



Teacher Preparation Student Support Services (TPSSS) Newsletter



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Summer Orientation Recap:

TRIO Teacher Preparation Student Support Services (TPSSS) hosted a Summer Orientation on both the Allendale and Pew Campuses on August 21-23. Participants learned more about the College of Education, and met with COE faculty and staff members. Participants were introduced to resources on GVSU's campus, and connected with the TPSSS director, advisor, fellow participants.

Student Spotlights



SAMANTHA DOWSETT

Samantha is a Freshman at Grand Valley. Before she became involved with TRIO TPSSS, Samantha was a participant in the TRIO Talent Search program. Samantha feels most inspired to become an educator when she sees others learning new things. "I love seeing people's eyes light up when they learn something new and it's rewarding to know that they like what they are learning." Samantha hopes to create a fun, positive atmosphere in her future classroom and we are excited to have her on board!

Major:

Biology and Secondary Education

VERONICA ZERGA

Veronica is a Senior at Grand Valley. She worked with Rockford Public Schools for three years as a Paraprofessional for the Spanish Immersion Program. This opportunity shifted Veronica's goals from wanting to work in the health care field to become an educator. For part time employment, Veronica does Spanish voice-overs for job training videos. She is also a Latin dance instructor at Moveir Dance Studio in Grand Rapids. We are looking forward to working with Veronica as she continues on her Education journey.

Major:

Elementary Education and Integrated Science



Success Seminars

TRIO Teacher Preparation Student Support Services will be hosting success seminars this Fall semester. Success seminars serve purposes that include helping students develop meaningful connections with their peers, advisors, and program staff and learning what it takes to be successful in college.

These seminars provide a detailed focus on the skills and personal requirements necessary to be successful in college.

**Join us for our Connecting to GV Leadership/
Campus Life Night Seminar Tuesday, September
6 from 6-8 P.M.**

**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

**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
press...

“Click here to apply
online to TPSSS”





Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 6– Campus

Life Night

Learn about the 450+ registered student organizations on campus. Meet campus department staff and learn how you can benefit.

Location: Parking Lot H

Success Seminars in September

- Tuesday, September 6– Connecting with GV Leadership/ Campus

LOCATION: Holton Hooker Living Learning Center

- Tuesday, September 13– Mentorship Mix and Mingle

LOCATION: DeVos Building C, Pew Campus

- Tuesday, September 27– Time Management

LOCATION: Kirkhof Center, RM 1142

Scholarship and Volunteering Opportunities

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YCL SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsor: Youth Christian Leaders

Amount: Up to \$1,000

Deadline: 15th of EVERY Month

Description: Awarded to current enrolled full-time college undergraduates who have been endorsed by their peers, family, and spiritual leaders as a person possessing a profound measure of character, commitment to service, and financial need. Applicant must submit scholarship form, recent transcript, and two letters of recommendation.

<http://www.yclscholarship.org/>

Nonprofit Volunteer & Internship Fair

Wed., Sept 7 & Thurs. Sept 8

from 1pm to 3pm

Location: Henry Hall Atrium

Wednesday: Organizations that fit categories of Education, Religion, International, Environment, and Wildlife, or Art, Culture, Humanities, and Recreation.

Thursday: Health and Human Services or Public and Societal Benefits

- Students enrolled in today's TRIO Programs mirror our nation's multi-cultural and multi-ethnic society. TRIO is not just about race, but also about economic disadvantages, handicaps, and veteran status.
- Two-thirds of the students served by TRIO must: come from families with incomes under \$34,575 (for a family of four or more) in which neither parent has graduated from a four year college OR they must be students with disabilities

WHY TRIO?

- TRIO helps break down not only racial and economic barriers for students, but also barriers for the disabled and veterans.
- Only 38% of low-income high school seniors go straight to college as compared to 81% of their peers in the highest income quartile. Then, once enrolled in college, low-income students earn bachelor's degrees at a rate that is less than half of that of their high-income peers 21% as compared with 45%.
 - There is a tremendous gap in educational attainment between America's highest and lowest income students - despite similar talents and potential. While there are numerous talented and worthy low-income students, relatively few are represented in higher education, particularly at America's more selective four-year colleges and universities.

"Success means having the courage, the determination, and the will to become the person you believe you were meant to be." – George Sheehan

TPSSS Advising Appointments

**Monday-Friday
9:00 AM- 4:00 PM
By Appointment**

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