Welcome Back, TRIO students!

What did you do this summer? Oakton’s SSS TRIO Advisors have seen students throughout summer semester for advising and events. If you have not checked in lately, please do so soon. We look forward to hearing from you (see “Staff Hours” page 2).

This summer, we attended a customized group visit to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, visited the Art Institute of Chicago and held our first and successful, “TRIO Tune-Up.”

After seeing the latest addition to the Art Institute, the new Modern Wing, we visited exhibits on the “must-see” list.

By mid-August, SSS TRIO invited Oakton professors of speech and theater, John Frisco and Patti Interrante to facilitate the fun and energetic, “Spect-actors” workshop, acting out scenes of victimization, then rewriting and re-acting more empowered versions.

SSS TRIO Advisors also facilitated break-out sessions where students chose among three workshops: “The Organized Student,” “Time Management from the Inside Out,” and “Oakton Degree Requirements.”

Says student, Maria, “The Tune-Up provided a relaxing environment. Not only did we learn about ourselves, we learned about each other and being part of a group.”

SSS TRIO will host more events: cultural, college/university visits, workshops and fun activities this fall semester—all FREE to SSS TRIO students. Be sure to look out for email notifications and reminders from your TRIO Advisor.

Contact your SSS TRIO Advisor if you need to:

- borrow a calculator for the semester.
- borrow a laptop for a week.
- see if you’re eligible for a tuition waiver (free tuition) for certain college success courses or select introductory computer classes.
- schedule individualized math tutoring appointments.
- go over your educational/academic plan and transfer information while at Oakton.
- discuss any questions or concerns related to your academic or personal goals.
- pick up your FREE planner/assignment notebook.
- sign up for FREE workshops and events.
- complete financial aid forms (Act now! Yes, you could still do this!)

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Photo Gallery: Summer Highlights

Oh, the fun we had this summer!

Top left: SSS TRIO annual visit to UIUC; met with admissions, engineering and molecular and cell biology departments.

Top right: Cultural event trip to Art Institute of Chicago. The Modern Wing is in the background.

Bottom left and right: Getting in touch with our creative, inner actors at “TRIO Tune Up.”
*SSS TRIO Staff Fall Hours*
Appointments are highly recommended.

**Leana**, SSS TRIO Coordinator:
Skokie/RHC, A135
(847) 635-1434
M, Tu, Thu: 8:15 a.m.— 5 p.m.
W: 11:15 a.m.— 8 p.m.
F: 8:15 a.m.— 4:30 p.m.

**Mike**, SSS TRIO Advisor:
Skokie/RHC, A135
(847) 635-1434
M: 11:15 a.m.— 8 p.m.
Tu, W, Thu: 8:15 a.m.— 5:15 p.m.
F: 8:15 a.m.— 4:30 p.m.

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Des Plaines, 2400
(847) 635-1658
M, W, Thu, F: 8:30 a.m.— 5:15 p.m.
Tu: 11:15 a.m.— 8 p.m.

**Math Tutoring Appointments**

SSS TRIO students may schedule 30-minute private math tutoring appointments.

Des Plaines  (847) 635-1658
and Skokie/RHC (847) 635-1434

**Anna**, SSS TRIO Math Specialist
Tu: 10 a.m.— 3 p.m., DP
W: 9 a.m— 4 p.m., Skokie/RHC
Thu: 9 a.m.—1 p.m., Skokie/RHC
F: 10 a.m.—2 p.m., DP

**What else are SSS TRIO staff doing this Fall Semester?**

In addition to advising SSS TRIO students and planning and hosting workshops and events:

- **Leana** is working on renewing Oakton’s TRIO grant, scheduled for submission by this October. Students may support TRIO Programs by writing to Representatives in their district to share their academic success stories and/or providing letters of support to our grant application.

- **Mike** is teaching a late-start College 101. There are additional late-start sections (12-week courses) in College 101 and other classes. If interested in COL 101, contact Mike or any TRIO Advisor.

- **Kristine** is advising Oakton’s UNICEF Club. Students who are interested in supporting the United Nations Children’s Fund, which provides healthcare, immunization, education, emergency relief, clean tap water—needs that are essential to children’s survival and well-being, may contact Kristine.

- **Anna** is teaching Math 180 (business calculus). If curious about math-related majors, meeting individually for tutoring, improving math performance, and/or preparing for math placement tests, contact Anna.

- **Annette**, Administrative Assistant for TRIO, is the advisor for the Mission Bible Club and volunteers as an editor for the Mosaic, Oakton’s faculty and staff publication.

For more information on enrollment changes that are taking place at Oakton, be sure to pick up a copy of Oakton’s student newspaper, *OCCurrence* (Aug. 17, 2009).

In the meantime, in order to remain competitive with available classroom spaces and financial aid, SSS TRIO Advisors encourage students to adhere to deadlines—academic, class, financial assistance, etc.

**IMPORTANT DATES!!**

**Academic Calendar:**
http://www.oakton.edu/visitor/acad-cal.htm

**Register/payment/drop/refund schedule**
(consult your SSS TRIO Advisor before dropping to avoid possible penalties):
http://www.oakton.edu/admiss/ tuition.htm

**DID YOU KNOW?**

...financial aid applications increased 17% since last year.

...the State of Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant awarded eligible students if they submitted their FAFSA by the May 15 deadline.

...14% more students are applying for Oakton’s Scholarships.

...there is an increase in registration: 10% increase in summer 8-week courses; 15% increase in summer 7-week courses; 10% increase this August for fall.