ve found that those students who

meet regularly with their TRiO counselor tend to do better academically, have fewer financial aid difficulties, feel more supported and connected, and are more likely to be aware of and

access the multiple resources and services at EvCC.



### Counselors' Drop-In Hours

It is usually best to make an appointment with your counselor if you would like to see her. However, we also have drop-in hours for students who just need to check in briefly with a

counselor or who have a relatively quick question.

Drop in sessions are first come, first served and limited to 15 minutes.

***Please check with us after the quarter starts for the counselors' drop in hours.***

## REMINDER OF SERVICES WE OFFER (continued)

*“How did I do on that last quiz? Is all my homework turned in? Am I passing? What should I do if I’m having trouble? Can my instructor help?”*

### Midquarters

Do you want to know how you are doing in your classes before your final grade?

Midquarter evaluations will be sent to instructors on

**October 16.** As reports come in, we will mail copies to you so you can see how you are doing in your classes. If there are concerns, we can arrange tutoring or other

support.

These reports are confidential – only you and the program staff have access to your evaluations.

### Tutoring

Are you stressed about problems with biology, accounting, Spanish, chemistry, logic, psychology, or math? If you would like help with these or any other classes, contact your **TRiO-SSS counselor** to arrange a tutor. Since it often takes a few days or more to find a tutor, contact us just as soon as

concerns arise.

If students wait until the middle of the quarter it may be too late to arrange a tutor, salvage the class, or significantly improve your final grade.

**Do not wait** to ask for help...the sooner we get on it the better!

If you need help with a

math assignment while you are waiting for a tutor, you can always go to the Math Drop-In Tutoring in Rainier Learning Center. Drop-in hours are:

M-Th 8am – 7pm,  
Friday 8 am – 3pm &  
Saturday 9am – 12pm

## INTERESTED IN BEING A TUTOR?

TRiO-SSS employs 30-40 students every quarter who are trained to tutor our program students twice a week. If you have a “B” average, received a “B” in a specific subject area and enjoy helping fellow students *you* could be a tutor! Fifty minute sessions are arranged according to your schedule. Tutoring is a great way to help others, earn a little extra money,

and enhance your own insight and knowledge of the subject area being tutored.

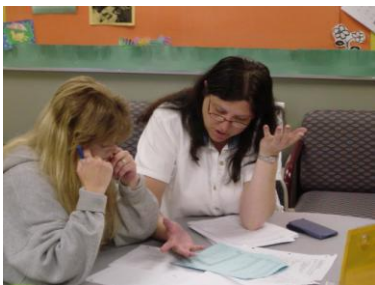
Studies show students who teach learn more!

Plus, tutors participate in paid training once per week and, after a specific number of hours, may attain various levels of certification.

Certification looks great on a resume, particularly for students pursuing careers in education,

human services or management.

If you are interested, stop by the Tutoring Center (Rainier 119a) and talk to **Moira O’Toole**, or call her at 425.388.9024.



*“Tutoring is a great way to help others, earn a little money (\$8.55/hr), and...”*

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU – BRUCE MUNSON

We warmly welcome the newest member of our TRiO-Student Support Services Team. Here is a short biography of **Bruce Munson**. We hope that you will have a chance to stop by the Rainier Tutoring Center to say "hello," and introduce yourself to him!

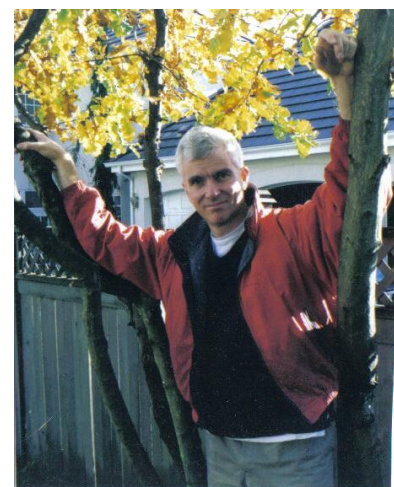
Bruce is a retired engineer. He has been tutoring in a variety of subjects since the late 70's when he tutored math, science and engineering in university level. While he worked as an engineer in construction he developed an interest in study of Asian language and literature and

garnered quite a bit of tutoring experience swapping language lessons with Chinese and Tibetans who aspired to English, teaching them mainly spoken language.

He developed an understanding of math pursuing his degree in engineering and later working structural design. He currently tutors children in math at a Mathnasium Center and Washington International School. Their ages run from about 7 to 17 and the math ranges from elementary arithmetic to calculus. Prior to that he volunteered for two years at a joint King

County-Shoreline Community College GED program for youth at risk. He taught reading, elementary math, elementary computer software and writing. At that time he also tutored at a Sylvan Center teaching math and volunteered at Briarcliff Elementary Math Olympiad program for 10/11 year olds. He has also tutored math at North Seattle Community College and math and engineering at Shoreline Community College.

He also likes to garden and sing (he says badly but does it for the joy of it).



## TRiO-SSS STUDENTS TRANSFERRING TO OTHER COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

Congratulations to the following students who have transferred to other colleges and universities this Fall!

### Alaska

- Jennifer Stahl

### CWU

- Jessica Tran

### CWU-Everett

- Valarie McKinsey  
- Tesha Mitchell

### Seattle University

- Hajer Al-Faham  
- Randy Minor

### UW-Bothell

- Morgan Webb

### UW-Seattle

- Brenda Smith-Gomez

### Western Oregon U

- Angela Foley  
- Arieal Foley

### WSU

- Trista Parkes

### WWU-Everett

- Mikel Kowalcyk  
- Christina Panther

Moved on to another two- or four-year college but don't see your name here?

Started a new job or want to share other news? Let us know!

Keep in touch!

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*If you are a recent graduate of EvCC and would like to stay connected, consider a free membership in the EvCC Alumni Association. It's a great way to network! For more information about the Alumni Association or Alumni events, call 425-388-9201 or e-mail [EvCCAlum@everettcc.edu](mailto:EvCCAlum@everettcc.edu).*

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## DIVERSITY & EQUITY CENTER EVENTS

October 5, 2:00-3:00  
Study Skills Workshop  
D&E Conference Room  
Limited Space Contact  
D&E

October 7, Noon-1:00  
Safe Zone Birthday Party  
Cake & Conversation  
Whitehorse 105

October 15, Noon-1:00  
"Magdalen Hsu-Li -  
Smashing the Ceiling  
and Redefinition of  
Identity Musical  
Lecture"  
MPR

October 20, 11:00-Noon  
and 12:15-1:15  
Latin Culture and Music  
MPR

October 22, Noon-1:00  
The Energy Edge  
By: Suzette LaPlant  
Conf Room C

October 26-29  
The Clothesline Project  
- Domestic Violence  
Awareness  
MPR

November 2, 2:00-3:00  
Test Taking Workshop  
D&E Conference Room

Nov 12, Noon-1:00  
Creating an Intentional  
Life, Connie Dewdney  
Conf Room C

Nov 16, 2:00-3:00  
College Transfer  
Workshop  
D&E Conference Room

Nov 19, Noon-1:00  
Creating Peace Within,  
Connie Dewdney  
Conf Room C

December 11, 6:00-8:00  
Children's Winter  
Holiday Party  
MPR

For more  
information go to  
D&E website at  
[www.everettcc.edu/re  
sources/diversity](http://www.everettcc.edu/resources/diversity) or  
call 425.388.9306.

## UNIVERSITY TRANSFER TUESDAYS w/Gina Myers, Counselor for CACC

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*"Planning is the key for  
a successful transfer."*

Tuesdays at 1:00pm in  
the Counseling,  
Advising and Career on  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Parks.

October 6 - Choosing a  
College Major

October 13 - Paying for  
College, Financial Aid  
and Scholarships

November 17 - College  
Application and Writing  
Your Personal Statement

November 24 - Get  
Ready to Transfer

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