Welcome Back!

*New Year, New Semester*

**DIRECTOR’S CORNER**

Welcome back!! I wanted to personally extend a heartfelt thanks and a sincere appreciation for your acceptance into the new Student Support Services Grant at Texas Tech University. It is with great pleasure and excitement that I hold this new Spring Semester as a “tipping” point toward your successful future and completion of a college degree. SSS not only will provide outstanding academic services but wonderful cultural activities that will ultimately inculcate you into the fabric of Texas Tech University and the world of post-secondary education. Please take advantage of every opportunity that SSS and its wonderful staff can provide and if you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact me or stop by my office.

Kindly, Jesse Jalomo

**COORDINATOR’S COMMENTS**

We are so excited you are back and wish you a great start to the spring semester! Excellence begins with attitude. Here at SSS, we believe you have the attitude to succeed and know you will work hard to perform at your best. We have planned a number of events for your academic and career development and hope you will take full advantage of these opportunities. In addition, please remember that TTU SSS requires you to attend a minimum of two activities per semester. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact me at (806)742-3629 or alejandra.munoz@ttu.edu. I look forward to seeing you soon!

~ Alejandra Muñoz ~

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**College Tour Information**

**SSS College Tours**

March 31- April 3, 2016
(10 students max)

Join us for a **free** and informative weekend of graduate school college tours in the DFW area: TCU, UTA, and SMU.

Contact the SSS Office to sign up.

**1st Come, 1st Served**

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**Cultural Event**

**First Friday Art Trail**

Meet for a **FREE** dinner at 4:30pm at Taqueria Jalisco

Art Trail to follow from 6pm-7:30pm

Join us for the First Friday Art Trail of Lubbock! We will check out local art galleries and enjoy dinner together.

Contact the SSS Office to sign up.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**SSS Office Info:**
Doak Hall, Rm 120
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806-742-3629

**Gear Up Mentorship Program**
Mentor & tutor a 10th grader 2-3 times a month. Contact the SSS Office to sign up.

**Mentor Tech Spring Fling Picnic**
April 3, 2016- Volunteer to help. Contact the SSS Office to sign up.

**TTU Arbor Day**
Friday, April 29, 2016- SSS will participate as a group. Contact the SSS Office to sign up.

**South Plains Food Bank**
Volunteer opportunities can be found at https://www.spfb.org/volunteer

**TTU Office of Community Engagement**
Pick up a calendar of events in Doak 114.

**IDEAL**
Volunteers for February Super Saturdays.
Contact the SSS Office to sign up.
Save the Date!

January 28th 4:30-5:30pm “Bang For Your Buck”
Need money for college? Add money to your wallet through scholarships, and learn how to budget your money wisely.

February 4th 5-6pm “To Drop or Not to Drop”
Wondering if you should stay in that one difficult class? Come learn how to approach academics with a growth mindset, persist in challenging courses and sharpen your study skills.

February 19th 2-3:20pm “Money On My Mind”
Do you find yourself constantly trying to make ends meet? This workshop is designed to cover the following topics: how to avoid overspending, saving money, mixing money and family, and investing.

February 25th 5-6pm “Study Abroad”
Find out all about how to plan, find money, and start the application process to study abroad.

March 4th 3-6pm “FAFSA-THON”
Fill out your FAFSA tonight! Leave the workshop with a completed FAFSA and all of your questions answered.

March 24th 5-6pm “Use Your Time Wisely: Time Management Tips”
Find out how to make each hour of the day count! This workshop will cover the delicate art of balancing life, school, student involvement, and jobs, as well as how to prevent procrastination.

April 7th 5-6pm “Thinking About Graduate School?”
We will cover the admissions process, graduation data, enrollment numbers, resources and career options to give you the opportunity to assess the advantages and disadvantages associated with graduate school.

April 15th 2-3pm “Secrets to Starting Your Career”
Learn how to create a stellar resume and nail that interview with your dream company! This workshop will cover techniques on how to conduct a successful job search.

April 29th 2-3pm “Academic: Success Skills for Finals”
Test Anxiety, Tips & Strategies for studying.

Recognition Ceremony

When: Thursday, May 5, 2016, 6-7:30pm
Where: College of Human Science Rm 169
What: Recognizing graduating seniors and students with academic excellence. Light refreshments will be provided.
RSVP: April 21, 2016 to the SSS Office at trio.sss@ttu.edu or 806-742-3629.