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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Hello TRiO Students!
We are very excited for your return to campus. Although we have been very busy, we miss seeing each of you and look forward to hearing your fun in the sun summertime stories!

Our new team members, Deanna and Earl, are eager to meet each of you and help you to be successful students. If you have not already scheduled a time to introduce yourself come by and see Debbie to set up your first meeting of the year. We are incredibly fortunate that the two of the most experienced counselors are joining the TRiO team to support you!

About a month ago you should have received a letter regarding our

TRiO grant proposal that the college submitted in December. Unfortunately, we were notified that we did not score high enough to receive funding. Currently we are in the process of submitting an appeal. We found out that we were less than one point away from receiving funding. As we mentioned before, we have funding through August of 2011 so services will not change at all this year. The college administrators truly believe in our TRiO program and plan to do everything they can to continue to provide these services, regardless of the funding source. We will continue to keep you posted as we find out



more information.

Our tradition of hosting a fall gathering will continue this year on October 27th. We look forward to spending some time visiting with you and eating lunch, so please join us. We hope that each of you has had some time to relax and that you feel ready to come back, study hard, and continue to make progress towards reaching your educational goals.

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 78.5 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 27**, 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.

You can meet our new counselors and get acquainted with them.

Get information on program events, 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.

DEADLINES ARE CRITICAL!

Now more than ever, it is absolutely critical that you pay attention to financial aid and other college dates and deadlines. With the increasing number of students on campus, missing a deadline can cause issues as serious as not being able to attend one quarter.

This year you can begin by filing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (F.A.F.S.A.) in January. If you need help with this process please let us know. After your F.A.F.S.A. is filed then you must make sure to complete all additional paperwork requested and make sure your financial aid file is completed on time. Now the Financial Aid Student Portal is available through the student kiosk to help

you track your financial aid. Your counselor is here to help you every step of the way, from filing the F.A.F.S.A. to understanding the student portal information and completing your file. Do not forget that now your tuition is due five days after you register for classes and if you do not pay you will be dropped. If you have missed the financial aid deadlines and your award is not ready you will not be allowed to put a hold on your classes.

Furthermore, if you miss your day for class registration you could quickly find that the final classes you need for graduation are full. Students who wait until the last minute to register may not get into any of the

classes they need.

The wait lists grow quickly so there is no time to delay!

Many other deadlines are equally important, including; 100% refund deadline, last day to drop with a W or change to an audit, 50% refund deadline, the deadline for applying to graduate by the end of this quarter, and the last day to register, add, or drop a class with no record. Watch your e-mail for anything from TRiO! We will send out friendly reminders and we are always here to help so please do not hesitate to stop by. You do not have to remember all of this on your own, just come and see your TRiO Counselor once a month!

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.scholarshipjunks.com. He has helpful tips for winning scholarships.

To get started create profiles on these websites: thewashboard.org, fastweb.com and collegeboard.com

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 scholarships. 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 for students who have been involved

with TRiO for more than one quarter.

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 them. 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.

Deanna – Monday 12 -1
& Wednesday 9-10

Earl – Tuesday 1-2 &
Thursday 10-11

Jessica – Monday 10-12

Fridays 1-3

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 22. 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.

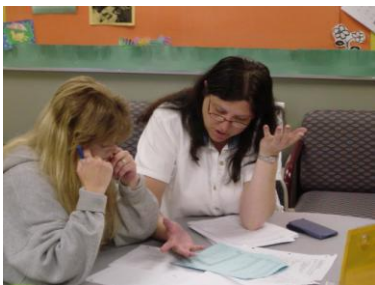
Studies show students who teach learn more!

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 ME

DEANNA SKINNER

Thank you all for welcoming me to the TRIO Student Support Services Program! I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with each of you and to work together to help you achieve success in your college career.

I have worked in higher education for over 25 years advising and counseling students. Previously I worked for LWTC, EdCC and

SCCC. I came to EvCC in 1999 and have served as a counselor in the counseling, advising and career center since that time. I also teach Human Development classes such as career & life planning, overcoming math anxiety and stress management. I received my B.S.W. from Northwest Nazarene College in 1981, and my M.Ed. in counseling in 1992 from Seattle

University. I became a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in 2006. I have been honored and privileged to serve students in the technical and community college system, and look forward to continuing this journey working with each of you. My counseling style is encouraging, supporting and helping you maneuver your best path to success. Thank you, Deanna Skinner



EARL MARTIN

Hello, I'm really looking forward to meeting you and excited about the new school year. I have been a Counselor at Everett Community College since 1990 and believe my experience and training can be a valuable asset towards helping you reach your goals. I too was a low income, first generation college student who went to a community college and feel I can really relate to the unique challenges you might be facing. I graduated with my AA from Highline

Community College and a transferred to Central Washington University where I completed a BA in Psychology, a BS in Pedagogical Studies and a MS in Counseling Psychology. In 2004, I graduated from the University of Washington with my doctorate degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. I am also a licensed Mental Health Counselor. I look forward to sharing my training and experience with you. On a more personal note, I am a single dad

who dotes on the love of his life ... my 5 year old son. I enjoy spending time with my friends enjoying music, movies and good conversations. When I can, I try to attend Pow Wows with my son and participate in our traditional Cree ways. Besides that I am usually working around the house on various projects and generally trying to enjoy life. Family, friends and culture are important to me. I look forward to getting to know each other better and having a great school year!



UNIVERSITY TRANSFER TUESDAYS w/Gina Myers, ABE Division



"Planning is the key for a successful transfer."

Tuesday, October 5

Counseling, Advising
and Career Center -
"Begin with the End in
Mind/Choosing a
College Major"
1:00-2:00
Rainier Learning Center
- Room 104

Tuesday, October 12

Counseling, Advising
and Career Center -
"Paying for College-
Financial Aid and
Scholarships"
1:00-2:00
CACC Area Parks
Building-Third Floor

Tuesday, November 16

Counseling, Advising,
and Career Center -
"College Applications
and Writing your
Personal Statement"
1:00-2:00
CACC Area Parks
Building-Third Floor

Tuesday, November 23

Counseling, Advising
and Career Center -
"Get Ready to
Transfer"
1:00-2:00
CACC Area Parks
Building-Third Floor

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