Welcome Back to Student Support Services

The beginning of the new school year brings new changes to the Student Support Services program. The new fiscal year began September 1, and recruitment for new students began in April as students began registering for fall semester.

Over the summer, the SSS staff (Larry Esplin, Jen Hess, Jonathan Morrell and Mace Jacobson) reviewed every SSS file. As students completed Associate degrees (there were 57 who graduated this past academic year) they were contacted regarding their future plans. Most graduates were planning to continue their education. Some students who had completed certificates had already found employment in a related field. Other students who were not returning had left school to get married, serve an LDS mission or work.

Those students who had registered for fall semester were automatically forwarded into the 2015-2016 SSS program. We currently have 110 returning students and selected 103 new students to fill the program to more than capacity. We are funded to serve 200 students. Of the 200+ students, most meet eligibility requirements of first-generation and low-income and/or disabled. The others can be either first-generation or low-income.

More than 500 students completed SSS intake applications during freshmen O&R throughout the summer. The orientation for SSS was in held in August.
Northern Utah College Tour Set For October

As a participant in SSS, you have the opportunity to participate in a **FREE** college tour to any or all of the state’s four-year institutions and receive personal transfer advising.

**The 2015 Fall Tour is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, October 22 and 23.** Sophomores have priority since they need information about transferring next year. For this tour, only continuing SSS students are eligible to go.

We will visit UVU, BYU, University of Utah, Weber State and Utah State. We will spend the night at the Crystal Inn in Logan, and SSS will pay for your lodging and food for the trip. We set up appointments with academic advisors at each institution so they can inform you of the best classes to take while you are still attending Dixie State University. A tour is scheduled each semester to introduce you to different post-secondary institutions.

If you are interested in a tour of any of the colleges listed, contact Jonathan Morrell (652-7656) as soon as possible, Room 119 in the Browning. There are six seats in the van. The other tour will be held in April 2016.

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**Work-Life Earnings by Educational Attainment**

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**WHY MEET AN SSS ADVISOR?**

To develop a graduation plan, to learn college requirements, to add, audit or drop courses, to discuss academic or personal problems and to plan for graduation and transfer.

**“Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.”**

*William Jennings Bryan*

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**People are just about as happy as the make up their minds to be.**

*Abraham Lincoln*

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**Carry Snacks in your backpack:** peanut butter sandwich, fruit, mini-carrots, bagels—so you are not at the mercy of vending machines.

**Focus on fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy products.** They are satisfying, filled with nutrients, and many students don’t eat enough of them. Plus, they require little or no preparation.
**FALL GRADUATION DEADLINE**

The deadline to apply for fall semester 2015 is Thursday, October 1. As a participant in SSS, it is the program’s goal to have each SSS student complete an Associate degree. This past year, 2013-2014, we had 57 SSS students who completed their Associate degrees. Many students may be able to complete their AS degree by the end of fall semester.

If you are a student who is close but not sure if you should apply for December graduation, come by the SSS offices and any advisor can review your transcripts to see if you should apply for graduation in December or wait until May or July. Jonathan Morrell is able to process your graduation application.

**Find Success at the SSS Tutoring Center**

The SSS Tutoring Center is open for business! As an SSS participant, you may come to the Tutoring Center for help, ideas and encouragement Monday through Thursday from 8 to 5 and Fridays from 9 to 2. We suggest you study there! That way you can receive homework help on the spot, as needed.

The Tutoring Center primarily offers aid in math and science, but developmental English and reading help can be found there, as well. You can find which subjects are specifically available on the Tutor Center bulletin board (Browning, Rm 105). There is also information as to which tutors are available when and what their subjects of expertise are.

The center is a great tool for success. This past summer, all of our math students passed their classes with flying colors!

Come meet our tutors: Paige Vogel, Camille Migliori, Caleb Morrell, Disha Kansagra Cierra LeSueur and Allison Bennett. The tutors especially want all SSS students to know they are ready, willing and able to help! They are never “put out” and are always patient and caring. They’re interested in your success! Take advantage of the best tutoring on campus.

**BLOCK Courses Begin October 5**

Block courses start Monday, October 5, and run daily through the end of the semester. These courses are helpful for students who dropped or audit-ed courses early in the semester and need to add a course to remain eligible for financial aid (Pell grants or scholarships).

If you drop below 12 credit hours and are on any type of financial aid and need to sign up for additional credits, these courses are for you.

They are also for students who finish course work early and wish to move to the next level. There are also a number of various computer skills courses that start later in the semester; see the on-line fall semester schedule. Contact the SSS personnel for more information about the block courses.

“I know for sure that what we dwell on is who we become.”

Oprah Winfrey
SMART START SEMINAR

All new SSS participants began a class this fall offered by the SSS Staff. SSC 2001, Smart Start Seminar, is a class that is designed to ease the transition to college by providing students with the skills and information necessary to be successful students and productive citizens.

The class, held every Thursday at noon in the Snow or Browning, covers topics such as: DSU Student Services, Knowing Yourself—Self Assessment and Setting the Stage for College Success, Success Skills, Academic Success, Service Learning, Time Management, General Education and Graduation Plans/Transfer, Life Long Success, College Courses and Careers to Choose a Major, Financial Aid, Personal Finance and Staying Healthy.

The instructors are Jonathan Morrell, Mace Jacobson and Larry Esplin.

This one credit class is required for all new SSS students.

If you drop a class before Wednesday, September 2, it is free. If you drop a class or classes, on the fourth or later, it will cost $10 for each class you drop. If you need help deciding whether or not to drop a class come in to see an advisor.

For information about the SSS program, check out the bulletin boards as you enter Browning Learning Resource Center, room 105.

New 2015-2016 TRiO Planners are available for returning students, drop by the Tutoring Center and pick one up while they last.
Earn While You Learn—CO-OP Courses

If you would like to pick up a few more elective credits this semester, it is still not too late to enroll in COOP Education. It is a great way to earn college credit while you are working.

COOP Education is a special academic program which allows students to blend coursework with related work experience. It is supervised by an instructor/coordinator and in many cases Jonathan, Mace or Larry can act as the coordinator for SSS students. The benefits to students are: it encourages career exploration, increases employability and earning power, increases potential for job advancement, and defrays the cost of college expenses while earning college credit. For more information on how to enroll, see Karl Hutchings, in the Career Center 5th Floor Holland Building, or call him at 652-7668 or 652-7669.

SURVIVAL FOOD STASH:

- Dried fruit (raisins, craisins)
- Granola bars
- Graham crackers
- Peanut butter
- Low fat microwave popcorn
- String cheese
- Mini carrots
- Nuts (preferably unsalted)
- Applesauce
- Whole wheat crackers
- Dry whole grain cereal
- Fresh fruit
- Low fat yogurt

Returning Student’s Graduation Plan Needs to be Completed By October 1

As a returning participant, you need to make an appointment with any SSS advisor to review your Student Graduation Plan (SGP). This plan will help guide you through Dixie State General Education classes, major and minor pre-requisites and elective credits.

With an SGP in place, you can plan for your two, three, or four years at DSU and how you will progress towards completion of an associate degree and prepare for completion of a Bachelor’s degree.

Every SSS student must complete an SGP and have a graduation plan to remain active in the SSS program.

You will also need a current SGP to apply for a participation grant. Mid-semester grad checks are also due October 8th.
Check out all the Dixie State University activities and events at:

dsus.a.dixie.edu - Homebase for student involvement
dsusa.dixie.edu/clubs - Dixie State Club information
dsusa.dixie.edu/studentlife - What is going on @ DSU
www.dixieathletics.com/ - DSU Athletic site
Right2know.dixie.edu - FAQ and legal stuff
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Twitter: @DSUTRIO

APPLY NOW FOR FALL GRADUATION
If you plan to graduate Fall Semester, the application deadline is Friday, October 1, 2015. Contact Jonathan for more information or if you need him to complete the advisor’s portion of the application.