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## WINTER 2010

### DIRECTOR'S NOTES--*Welcome to the New Year*



We hope you enjoyed the holidays and we look forward to seeing you during winter quarter. Please stop by during the first week of classes for some refreshments. We also want to let you know of some important things happening during the quarter.

**Competition for Transfer Students.** As you probably already know the State of Washington is having budget problems that may limit the number of students who can attend community colleges and universities and increase tuition. The impact of

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

these problems can be reduced with some extra planning. A week or two before your registration appointment, meet with your counselor to choose classes that you need to graduate and to develop a schedule of classes and times for homework that will help you do well. Also, keep in touch with the Student Support Services staff; they will work with you to help you keep your grades up and to help you with your plans to transfer.

**Federal Financial Aid.** This quarter you should also be thinking about your federal financial aid for 2010-11. The federal financial aid renewal forms for 2010-11 are available. Students planning to transfer to

the University of Washington or Western Washington University for any quarter next year will need to file the completed forms by the February priority deadlines set by the universities. You can find a list of these dates and admission application dates on page 8. Everett has May 1 as the priority deadline, but this is for a complete application file. To meet Everett's deadline we encourage you to submit your renewal form sometime in January so you will have time to fix any problems.

We also encourage you to join us for cake and punch on **TRIO Day** in February.

### FIRST WEEK GOODIES!

"hello," tell us about your break, 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!

## TRiO-SSSP STUDENTS' WINTER GATHERING



2009 National TRiO Day

Please join us in celebrating the TRiO Programs' 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Wednesday, **February 24**, in the TRiO-Student Support Services area from 11-1.

**Cake and beverages will be served.**

The TRiO-Student Support Services Program is one of many TRiO programs nationwide at colleges and universities. TRiO

Programs are federally funded.

Everett Community College TRiO-Student Support Services has been at the College since 1980-81.

## REMINDER OF FREE SERVICES WE OFFER

Besides academic advising, TRiO services include personal or 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.

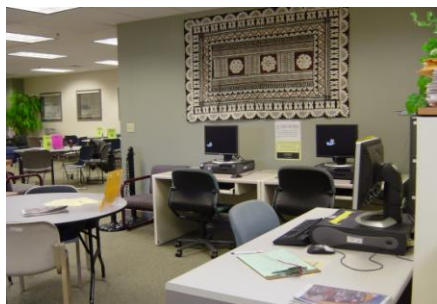
You can type assignments using a variety of programs including MS Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint. All computers have internet access.

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 that 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 month**. 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.



**Evelyn Henriques and Belle Nishioka**

## 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 are limited to 15 minutes.

**Belle's drop-in:**  
Tuesday 10-11  
Thursday 1-2

**Evelyn's drop-in:**  
Monday 9-10 and  
Wednesday 10-11

## REMINDER OF SERVICES WE OFFER (continued)

### 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 **January 29**. 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.

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***“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?”***

### 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-SSSP 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 the Rainier Learning Center. Drop-in hours are:

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

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*“My tutor was very supportive and patient. She really understood what I needed and how I learn best...”*

*Thankful TRiO Student*

## INTERESTED IN BEING A TUTOR?

TRiO-SSSP 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 that students who teach learn more! Plus, tutors participate in a paid training once a 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.




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

## FINANCIAL AID DEADLINES FOR EvCC

### Reminder:

Financial aid online worksheets are now available for the next school year (Summer 2010-Spring 2011) in the Financial Aid office or in our area. On this worksheet, you can get all your information together before you submit your application or update your

information via the Internet.

Applications and updates may be submitted as of **January 1** and it is strongly recommended they be submitted sometime in January to maximize your award. Meeting this date means that you can ask for a financial aid hold on your Summer and Fall registration and won't be

dropped from classes. Make sure you quickly respond to requests for additional information (e.g. data sheet, income verification).

If you have any questions or concerns about your financial aid application, please talk to the Financial Aid office or come in and talk to your TRiO-SSSP Counselor.



www.fafsa.ed.gov

## COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

On Saturday, **January 30, 2010, 1:00-4:00 pm**, Everett Community College will be hosting "College Goal Sunday" for the third year. Because the application process can take up to a couple hours we are asking that everyone please arrive promptly at 1:00 pm. This will give you the time needed to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Parents are encouraged to attend with their students.

Bring the things you'll need:

- Social Security number
- Drivers License
- Any financial records related to income (W-2's or a pay stub and/or 2009 tax return)
- If 23 years old or younger – A parent and their 2009 income data
- Your FAFSA pin number
- If not a U.S. citizen: your alien registration card.

Not all families will have all of these documents—but don't let that stop you from coming. If you don't have this year's income tax returns, bring copies of last year's forms and /or last pay stub for making estimates. You should also bring any other financial records related to income.

You may go to the "College Goal Sunday" website for more information  
<http://www.collegegoalsundaywa.org/where.html>



**DATE:** January 30, 2010  
**TIME:** 1:00-4:00 pm  
**PLACE:**  
 First stop – Shuksan Room 132 for meeting.



## 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 students across

the whole state or country.

Scholarship applications will be available in the Financial Aid Office mid-March with a deadline sometime in mid-April. Several TRiO-SSSP students have won scholarships in the past – some of them for over \$1,000! In fact, two of the most prestigious scholarships available to EvCC students, The Washington Award for Vocational Excellence Scholarship and the USA Academic Team Scholarship, have regularly been awarded to TRiO-SSSP students.

It is important to provide all the information requested and to have a well-written essay. If you are looking for assistance and advice

on how to submit a successful application and questionnaire, we are available and happy to help!

Scholarships are grants of money given by donors to students. These funds are usually above and beyond financial and grants.

Another great resource for scholarships that was developed by a student who won thousands of dollars and now helps other students 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.

## How to Save Money on College Textbooks

Are the exorbitant costs of college textbooks taking a big bite out of your limited budget? We offer the following tips to help you save money on the increasing cost of books:

- First, identify the ISBN of the textbook, the title, and the edition number. Also, note whether there are any additional materials that might be packaged with the book.
- Contact the instructor and determine whether a previous edition of the text might be appropriate. If so, you can usually save between 40-80% off of the newest edition, although you will not be able to sell the old version

back to the EvCC bookstore later.

- Buy a used textbook from the EvCC Bookstore, and sell your book back to the Bookstore at the end of the quarter. If they agree to buy it back, it depends on the demand, you could get up to 50% of the new book price.
- In the Parks Building, along the main corridor, is a Book Sell/Buy bulletin board. You can both buy and sell your old textbooks here, perhaps at better price than you would get from the Bookstore.
- Spend time at the quarterly book buyback session, note what books your fellow students are selling,

and offer \$5 more for the books they are selling back than what the vendor is offering to pay for them. This price will still be cheaper than what you would pay at the EvCC Bookstore for the same used book!

- Buy your book using the web site <http://www.addall.com> This site searches many of the major online bookstores at once and organizes the findings into a price comparison chart. Be aware that you need to have sufficient time if you plan to order this way and if you drop the class, you will have to wait until the end of the quarter to get your money back (assuming

## How to Save Money on College Textbooks (cont)

that the book buyback wants your book). We do not suggest this option for a once-a-year course, but if you know the course is taught often, this can be a great option.

- Share a book with or borrow a book from a friend or the library.
- Ask your instructor if they gave a copy of the textbook to the EvCC Library Front Desk Reserve. While you cannot check the book out of the library, you can schedule time there to read the book.
- Identify the name of the textbook publisher and go to their web site. Often, publishers sell the book for less (but remember to

calculate the cost of shipping). Publishers only sell new, and not used, textbooks.

- Rent your textbooks from [Chegg.com](http://Chegg.com) or [CampusBookRentals.com](http://CampusBookRentals.com), which carries the introductory economics text for \$68 (instead of \$146 at many college bookstores). Also, check out [Textbookx.com](http://Textbookx.com), which has good prices on textbooks.
- As a pilot program, the EvCC Bookstore will rent some books beginning Winter 2010 quarter. These books for rent will be for the following classes: Biology 231, Business 201, Nutrition 101, Economics 202, and Political Science 101. For example, instead

of buying a new Human Anatomy book for \$185, you will be able to rent the same book for \$55.62 per quarter.

- As part of the pilot program, the EvCC Bookstore will also be “selling” e-books, which are significantly less expensive than textbooks. The e-books will be for the following classes: Chemistry&161, Chemistry&162, Engineering&215, Math&120, Math&140, Math&88, and Math&151. For example, instead of paying \$237.55 for the Chemistry&161 textbook, the e-book only costs \$60.

## Financial Tips during Challenging Economic Times

Managing the costs of college is often difficult, and these challenging economic times have made tight budgets even tighter. Listed below are some resources available at the College and in the community. Please contact your TRiO counselor if you have any questions about these resources, or would like additional referrals. In addition, if you are aware of other good tips, please share these with the TRiO staff so that we can add them to our future Tips Sheet and share them with other students!

❖ **CLEAR**, a program of the Northwest Justice Project, offers free legal services in a non-criminal matters for low-income people in Washington. Their number is 1-888-201-1014.

❖ **Volunteers of America**, located just down the street on Broadway, is a great resource for low-income students for emergency services and resources such as gasoline vouchers, bus tickets, doctor appointment vouchers, prescription payment assistance (\$100 limit), clothing,

furniture, house wares, food, and mortgage/rent assistance. **Call 211** for information. The **“Mortgage and Rent Assistance Program”** is offered only once a month at 8:00 a.m. and funds, we are told, are given away in the first 10 minutes. Call (425) 212-3233 for this program.

❖ With the rising costs of owning a car, **the public transit system** offers another less expensive alternative. Taking the bus within Everett city limits only costs 75 cents one-way. Contact Everett Transit at

## Financial Tips during Challenging Economic Times (cont)

(425) 257-7777 or [www.everettwa.org/transit](http://www.everettwa.org/transit). Contact Community Transit if you wish to travel within the Snohomish County area (e.g. Lake Stevens, Monroe, Smokey Point, and Stanwood). Their telephone number is 1-800-562-1375, (425) 353-7433, or [www.commtrans.org](http://www.commtrans.org). One way fare is \$1.50.

❖ The **Public Utilities Department** in Everett offers year-round discounts on electric bills to its low-income customers who qualify. The program offers 20%, 40%, or 60% off PUD bills, depending on income level. You may obtain an application at any PUD office, at most senior citizen centers, or by calling the PUD's Customer Service Department at (425) 783-1000.

You can also get an application on the PUD's website at [www.snopud.com](http://www.snopud.com).

❖ The **Snohomish County Energy Assistance Program** provides heating bill assistance (one-time per heating season) to eligible low-income households. This program will help with all heat fuel types (oil, nature gas, wood, propane, electric), and grants range from \$25 to \$750. The Program also assists with repairing heating systems. Assistance is usually provided between November 15<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Households with Puget Sound Energy natural gas may receive assistance throughout the year. Contact (425) 388-3880.

❖ **Americorps** provides \$1000 to \$2,462 scholarships in exchange for community

service. Community service may include involvement in campus clubs, public schools, or any non-profit community service agency. You must be at least 17 or years old, a US citizen or lawful permanent resident alien of the U.S., and enrolled in school. Contact Sharon Stultz, Campus Compact Activities Initiative, Index 119, (425) 388-9007, for more information, or visit [www.everettcc.edu/sis](http://www.everettcc.edu/sis).

❖ Many students think they must take a minimum of 6 credits to receive financial aid. Not true! You need to take at least 3 credits to receive the Pell Grant, 3 credits for the State Need Grant, 6 credits for the Stafford Loan, and 6 credits for Work Study.

## UW BOTHELL ADVISOR ON CAMPUS WEEKLY!

Are you thinking about transferring to the University of Washington, Bothell campus? Good News! You can meet with Gretchen Gaffney, UW Bothell Senior Transfer Admissions Advisor, at Everett Community College. She encourages students to meet with her early in the

transfer planning process, and will answer your questions attending the UW Bothell campus, and explain the general UW admission requirements, degree or major requirements, and the application process. Her telephone number is (425) 352-5318 or (425) 352-5000.

During Winter quarter, she will be at her information table next to the espresso stand on the first floor of the Parks Building generally every Wednesday.

You may sign-up for a meeting with Gretchen, who will be in the University Center generally every Friday.



## TRANSFER DEADLINES FOR FINANCIAL AID AND ADMISSIONS

**ALERT!** Financial aid and college admission deadline dates approach very quickly during Winter Quarter.

**Financial Aid**—Some financial aid priority filing dates for 4-year colleges and universities for 2010-11 are set as early as mid-**February 2010**. The table below includes application and financial aid deadlines for several 4-year colleges in Washington. Please check the college web sites for current information. Remember, whether you plan on

starting Fall, Winter, or Spring of 2010-11, to be considered on-time means you must have your application in by the priority filing date to be considered for a full award. This rule applies for most institutions. Applications received after this date is considered on a “*funds available*” basis only. Also, check to see if this deadline date means *postmarked, received by processor, or returned by processor*. This is very important and could be the difference in flagging

your application as late. Don't forget to check on scholarships. Often scholarship deadlines are **EARLIER** than FA deadlines.

**Admissions**—Apply as early as possible as space is often limited. When applying for admission,

check to see if you also need a departmental application which may have a different deadline date.

And remember—stop by our offices if we can help or if you have any questions!

University	Admissions Deadline FALL 10	Financial Aid Priority Deadline! 2010-11
UW-Seattle	Feb 15	Feb 15
UW-Bothell	March 15	Feb 15
WWU-Bellingham	April 1	Feb 15
CWU-Ellensburg	April 1	March 15
Evergreen	March 1	March 15
EWU	Feb 15	Feb 15
WSU	Jan 31	Feb 15
Seattle Pacific	April 1	March 1

### UNIVERSITY TRANSFER TUESDAY with 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.

**January 12** – Choosing a College Major

**January 19** – Paying for College, Financial Aid and Scholarships

**January 26** – College Application and Writing Your Personal Statement

**February 2** – Get Ready to Transfer

For more information, please contact Gina Myers, CACC 425.388.9266, or [gmyers@everettcc.edu](mailto:gmyers@everettcc.edu)

## DIVERSITY & EQUITY CENTER EVENTS

### Domestic Violence 101

Tuesday, January 26,  
Noon - 1 pm, GW 370

### Financial Aid

#### Workshop

Wednesday, January 27,  
1-2 pm, D&E Conf Rm

### Black Women's History

Wednesday, February 3,  
TBA

### Stop the Hate

Thursday, February 4,  
Noon-1 pm, GW 364

### Is it just Harmless

#### Flirtation?

Thursday, February 18,  
Noon-1 pm, Conf Rm C

### Scholarship Workshop

Wednesday, Feb 24,  
1-2 pm, D&E Conf Rm

### Celebrating Women's

#### History w/ Gloria

#### Burgess

Thursday, March 4,  
Noon-1:30, Conf Rm  
ABC

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



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The TRiO-Student Support Services  
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from the U.S. Department of Education.

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WE'RE ON THE WEB  
[www.everettcc.edu/resources/trio](http://www.everettcc.edu/resources/trio)





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# WINTER QUARTER 2010



# JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day 	2
3	4 First Day of Classes	5	6	7	8 100 % Refund Deadline	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Last day to register, add, or drop w/ no record	16
17	18 <b>No Classes</b> Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day	19	20	21	22 <b>50 % Refund</b> Deferred Tuition Payment	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5 Deadline for applying to graduate at end of Spring	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Deferred Tuition Payment	13
14 	15 <b>No Classes</b> Presidents' Day	16	17	18	19 Spring Class schedules due on Campus	20
21	22	23	24 <b>National TRIO Day</b> 	25 Registration by appts begin	26 Last day to drop w/ a W or Audit	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Deadline to pay for Spring Qtr	12	13
14	15 Classes End	16 Finals Begin	17 	18	19	20