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Students and Staff Advocate for TRiO Programs at Klobuchar's Office



Minerva Mung, Kathy Glampe, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Schevita Parsand, & Courtney Payne at the Senator's Minnesota Offices.

On August 25, 2010, representatives from the TRIO programs at St. Olaf College and the University of Minnesota were given the exciting opportunity of meeting with Senator Amy Klobuchar at the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul, MN. The meeting was arranged by Joe Campbell, the Outreach Director for Senator Amy Klobuchar and a strong TRiO supporter. At the meeting, Courtney Payne (TRiO/Talent search alum and St. Olaf student and current TRIO SSS and McNair Scholars participant) and Schevita Parsand (U of M student and current McNair student) talked about the way TRIO has impacted their lives and the importance of TRIO

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SSS Welcome Back Ice Cream Social is a Sweet Success

Vicky Carillo, '13

The new faces of the Board of Leaders for this 2010-2011 school year, welcomed students back with the annual SSS Ice Cream Social. Melby lounge was the ideal setting for students to mingle while enjoying a root beer float or a bowl of cookies and cream ice cream. Music from KDWB drifted out of an "old school" radio which set a relaxing mood. Returning SSS students took this opportunity to meet and welcome the incoming class.

"It was exciting to see new faces and have time to ask the questions that were once directed to me." said Sophomore Ana Alvarez.



Using delicious buckets of various ice creams and sincere smiles, the Board of Leaders and advisors entertained and welcomed students and kept the conversations flowing. The Ice Cream Social set off the year on a positive note. Many more events will follow; for dates see the four month calendar in the office or check your email.

Summer Bridge Students Host SSS School-Year Admits

Lansa Dawano, '14

During the 2010 Summer Bridge Program, our SSS family welcomed seven new SSS students for an overnight experience. My roommate, Thao Vang, and I were delighted to host Chaia Xiong. The new students' day started on Friday morning by attending the Summer Bridge Program students' poster presentations for Biology in Regents Hall. During the presentations, they walked around with smiles on their faces asking questions, complimenting our posters, and sharing their opinions. While we attended our Supplemental Instruction session, the new students attended an orientation session led by Kathy Glampe and Martha Thao. Then, they joined us for the "Coffee House" in Valhalla, where we shared our personal essays that we had written in our writing class. Next, we all gathered at Ytterbo Hall for



Nancy Vang and Isabella Martinez introduce Norma Romero-Rodriguez

International Food Night where those who were hosting the new students introduced them to the rest of the SSS students.



After enjoying the delicious food prepared by our TAs and various Northfield restaurants, we excitedly rushed over to the Pause for a Variety Show hosted and performed by SSS students. Even though we were all expected to participate in the variety show, it was easy to get out of our comfort zone and just have fun. Some students sang, some danced, and some even thought it would be entertaining to reveal their "single ladies" dance moves. The next morning, the new SSS students met with Kathy and Martha bright and early for more orientation to SSS and St. Olaf College. In the afternoon, all of

us went to the Guthrie Theater to watch "A Streetcar Named Desire." Even though the new students only spent one night with us, we did so much together throughout the two days that it felt like they were there for weeks. In my opinion, I thought they were really nice and fun to have around. I definitely had a great time getting to know my guest, Chaia Xiong and the other young women.

Sophomore SSS Student, Kristell Caballero-Saucedo Talks about Summer Internship in Senator Amy Klobuchar's Office

Kristell Caballero-Saucedo, '13

Working at Senator Klobuchar's Minneapolis office was one of the most wonderful learning experiences I've had. This internship allowed me actually do work that the professional staff does. I was able to learn more about the government and about the job that the senators have as our representatives. I was also able to help people in the Minnesota community with problems they had with federal agencies or guide them to resolve their problems. I was also able to meet wonderful people. I feel very lucky to have been able to participate in this internship and I wanted to encourage other students to apply!



Kristell Caballero-Saucedo with Senator Amy Klobuchar



Supplemental Instruction!

What is SI? *Supplemental Instruction is a series of focused, targeted small group study sessions led by a trained undergraduate peer who has already successfully completed the class.*

Why should I attend SI? *SI sessions have proven to be very beneficial for many SSS students in the past. SI is a chance to engage in the material in a meaningful way with a small group of students. SI leaders are wonderful resources...they really do know what they are talking about! SI could very well make the difference between a C and an A, or between failing and passing!*

SI Classes and Schedules

2010 Semester I

Chemistry 121A

Leader—Jackie Yang

S 11a-12p, T 4-5p, Th 6-7p

Chemistry 247

Leader—Trevor Romsdahl

M & W 7-8p, Sun 12-1p

Math 109

Leader—Wasif Islam

T 9-10p, Th 8-9p, Sun 8-9p

Calculus I

Leader—Pha Lor

M 5:30-6:30p, Th 3:30-4:30p, Sun 12-1p

Biology 125 with Bio 110

Professor—Eric McDonald

Statistics 110

Student led—if interested contact Bao Lee or
Novia Josiah.

Welcome SSS Class of 2014!

Cristina Amaya
Asia Black
Chelsea Chronquist
Lansa Dawano
Emmee Grisim
Jamal Guled
Calvin James
Mohamedamin Kedir
Moses Kulee
Muquxi La
Nhia Lee
Vangmee Lee
Horacio Lopez
Tong Lor
Isabella Martinez
Guttu Maskalo
Amanda Moua

Sahmad Nakumbe
Tyler Niblack
Julieth Rojas
Norma Romero-Rodriguez*
Shadrach Saydee
Robert Skinner
Cameron Smith
Rebecca Strommen
Cyril Stubbs
Kabao Thao
Devi Timaul
Patrick Tinsley
Leyen Trang
Buay Tut
Gaolee Vang
Kia Vang*
Lee Vang

Nancy Vang
Neng Vang*
Shiny Vang
Susan Vang
Thao Vang
Loulia Wang
Rashad Washington
Susie Wu
Chaia Xiong
Mai Yee Xiong
Nhia Xiong
Zoua Xiong
Hinok Yacob
Kayla Yang
Tou Yia Yang

*Honorary SSS Member

SSS Summer Bridge 2010 a Blockbuster

James Bauman

Mysterious stories of odd and inexplicable events such as a young boy wearing a red baseball cap quietly appearing in a dorm room, little-girl-sized hand prints in the frost on the outside of an unreachable third-story window during the dead of winter, water faucets turning on by themselves all at the same moment in an empty residence hall, and sightings of strange and terrifying people showing up unannounced at a funeral, were told around the soft glow of the campfire while forty first-year Student Support Services Students listened intently.



After the traditional ghost story telling, students and staff alike were too terrified to make the thirty yard trek in the pitch black to the restroom by themselves. Teeth brushing, face washing, and restroom going were only undertaken in groups. Between the stories, students roasted marshmallows to make s'mores, chowed down on hot dogs, munched on chips, and wolfed down tacos, left over from dinner. Slowly, one by one, students and staff trickled off to bed. For many, sleeping on the ground in a tent and awaking to a heavy covering of dew was a brand new experience. Sleeping on the ground in tents, being terrified by ghost stories, and roasting hot dogs while talking late into the night has become a pinnacle of SSS Summer Bridge tradition, even one of the Bridge Program's defining moments.

However, the SSS Summer Bridge Program is not mainly about hanging out, camping, and having a good time. The Bridge Program is about making St. Olaf home, and becoming an Ole. It is about cramming an entire biology class, lab, research poster, and an entire writing class, with multiple papers, into one four-week period. It is about working extremely hard, together, freaking out, together, having fun, making memories, and forming new friendships. The Summer Bridge Program is about forging new study habits and building strong support networks.

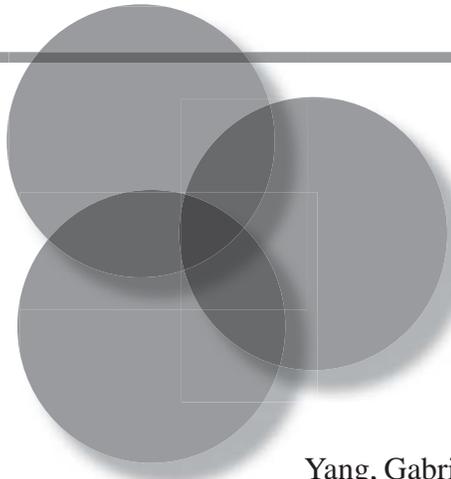
This year forty first-year St. Olaf students moved into Hoyme Hall on Saturday morning, August 1. Students came from as far away as California and Florida, on planes, buses, and in cars. Fourteen student-staff helped students and their families move in hundreds of boxes, plastic tubs full of essentials and non-essentials, and many refrigerators. The rest of that day was filled with orientation, welcome speeches, ice-breakers and get-to-know-you games. Biology professors, Charles Umbanhowar, and Eric McDononald, along with Writing Professor, Maria Kelly, talked about the classes and handed out the first homework assignment, due on the first day of class. With the prospect of a few hours of studying, trying to meet and get to know all the new faces, and adjust to a completely new place, students said goodbye to their loved ones.

Time during the Summer Bridge seems to fly by. Almost before anyone had time to blink, the first week was over. Students were sorted in to groups for the research project and poster presentation, due on the last Friday of the program. This year's theme, "Direct Your Life," explored biological themes portrayed in the movies. One research team, inspired by the movie, Iron Man, researched how exoskeletons function, and explored the feasibility of a super-hard protective rocket suit. Another group researched the mechanics of nocturnal vision as portrayed in the movie, The Chronicles of Riddick. A third group explored the themes of evolution and intelligence in Planet of the Apes. Students resplendently presented their research during the poster presentation on Friday, August 27. Later that day students had the opportunity to read their personal essays that they had been writing and developing all summer in the writing class. In their essays students shared stories of personal tragedy, loss, and hardship, as well as those of hilarity and great personal triumph.

The Bridge Program ended with a bang as students and staff had just two hours to move everything out of Hoyme and into their school-year residence halls. Sad to say goodbye, but confident and ready to move on to the regular school year, students said their farewells and went their own way. Summer Bridge 2010, Direct Your Life, was surely a blockbuster.

Board of Leaders

By Josh Titus. '13



The Board of Leaders is a group of current SSS students who have applied and were chosen by the SSS staff based on various qualifications. All SSS students can apply to be on the Board of Leaders in the spring semester, but students will only be considered if they have maintained a 2.5 or higher GPA, as well as remain in good academic standing throughout the year. The positions are only open to sophomores, juniors and seniors.

This year the team includes; myself (Josh Titus), Vicky Carrillo, Victoria Yang, Gabriela Bosmenier, Gifty Crabbe, Awet Ghirmai, Kia Her, Novia Josiah, Alisha Woodson, Courtney Payne, Ian Peppel and Ma Xiong. Each member has the opportunity to be a part of one of four committees: Public Relations, Executive, Special Events, or the Center for Experiential Learning. Members in the Public Relations committee work to promote SSS activities and events; their duties consist of writing articles for the newsletter, creating fliers and posters for events and sending email announcements for program activities. The Executive committee is in charge of communicating with the President's office, Dean of the College, faculty & staff as well as SGA in inviting them to special events hosted by The Board of Leaders. The Special Events committee assists with promoting events, helping organize the "Save TRiO" campaigns in the fall and spring. Last but not least; the CEL committee works closely with CEL staff on organizing sessions for SSS students such as resume workshops, finding Internships and graduate school tips.



The 2010-2011 Board of Leaders

The Board of Leaders is a great opportunity for one to enhance their leadership qualities and take on more responsibility. We encourage everyone to attend our weekly meetings on Mondays at 3:15 right across the hall from the SSS office in BC 109.

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for students who are first generation, low income, and/or have a disability. Kathy Glampe (SSS alumni and director of the St. Olaf TRIO SSS program) and Minerva Munuz (McNair alumni and interim director of the University of Minnesota Upward Bound program) talked about the need for an increase in funding for TRIO and the specific type of programming offered by TRIO. Senator Klobuchar was very supportive of TRIO and the important role it plays in making a college education attainable for TRIO-eligible students!

Mark your Calendars!



Winter Coat Shopping — *October 3*
McNair Info Session — *October 7, 11:30-12:30 & 3:45-4:45*
Fried Chicken & Academic Support Center Night — *October 12, 6pm*
Grad School Trip Info Meeting — *October 14*
Time Management, & Senior Career Dev. — *October 27 & 28*
Cookies @ Kathy's — *November 5, 6-8pm*
Education Luncheon — *November 11, 11:30*
Money Management 101 & 398 — *November 17 & 18*
SSS Holiday Party — *December 10, 4:30-6:00pm*

Congratulations Corner

We would like to send a special congratulations out to...

All of the SSS students who made the Dean's list!



Lam Cao
Alyssa Lynne
Landon Peppel
Lee Thao
Chue Vue

Highlights from Summer Bridge 2010...





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The St. Olaf College Student Support Services (SSS) program is a college retention program funded by the U.S. Department of Education, St. Olaf College, The General Mills Foundation, the Hearst Foundation and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. The SSS program is one of three TRiO programs originally funded under the Higher Education Act of 1965 whose objective is to help students overcome social and cultural barriers to complete their college education. The SSS program provides services to 160 eligible St. Olaf students annually.