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Representative Kline visits St. Olaf TRiO Programs!

On Thursday, August 23rd, Representative John Kline visited the St. Olaf TRiO programs and was able to see the TRiO/Student Support Services (SSS) program in action! Kline represents the Minnesota second district - which includes Northfield. Kline says he has become convinced that TRiO programs work. He has become a strong supporter of TRiO programs and a leader for the Veteran's Upward Bound program.

Representative Kline spent time touring the SSS Summer Bridge Program biology laboratories and speaking with students as they worked on their soil-testing experiments. He addressed the whole group and encouraged all the students to continue their education, emphasizing the importance of a college degree in the current job market.

After touring the laboratories, he met with current SSS students Amanda Bolland '08, Pakou Vang '07, James Barnett '08, and Mai Nhia Thao '08. The students told Kline about the difference the TRiO programs have made in their lives and educational experiences. After the students talked about their experiences, Kline told students "You're heroes."



He was very positive about the work of the TRiO programs, stating, "There's no doubt that this program is fundamentally changing the lives of kids." He also added that the TRiO programs are not only well-intentioned, but successful. The St. Olaf TRiO programs feel honored to have had Representative Kline spend the morning with our programs and our students!

James Barnett '08, Representative John Kline, Amanda Bolland '08, SSS Director Kathy Glampe, ETS Director Janis Johnson, UB Director Katie Olives, Mai Nhia Thao '08, Pa Kou Vang '09



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2007 SSS Summer Bridge Program

Thirty-seven students coming from as far as Georgia and Texas, to as close as Northfield, MN participated in the SSS five-week Summer Bridge Program. During this time, students completed a biology course, writing workshops, orientation workshops and Supplemental Instruction sessions. They also took part in several fun activities. This year, students went to Comedy Sportz, camping, and the Guthrie Theater where they saw the play, "1776". A highlight of the program was the poster session where students displayed the results of their research on issues relating to alcohol the theme of their biology course.

Charles Umbanhowar, Professor of Biology and Chair of Environmental Studies, was the course instructor. Assistant Professor of Biology, Sara Fruehling, was the adjoining lab instructor. Instructor in Education, Dan Forstner, taught the writing component of the SSS Summer Bridge Program.



We wish to thank all of the instructors, staff and students for making this summer a big success!!!

SSS Student Advisory Board

SSS Needs Your Ideas!!



With the start of a new academic year, it is also the beginning of a new Advisory Board.

All SSS students are welcome to join!



As a member of the Advisory Board, you will help plan SSS activities, Food, Family, Fun (FFF) Nights, and so much more! The Advisory Board will meet every Monday from 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm in Buntrock Commons room 108G.

For more information call Justin at x8020 or email him at flemingj@stolaf.edu.

Hope to see you at the next meeting on **Monday, October 8th at 3:15 p.m.**

SSS Peer Leader Program

The SSS Peer Leader Program’s main goal is to have students serve as ambassadors for the SSS program and to be positive role models for all SSS students. The Peer Leaders will be an integral part of the SSS Student Advisory Board and will take the lead in planning and coordinating many SSS activities throughout the academic school year. In addition, the Peer Leaders will work and be available in the SSS office three hours a week.

The Peer Leaders began the year with a bang by hosting an ice cream social on September 7th. About eighty-five students attended the event where they played games, ate ice cream, talked, laughed and had fun. They also hosted the first FFF, “Meet the Seniors” event on Monday, September 17th. Twenty-two SSS seniors shared their advice with about fifty-five first year, sophomore and junior SSS students. Thank you seniors!



2007-2008 SSS Peer Leaders along with SSS Academic Advisor, Justin Fleming (far left)

The next planned event is the Food, Family and Fun (FFF) night on Wednesday, October 10th at 4:30 pm, where we will be having fried chicken.

The Peer Leaders this year are Pa Lor ‘08, Luke Lyfoung ‘08, Kristina Poplavska ‘09, Demaya Riddley ‘09, Nardos Tesfalidet ‘09, Polina Bugayev ‘10, Tenzin Choerap ‘10, Joey Forcelli ‘10, Nong Vue ‘10, Pa Houa Xiong ‘10, and Xong Yang ‘10.

If you have any questions about the SSS Peer Leader Program you can contact Justin Fleming at x8020 or email him at flemingj@stolaf.edu.

Food, Family, Fun Nights

Once again, SSS will sponsor several Food, Family, Fun (FFF) Nights . This is a time where we all gather together to learn new information, celebrate birthdays, have dinner and enjoy each other’s company.

The remaining FFF Nights for Fall semester will be held on the following dates:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
10/10	Open Mic & Fried Chicken Night	4:30-6:30 pm	Ytterboe Lounge
11/3	Why Graduate School?	3:30-4:30 pm	Chapel 101
12/7	Holiday Party	4:00-6:00 pm	Ytterboe Lounge

The events have been a huge success in the past and we hope it continues for the 2007-2008 academic year. It is a great opportunity to interact with other SSS students, learn about graduate school, internships, visit your advisor, and have FUN!

Food, Family, Fun Nights cont...

The next FFF Night will be on Wednesday, October 10th from 4:30pm-6:30pm in Ytterboe Lounge.

Other Events to put on Your Calendar:

Education Department Presentation and Lunch: 10/18 at 11:30 am, Trollhagen

Bridge Book Gathering (Summer Bridge Participants and Staff): 10/25 at 11:30 am-12:30 pm, BC 144

Cookies at Kathy's House: 11/9 at 6 pm, Kathy's House-Northfield

McNair Information Session: 12/6 pm, Time and Location TBA

SSS Computer Lab



The computer lab will be open the following hours during fall semester:

Monday - Thursday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	3:00 PM-8:00 PM

Supplemental Instruction (SI)

You have questions, we have answers.

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a series of weekly review sessions for students taking historically difficult courses. SI is provided for SSS students who want to improve their understanding of course material and improve their grades in targeted courses.



The SI sessions are facilitated by SI leaders who are students themselves and are prepared to share with the SI participants what they have learned over the years about how to study. They know the course content well, as they are majoring in or have taken the course themselves and are anxious to help guide the students through the material.

SI leaders attend class with the students, hearing what they hear and reading what they read. The SI leader's job is to help the students think about the lectures and readings, and teach study strategies during SI review sessions so the students can learn the course material more efficiently.

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Supplemental Instruction (SI) cont...

This fall, SI is being offered in three targeted courses:

Math 121 (Calculus I) - SI leader: Chee Lee '07; (Wed 3-4 pm; Thurs 7-8 pm; Sun 2-4 pm)

Biology 125A with a .25 credit SI (Biology 110) taught by Assistant Professor of Biology, Mike Swift; (Mon 2-2:55; Tues 2-2:55; Fri 2-2:55)

Chemistry 121 - SI leaders: Ying Thao '08 and Pao Lor '08; (Sun 7-8 pm; Tues 7-8 pm Thurs 6-7)

A **big thank you** to Assistant Professor Sara Fruehling (Biology 125C), Assistant Professor Kristopher Keuseman (Chemistry 121), and Assistant Professor Kristina Garrett (Calculus 121) for allowing SSS to offer SI with their courses.

Please contact Jonathan Aldana at x8019 or email him at aldana@stolaf.edu for any further questions.

SSS Men's and Women's Leadership Retreats

SSS Annual Women's Leadership Retreat

The Women's Leadership Retreat was held on September 14-15th, 2007 at Nerstrand Big Woods State Park in Nerstrand, MN. The weekend was filled with great bonding moments. The SSS women hiked the trail around the park to the Hidden Trail Waterfall, sat by the campfire to tell heartfelt stories, had some fun with hot chocolate and s'mores, and "chilled" into the night. Kathy Glampe, SSS Director, and Martha Thao, SSS Academic Advisor, provided an environment that allowed the SSS women to explore their own inner spirit, strengthen their self-identity and enhance a community of allies to support one another for a holistic journey at St. Olaf.



Posing for a picture at the Nerstrand Big Woods State Park Hidden Trail Waterfall.

SSS Annual Men's Leadership Retreat

On the weekend of September 14-15th, 2007 twenty-one SSS male students and staff spent Friday and Saturday at Nerstrand Bigwoods State Park. Jonathan Aldana (SSS Academic Advisor) and Justin Fleming (SSS Academic Advisor) led the group as facilitators. The time was spent by seniors giving advise to underclassmen about how to be successful at St. Olaf, playing football, staying up and playing cards with new friends, and having awesome camp food.

Earn \$\$\$\$ For Books

A gift certificate (each semester) to the St. Olaf bookstore will be awarded to all SSS students who meet the following goal:

\$15 2.8-3.29 GPA

\$20 3.3-3.49 GPA

\$25 3.5-4.00 GPA

For more information, please see your SSS Advisor.



Story of the 2007 SSS Summer Bridge Program

In the Beginning...



The student staff trained and prepared for the adventures awaiting during the summer ...

Then, students moved in...



And in the field...



To study biology in the classroom and lab...



They even prepared a presentation...



They took time to relax and go camping...

And for a swim...



They had a good time at the rope course...

And even performed at the SSS variety show...



They ended the summer with a banquet...



And Bowling!



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October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Advisory Board 3:15 Peer Leaders 3:45	9	10 FFF Chicken /Open Mic 4:30-6:30 (Ytterboe Lounge)	11	12	13
14	15 Fall Break	16		18 Education Luncheon/ Info Session 11:30-12:30 (Trollhagen)	19	20
21	22 10:30-11:30 Peer Leaders (Jonathan) Advisory Board 3:15 Peer Leaders 3:45	23 1:00-2:00 Peer Leaders (Kathy) Last day of 1st half of sem course	24 3:15-4:15 Peer Leaders (Martha) 1st day of class for 2nd half of sem. course	25 10:00-11:00 Peer Leaders (Justin) Bridge Book Party 11:30-12:30 BC 144	26	27
28	29 Advisory Board 3:15 Peer Leaders 3:45	30	31			
					Peer Leader Retreat	



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November 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Advisory Board 3:15 Peer Leaders 3:45	Last day to drop or make S/U change in a sem length course		Why Grad School? 11:30-12:30 Chapel 101 Last day to add a 2nd half of sem course	Supplemental Grant Aid Apps Due	3
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Advisory Board 3:15 Peer Leaders 3:45	Last day to drop or make S/U change in a 2nd half of sem course			Bag Groceries 4-8 for Grad School Trip	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Advisory Board 3:15 Peer Leaders 3:45			Thanksgiving		
					Thanksgiving Break	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Classes Resume 10:30-11:30 Center for Int. Studies (Jonathan)	1:00-2:00 Center for Int. Studies (Kathy)	3:15-4:15 Center for Int. Studies (Martha)	10:00-11:00 Center for Int. Studies (Justin)		
	Advisory Board 3:15 Peer Leaders 3:45				Christmas Festival	



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Welcome New SSS Students!!!!

Please welcome the following forty-one students who were admitted into the SSS program this summer and fall.

Michelle Anklan	Rochester, MN	Jesse Schultz	Jordan, MN
Joshua Bain	Spring Valley, MN	Sagirah Shahid	Columbia Heights, MN
Justin Bain	Spring Valley, MN	Nicole Svoboda	Lyle, MN
Holly Berg	Shakopee, MN	Justin Turner	Le Roy, MN
Candace Brown	Woodbury, MN	Isaac Tut	Northfield, MN
Domonique DeWild	Austin, MN	Ean Ulrich	Owatonna, MN
Ngoc Quyen Duong	Brooklyn Park, MN	Chang Vang	St. Paul, MN
Fisihatsion Gebreyesus	St. Paul, MN	Lue Vang	St. Paul, MN
Aaron Marcus	Minneapolis, MN	Marilyn Vang	Champaign, IL
Zachary Hylton	Richmond Heights, OH	Tenzin Waleag	Blaine, MN
Antonio Jennings	Atlanta, GA	Ma Xiong	Minneapolis, MN
Huguette Kihutu	Faribault, MN	Doboul (Matt) Yak	Northfield, MN
Molly Ladwig	Savage, MN	Kosaizee Yang	Minneapolis, MN
Pa Ku Lee	Minneapolis, MN	Nou Yang	Minneapolis, MN
Xee Lee	Minneapolis, MN	Vue Yang	St. Paul, MN
Mejenta Littsey	Minneapolis, MN	Yeng Yang	St. Paul, MN
Nicoletta Maes	Wellington, CO		
Jared Mueller	Brainerd, MN		
Khoi Nguyen Nguyen	Faribault, MN		
Fatima Omar	Minneapolis, MN		
Landon Peppel	Barnesville, MN		
Alan Richardson Hohn	St. Paul, MN		
Kyla Riley	St. Paul, MN		
Randall Rodríguez	McAllen, TX		