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Happy New Year! I am honored to be greeting you as the Director of TRiO Student Support Services. I am only three months in this position and currently leaning on my previous experience in academic support programs including my work as a TRiO SSS Advisor in this program. TRiO SSS is now in the fourth year of a five year grant cycle on the USFSP campus. In the fall semester we completed our annual report to the US Department of Education and it was a pleasure to report on the academic success of our students. The office renovation has been a welcome change and we now have five new student computers! Our team is very excited to be hiring a new TRiO SSS Advisor. We’ll make that announcement soon!

What I love about TRiO SSS is that we have the opportunity to work with students on any challenges they are facing - academic, financial, career, personal, grad school applications, etc. Providing tutoring, guidance, information, and connection with appropriate campus resources can make a significant difference in the lives of students. That’s what we’re here for!

Wishing you a great semester!!

:) Terrye

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TRiO SSS Workshops and Events

February
- Thursday 6th - Financial Aid Assistance/ 2pm- 3:30 pm BAY 225
- Thursday 20th - Are you Career Fair Ready? Check out the Career Center’s workshop
- Tuesday 25th - Last chance Resume Critique! Check out the Career Center’s workshop
- Wednesday 26th - Job & Internship Fair 2014 10 am-3pm USC
- Friday 28th - National TRiO Day 9:30 AM—1:30 PM (Meet at COQ 101)

March
- Tuesday 20th - Academic Advising for Juniors & Seniors/4pm- 5pm COQ 101
- Tuesday 25th - Etiquette Dinner sponsored by the Career Center
- Thursday 27th - Academic Advising for Freshmen & Sophomores/4pm- 5pm COQ 101

April
- TBD - Financial Literacy
Leadership is a quality and a skill which guides an individual’s course in life. BusinessDictionary.com defines a leader as someone who “steps up in times of crisis and is able to think and act creatively in difficult situations.” Being a leader is often about decisiveness and knowing one’s self. Know what you believe and why you believe it. Know your values. Do not let society, the media or your friends dictate your values to you. We all listen to someone. It may be entertainers (through the music we listen to), authors (via the books we read), pastors, teachers, philosophers, etc. Be aware of the message and the person delivering it. Would you like to be like him or her? Lead your life by making decisions based on those values and be the change you wish to see in the world.

- Kelley Vanderwerf

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More than likely most of you are looking or beginning to look for an internship. Finding the right company is critical to help building your resume for future references. For me, I knew that I loved sports and my major is accounting, so I looked for positions that fit both of those criteria. I was able to find two wonderful internships, the first with the Women’s Tennis Association in their accounting department. I was able to find this opportunity through the USFSP Recruit-a-bull. I highly recommend browsing the job listings on Recruit-a-bull as I was surprised by the diversity of the job opportunities. My second internship was with the Tampa Bay Rays in their accounting/finance department. I applied for this internship through the online site Teamworks.com. I believe the main keys in landing yourself an internship are consistency and professionalism. I did not bombard each company with thousands of emails but kept my name in their head by emailing about every two weeks to inquire about the progress of the filling of the position. After every interview, I either phoned or sent a follow up email expressing my growing interest in the opportunity to work for them. I mentioned things talked about in the interview to show that it was not simply a blanket email sent to all employers. Once you get the position please, please, do your best and do not lie to employers about your skills. I have heard many stories about how previous interns will lie about their abilities on the computer (Excel mostly) to make themselves look good. The main purposes for internships are for you to learn, and the employers are more than happy to teach you anything you may not know. I can now say that I am more fluent in Excel after completing my internship with the Rays, as the computer classes only teach the basics of the program. I wish all of you luck in finding internships and if you ever want to come and talk about issues or problems please do not hesitate to make appointments with either me or Jeff.

-Tyler Thomas

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Should You Be a Leader?

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fW8amMCVAJQ

This Video is a Must See for anyone willing to lead from out front or from the middle… When you have an idea to try something new, or approach a project in a new way, sometimes it’s scary to take a risk. However, if you believe in the cause and support the mission, you can be an agent of change. Amazing things can be brought about or mistakes can be learned from. Will you try?

I recently learned all about Kouzes and Posner’s Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership Model. These five practices are what great leaders actually do when they are at their best.

Model the Way: Leaders not only create standards of excellence, but live them as well. They set the example for others to follow. Do what you say and say what you do.

Inspire a Shared Vision: Leaders passionately believe they can make a difference. They excite the people around them and get others to see their vision and possibilities for the future.

Challenge the Process: Is there an innovative way to improve a situation? Leaders take risks, make mistakes and accept disappointments as learning opportunities. On making a light bulb: “I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.” - Thomas A. Edison

Enable Others to Act: Leaders build a team of actively involved members. Leaders strengthen others, increase their capabilities and take initiative. There is mutual respect among members in an environment of trust.

Encourage the Heart: Leaders keep hope and determination alive by celebrating accomplishments. When each step along the way is recognized, people are inspired to achieve their goals and overcome hurdles.


-Sarah Benson

Whether you are an RA, VIP Tour Guide, Student Worker, or participating in a group project, you too can be an Agent of Change. To put your best foot forward, try out these five practices!

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**ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

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Important Campus Information

Student Success Center -- Tutoring for all classes, DAV 107
http://www.stpete.usf.edu/success/index.htm

Academic Advising – Meet once a semester to make sure you are taking the right classes, Davis 134
http://stpete.usf.edu/advising/Index.htm

Career Center – Information about careers and college majors, SLC second floor
http://www.stpete.usf.edu/career/

Wellness Center -- Great help when you are not feeling well , SLC second floor
http://stpete.usf.edu/saffairs/CCC/index.htm

The Waterfront – Swimming, kayaking, other activities, Coquina 108
http://stpete.usf.edu/waterfront/

Fitness Center – Workout room, gym, campus information, SLC
http://stpete.usf.edu/studentlife/campus_recreation/index.htm

Disability Services – Help for eligible students, SLC first floor
http://stpete.usf.edu/disability/index.htm

Public Safety – Campus Police, FPF 105 (parking garage by Barnes and Noble)
http://stpete.usf.edu/police/index.htm

Nelson Poynter Library – Check out a book or use the computers
http://www.nelson.usf.edu/

Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday Friday 9 AM—5 PM
Wednesday & Thursday 9 AM—6 PM


Visit us online!
http://stpete.usf.edu/trio/

Library Hours
MONDAY-THURSDAY 8 AM TO 10 PM
FRIDAY 8 AM TO 5 PM
SATURDAY 9 AM TO 5 PM
SUNDAY 1 PM TO 7 PM

Come visit your favorite mentors! Our