



**MESSAGE FROM TRIO SSS DIRECTOR**



Greetings SSS Family!

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight SSS's accomplishments and keep you abreast of what what's in store for fall 2017.

As you may have heard, we have met our grant requirement of serving 160 students this spring semester, hired the staff needed to serve the TRIO students as stipulated in the grant, renamed TRIO Resource Center, established biweekly FAFSA workshops, conducted and co-sponsored several student success workshops, sponsored students and staff to attend state conferences and leadership trainings, re-instituted end of the year student survey, and visited and toured several historical and educational sites. As the program winds down, I would like to update you on the SSS initiatives coming up in fall 2017, including TRIO Student Club, Summer Institute revamp, and establishment of Peer Mentorship geared towards increasing student's success, helping students to be successful contributing individuals at SCTCC and beyond.

In 2015-2016 grant (year one) cycle, we served 162 students meeting the program requirement. I am also pleased to share that more than 75% of the participants served by the SSS project during the grant cycle have persisted from one academic year to the beginning of the next academic year.

Roughly 80% of the enrolled participants exceeded the performance level required to stay in good academic standing at SCTCC. Also, 36% graduated with associate degree or certificate and 14% of the graduating class transferred to a 4-year institution.

I am hopeful that the coming year will bring more opportunities for TRIO participants as we continue to look for ways to improve our services. As we have been a part of the national TRIO movement for 18+ years, it is my hope that TRIO will continue to serve in the midst of fiscal challenges.

I would like to thank our partners, SCTCC's faculty and staff for their continued support of the SSS mission. SSS does not only fulfill its mission of retaining, graduating, and transferring its participants to a four-year college, but it also plays a vital role in contributing to the larger SCTCC mission, values, and priorities.

It is a privilege to be a part of the National TRIO SSS program. Have a safe and fun summer off and I look forward to seeing you in the fall. While away, should you have any questions or concerns we will be here for you.

Thank you again!

William Tuoy-Giel, TRIO SSS Director

**CAMPUS & TRIO SSS WORKSHOPS**

Gain the information you need to finish the year STRONG!

Topic	Date	Time	Room
Test Taking	Tues. May 2	10 AM	1-244
FAFSA Lab	Weds. May 3	11 AM	1-252
Test Anxiety	Thurs. May 4	1 PM	1-244

## EDUCATIONAL TRIPS- SPRING '17

TRIO SSS students participated in two educational trips this spring semester. On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, students visited the Stearns History Museum in St. Cloud. Students were led on a tour to learn about the history of the county.

Students also learned about Hmong culture and Minnesota governance during an April 14<sup>th</sup> trip to St. Paul, MN. Four TRIO students visited the Hmong History Center to learn about Hmong culture and the refugee experience in Minnesota. Afterward, the students toured the Minnesota State Capitol building.

Top photo below: TRIO SSS participants pose for a photo at the Stearns History Museum.



Below: Four TRIO students attended the St. Paul trip. Photo taken outside the MN Senate Chamber at the Capitol.



## SCTCC TRIO SSS SURVEY

As a TRIO SSS participant at SCTCC, we would love your input as we plan for the 2017-2018 academic year. The 2017-2018 TRIO SSS Ideas Survey can be found at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/TNN63R2](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TNN63R2). Your honest feedback is appreciated!

## TRIO POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

Did you know that TRIO programs are federally funded? Each year, 840,000+ students are served nationwide by 2,800 TRIO programs.

Our members of Congress want to hear from you! Send them a postcard to let them know how you benefit from TRIO funding & encourage them to continue to support the growth of TRIO across the U.S.

The TRIO Resource Center has a workstation set up with postcards. Stop by before May 12<sup>th</sup> to share your TRIO story!

### So...Who's my TRIO Advisor?

Students are assigned to advisors by last name:

A-G = William Tuoy-Giel  
H-M = Jayne Balicky  
N-Z = LeAnn Pueringer



APPLY FOR  
SCHOLARSHIPS

SCTCC Foundation Scholarships are due July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Complete the application at [www.sctcc.edu/scholarships](http://www.sctcc.edu/scholarships).

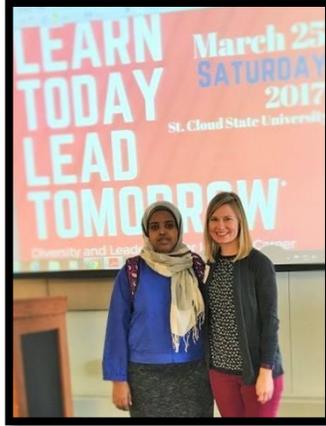
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## MN TRIO CONFERENCE @ SCSU

On Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Ayan Meyad, TRIO SSS Participant, represented SCTCC at the MN TRIO Adult Student Leadership Symposium on the St. Cloud State University campus.



Ayan & TRIO participants from across Minnesota attended sessions geared toward leadership, career preparation, and life after college. Ayan also attended a one-on-one resume critique session.

Watch for information about the 2018 Adult Student Leadership Symposium next fall. Thank you, Ayan, for representing SCTCC's TRIO SSS program at this year's event!

## "ACTIVE PARTICIPANT" TRIO STATUS

Are you on track to maintain "Active Participant" status for the TRIO SSS program? Being an "Active Participant" means having 3 or more "touch points" with the TRIO program each semester. Here's how...

- Meet with your TRIO advisor for academic, career, or personal coaching. Advisors can also help you register for classes or complete your FAFSA.
- Use the TRIO Resource Center as a computer lab, study room, or to access the help of a tutor.
- Attend SCTCC Student Success workshops
- Attend cultural events like TRIO's educational field trips

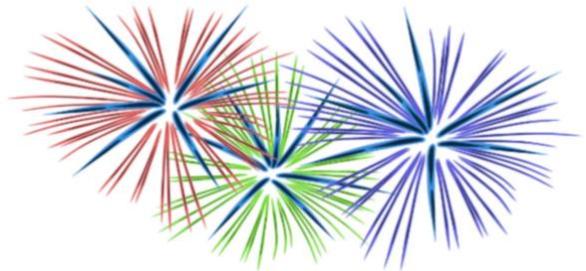
Talk to your TRIO Advisor if you have questions about your Active Participant status.

## GRANT AID RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following TRIO SSS grant aid scholarship recipients for the 2017-2018 academic year!

- Miranda Coon
- Todd Fowler
- Ouede Louan
- Kayla Mercado
- Lucia Yanez Nunez
- McKinsey Selzler

We are proud to recognize your hard work and dedication to your future endeavors! Grant Aid scholarship recipients will be recognized at the TRIO Graduation & Scholarship Reception on May 4<sup>th</sup>.



## TRIO SUMMER HOURS

Your TRIO advisors are here ALL SUMMER! Stop by and see us during normal daytime hours.

TRIO tutoring will also be available for some subjects and the TRIO Resource Center will be open for studying. Watch your SCTCC email for details as we move closer to the start of Summer Session.

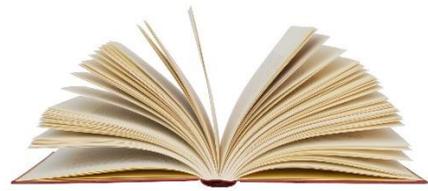


## CONGRATS 2017 TRIO GRADUATES

Congratulations to our 2017 Graduates! The following TRIO SSS Participants are earning an SCTCC degree this year:

- Amina Abdulkadir
- Aden Ali
- Samiro Amin
- Rachel Arnold
- Gregory Bertrand
- Lauren Bolser
- Mohamed Bulle
- Todd Fowler
- Sumeiya Hassan
- Kevin Huichapa
- Kristin Kampa
- Zoey Katke
- Cassandra Kingsbury
- Steven McCoy
- Amina Mohamud
- Tiffany Robertson-Hall
- Morgan Schlangen
- Gina Stillwell
- Mohamud Sugule
- Debbie Swenson
- Brittany Thelen
- Kelly Thomsen
- Jennifer Vant Hof
- Lucia Yanez Nunez

Congrats & see you at Commencement!



Summer Session 2017 begins on  
**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Fall Semester 2017  
begins on **August 21<sup>st</sup>**.

### Congratulations Graduates!



Are you graduating this year? If so, complete the Graduation application NOW at Records & Registration!

Caps, gowns, and tassels are available at The BookStop through the start of commencement.

Commencement takes place in the River's Edge Convention Center on Friday, May 12.

Commencement Line-Up: 1 PM

Commencement Ceremony: 2 PM

Shuttles will be available to transport students and their guests from SCTCC campus, Doors 4 and 5. Parking permits will not be needed on campus that day.

We look forward to seeing you at the ceremony!  
**YOU DID IT!**

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**Reminder!**

### REGISTER FOR SUMMER & FALL CLASSES!

Stop in to see a TRIO Advisor for help selecting classes & planning for next semester. We're here all summer!

**IT'S FAFSA  
TIME!**

[www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

Your TRIO Advisor would be happy to help you submit it!

