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## What is TPSSS?

TRIO Teacher Preparation Student Support Services (TPSSS) is a federally funded program designed for students who have indicated an interest in pursuing a degree in K-12 education. TPSSS provides undergraduate students with enhanced academic and personal support through advising, coaching, test preparation and tutoring.

Students participate in educational activities, seminars and K-12 student tutoring experiences and mentoring partnerships to maximize their success in college and beyond. Below are examples of the benefits, services and opportunities that the program offers.

## Benefits and Services

- Academic Learning and Study Skills
- Comprehensive Academic Assessment
- Academic Tutoring Services
- Career Assessment
- Academic Collaborative Study Groups
- Individual Proactive Advising
- Academic Skill Building
- Course Selection Guidance
- Public Speaking Skills/Toast Master
- Coaching and Mentoring Services
- Financial and Economic Literacy
- Financial Aid (FAFSA) and Scholarship Assistance
- Professional Readiness Exam (PRE) Preparation
- Cultural Events
- State Subject Test Preparation
- Graduate and Advance Degree Assistance
- Mentoring and Tutoring K-12 Students
- "Teaching and Learning in a Diverse Environment" Course (EDF 100)

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## Meet the Director



Aliya Armstrong, TRIO TPSSS Director

Aliya Armstrong currently serves as the Director of TRIO-Teacher Preparation Student Support Services (TPSSS). Previously Aliya served as the Homeless Coordinator at Kentwood Public Schools. She began her professional career at Grand Rapids Public Schools (GRPS) as a Language Arts Instructor. After graduating from Grand Valley State University in 2005 with a Master's in School Counseling she left the classroom. During her time at GRPS she enjoyed her roles as competitive cheer coach, lead teacher, family engagement facilitator, head counselor, national honor society advisor, senior class advisor, rocket team advisor, GRAPCEP coach, building liaison, and more.

Aliya has an overabundance of experience working with underrepresented undergraduate students and engaging them academically and socially. She has mentored and advised students from pre-admission to graduation. In fact, she was a first generation, low-income college student. She knows firsthand the impact a college degree has on a student's life. "I believe in success and equity for all. My life is dedicated to removing obstacles and barriers," said Aliya.

Aliya has a Bachelor's degree in Education and a Master's degree in English, both from Western Michigan University. She is also a licensed school counselor.

In her spare time Aliya enjoys spending time with her family, viewing movies with her spouse, reading, athletic events, and participating in running events with her organization Sisters Taking Action Reversing Statistics (S.T.A.R.S.).

You can email Aliya at [armstra1@gvsu.edu](mailto:armstra1@gvsu.edu).

## Interesting Facts

### ***TRIO TPSSS eligible students are being left behind***

#### **High school seniors that go straight to college after graduation**

- 38% of TRIO TPSSS eligible seniors
- 81% of their peers in the highest income

#### **Students that receive a bachelor degree**

- 21% of TRIO TPSSS eligible students
- 45% of their peers in the highest income

### ***Student Support Services help eligible students***

#### **Students enrolled in programs saw GPAs rise and remained in good academic standing**

- GPA rise from a 2.3 in their freshman year to a 2.6 by their senior year
- 77% of those who started college in were in good academic standing
- By their senior year, 88% were in good academic standing

# Be a part of TPSSS

To receive assistance, students must:

- Be a **U.S. citizen** or **permanent resident**
- Have an **interest** in becoming a **K-12 educator**
- Be a **first-generation college** student (neither parents have completed a bachelor's degree from a four-year institute)
- AND/OR meet specific **income** guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Education

## IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

- Go to our website [www.gvsu.edu/tpsss](http://www.gvsu.edu/tpsss)
- Click Apply (located in the navigation bar)
- Follow instructions on page and click ...

 **Apply now!**

You aren't eligible, but still want to be involved?  
Check out these free resources on campus...

### Student Academic Success Center – assisting undecided, pre-major, and transfer students

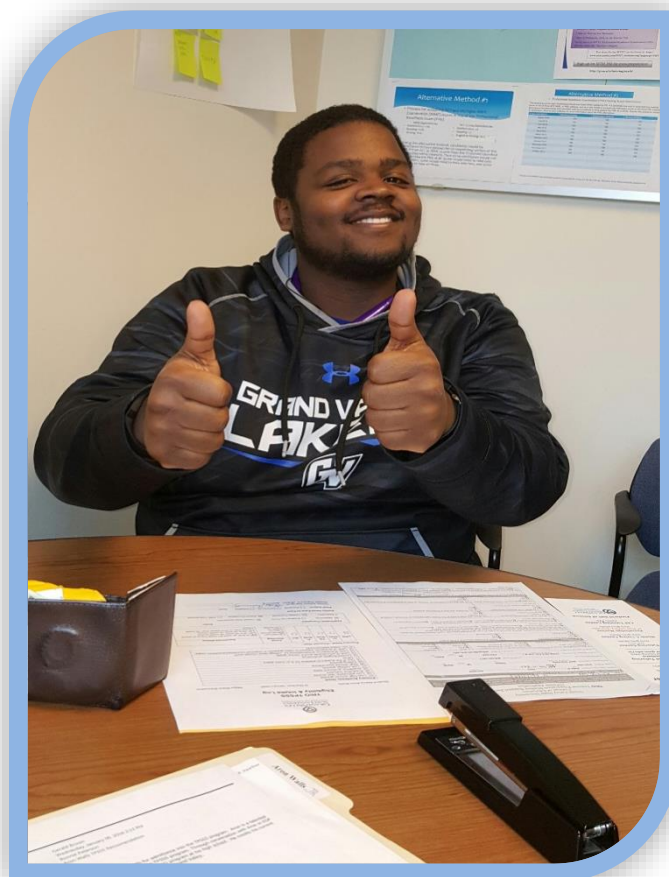
- Office: 200 Student Services
- Phone: 616-331-3588
- Email: [askowl@gvsu.edu](mailto:askowl@gvsu.edu)
- Web: [www.gvsu.edu/sasc](http://www.gvsu.edu/sasc)

### Multicultural Cohort Program – professional development program that connects students with similar career goals

- Office: 1240 Kirkhof Center
- Phone: 331-2177
- Email: [oma@gvsu.edu](mailto:oma@gvsu.edu)
- Web: [www.gvsu.edu/oma](http://www.gvsu.edu/oma)

### Career Center – assisting with choosing a major and investigating careers

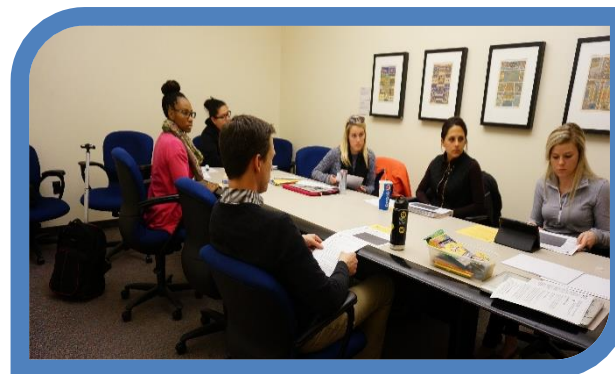
- Office – 206 Student Services
- Phone: 616-331-3311
- Email – [careers@gvsu.edu](mailto:careers@gvsu.edu)
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## TPSSS Advising Appointments

Every  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
10:00am – 2:00pm  
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# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 PRE Writing Workshop – Part II Laker Days	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Laker Days	9
10	11	12 TRIO TPSSS Classroom Recruitment	13	14 TRIO TPSSS Classroom Recruitment	15	16 MICAPP Student Conference
17	18	19	20	21	22 PRE Writing Workshop – Part III	23 PRE TEST Paper Exam
24	25 GVSU Finals Week	26	27	28	29	30 GVSU Graduation

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