



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.

Recap on Donuts with the Director:

TRIO Teacher Preparation Student Support Services (TPSSS) recently hosted two kickoff events that took place on both Allendale and Pew campuses. Participants got to know our staff directly to learn about our services that include test preparation, tutoring, personal advising, peer mentoring, academic skill building, volunteer/scholarship opportunities, and more. Aside from the staff of the TPSSS program, guests including Grand Valley students, faculty from the College of Education, and local high school students involved with Grand Valley's Gear Up program enjoyed donuts with the director of TRIO TPSSS, Aliya Armstrong. Many aspiring College of Education students also had the benefit of meeting Dean Shinsky at both kickoff events. The staff had a great time talking with prospective members and both recruitment events were successful! Be on the lookout for more great events to meet College of Education faculty and staff and your chance to win prizes!

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Student Spotlights



Clementine Sikiri

Clementine is an aspiring Elementary Education teacher who has had personal experience of growing up in a developing country with limited access to education. "The foundation of my studies developed tremendously when my family moved here to the states. I learned things I didn't know I was capable of, such as a new language. Since then, I decided I wanted to shine light to those students who want to learn and provide them with the resources they need to succeed." Clementine works part time at a child development center and enjoys her job. She graduated from a very small high school in the Grand Rapids area.

Major: English and Elementary Education



Josie Whitsel

Josie is pursuing her degree to teach Secondary Education. After overcoming her own challenges in school, Josie's desire to teach became apparent after she was inspired by her own teacher. "My high school math teacher was the first teacher that pushed me to do my best because he knew I could do it. This made me the student I am today and I want to do the same for my future students." Josie enjoys tutoring students in a variety of math topics. She has been tutoring for over seven years and is continuing her role as a math tutor for TRIO TPSSS. She is most motivated to become an educator because she realizes the importance of an educational support system in helping students reach their fullest potential!

Major: Mathematics and Secondary Education

Interesting Facts

TRIO TPSSS eligible students are being left behind

A Real Increase for TRIO Programs

- Increasing participant college retention and graduation rates and to facilitate two-year college student transition to four-year institutions.
- TRIO helps over 785,000 low-income, first-generation students, and students with disabilities to prepare for, enter, and successfully complete college.
- Students are now being served at 1,081 colleges and universities nationwide.
- The TRIO programs are authorized under the U. S. Higher Education Act of 1965

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
- Web: 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
- Web: 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
- Web: www.gvsu.edu/careers

IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE

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

 **Apply now!**



TPSSS Advising Appointments

Every
Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:00am – 2:00pm
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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, June 1: Summer Article Discussion on “Teach Better, Save Time, and Have More Fun: A Guide to Teaching and Mentoring in Science”

Location: 3068 JHZ
Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Saturday, June 11: ACT Test

Saturday, July 9: Professional Readiness Exam

Friday, June 24: Sustainable Agriculture Project Volunteer Hours - **LIB 100 Approved!**
Every Friday afternoon from 1-4 for open volunteer hours at the GVSU Sustainable Agriculture Project.

Location: 4539 Luce Street.
Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Scholarship Opportunity

\$500 Go Ennounce Yourself Scholarship

Deadline: 30th of Every Month

Description: Open to students enrolled or planning to attend a four year college. Applicants must create a GoEnnounce profile and share scholastic and extracurricular progress and achievements.

<https://www.aoenounce.com/static/scholarship1/>

“Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school. I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious. It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge”
-Albert Einstein

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