Director’s Updates

Hello everyone,

Midterms are less than 2 weeks away and there’s a lot going on, but I want to encourage you to keep working hard. It’s easy to get stuck in a mid-semester “slump,” but your success in classes is important in reaching your longer term goals. We’re here to assist you in any way possible. Don’t be afraid to stop by and talk with an advisor or make an appointment with a tutor.

For those of you working the TRIO Success Steps to earn a free face-to-face summer class, midterm checks are an excellent opportunity for a 2nd or 3rd advisor visit. Grades are due by faculty on the Friday of midterm week, so we will begin these checks the following Monday, Oct. 22. Midterms are a good way for you to gauge if your level of effort in your class is where it needs to be to get you to your goal.

Sometime in the next week, the SWCC Education Foundation will be opening a scholarship opportunity for students. Please keep an eye open for the application here: https://www.swcciowa.edu/campus-services/financial-aid/scholarships. This application will be due December 1, by 5:00 p.m. for awards to be given the Spring 2019 semester. If you need help with the essay or someone to proofread your submission, just let us know!

Have a wonderful month,

Laurie Besco, Director

Tutor/Mentor Updates

Hi, I hope that you are all off to a strong start. I can’t believe that we are already in October! Midterms are just around the corner and the holiday break will be here before we know it! Remember that we have 9 talented tutors in our office that are willing to work with you to help you boost those grades. If you need someone to proof read a paper, study for a test or complete homework please come to the office and schedule an appointment. We have tutors in a variety of areas from nursing classes, math classes to English classes. I am working on hiring someone for Spanish and Biology within the next couple of weeks as well so please if you are struggling come up and see us. We can also schedule group tutoring sessions if needed. We had several math group tutoring sessions in September. So if there is a need we can certainly work on scheduling those sessions as well.

The First Year Experience workshops are in full swing and the Academic workshops will resume in November. The FYE members are learning about various topics regarding financial literacy and how to better manage their money while in college. All are welcome but you must sign up in the TRIO SSS office the week prior.

Happy Fall Ya’ll

Darcy Crawford

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Transfer Updates

Upcoming Transfer Trips:

Iowa State University

Tuesday October 23rd – Leaving SWCC at 7:45am

As the weather begins to shift and the days become shorter, it becomes more and more difficult to stay motivated to go to class, stay active, and take care of yourself. The sickness season is upon us and a lot of you are probably already dealing with some of those issues as we speak. It is important to stay hydrated, get proper rest, and take care of yourself during the fall season. It not only benefits you and your education, but it also benefits those around you that have the same common goals and don’t want to miss anything and get behind.

“Take care of your body, it’s the only place you have to live in.”

For those of you that are interested in taking a trip to Iowa State, we will be taking a transfer trip on October 23rd to go check out Cyclone Country and see what they have to offer from a 4-year perspective. If there are any other 4-year colleges or universities that you would like to visit or see added to the visit list, please don’t hesitate to come up and make me aware that you have an interest in going on a visit. October and November are open for suggestions, but you must take the initiative to come up and let me know otherwise you are basing your future school visit options on other students’ and where they would like to go.

Nick Weinmeister
TRIO-SSS Advising Coach and Transfer Specialist

Upcoming TRIO Events

- **Oct 10th & 11th** – FYE Session #3 – Money Management, Room 145, 12:00-12:30.
- **Oct. 23** – Transfer visit to ISU. Sign up with Nick. Leaving at 7:45 a.m.
- **Oct. 17th & 18th** – FYE Session #4 – Student Loans, Room 145, 12:00-12:30
- **Oct. 17th** – Midterm
- **Oct. 22-26** – Midterm Checks – Please see a TRIO Advisor
- **Oct. 24 & 25** – FYE Session #5 – Credit & Debt Management, Room 145, 12:00-12:30.
- **Oct. 31 & Nov. 1st** – FYE Session #6 – Internships, Incomes, & Careers, Room 145, 12:00-12:30

TRIO-Student Support Services Staff

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