If you are not currently following us on Facebook, add our group to your list! Just look up Columbia College Student Support Services (SSS). We post all of our upcoming events and even include pictures of our activities. Check it out!

A NOTE FROM COLUMBIA COLLEGE SSS

As always, we at Student Support Services enjoy seeing students grow, learn and succeed, and we continue to see just that! Thank you to all the staff, faculty and students who work with us and to our participants who encourage the utilization of the TRiO program on campus. We have four advisors (Nancy Lombardi, director; Amy Rigg, assistant director; Tina McNeil, tutor/mentor coordinator; and Andy Upham). We all love our jobs with SSS and our participants! Thank you all for another great year and we look forward to a grant renewal and five more incredible years!
SSS PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Partnership is an integral part of Student Support Services. In addition to assisting SSS with workshops and activities, The Partnership works to provide the members of SSS with materials that will help make their college experience a little easier (i.e. fund/assist in coming up with activities, workshops, parties, etc.).

The Partnership is also so much more than that! We are an organization that enhances leadership skills and abilities via leadership development. We hope to have an impact, regardless of how big or small, on the lives of others — including both those who are within our organization and SSS and those within the community which we are helping. Find YOUR voice and make a difference!

Take a look at what we have done so far:
- Douglass High School Field Day
- Raised $375 through cookie dough sales for The Partnership
- Christmas Donations through the Voluntary Action Center (VAC)

The Partnership won the Service Project of the Year Award last spring!

President: Chris Harris
Vice President: Anthony John
Secretary: Kaydee Corbin
Historian: Maddison Skipworth
Treasurer: Hunter Lafeber

SSS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM:

SSS revamped and restarted its Mentorship Program this fall. The program consisted of mentors (upperclassmen) paired with brand new students in SSS with the goals of involvement, friendship and connectedness. We had a great year with 10 mentors and 28 mentees. These students were able to come to events and activities at the SSS House as well as coordinate outside study times, coffee trips and Columbia College activities. These students strengthened their friendships, academics and affinity for Columbia College and Student Support Services.

GRADUATING SENIORS

Hooray for those students who graduated (or will graduate) this year! All the hard work, focus, determination and drive paid off, and you are on to the next chapter of your life. Congratulations!

October/December:
Derek Casey, Derrick Dilworth, Adrienne Hamlin, Darin Hussey, Amanda Reeves, Timber Roden, Megan Stambaugh, Eric Tempest and Michelle Xu

May/Summer:
Erica Barker, Anthony Cosmas, Kayla Dunnavant, Janelle Ehret, Lynsey Farmer, Renee Henson, Maria Imhoff, Alyssa Johnson, Samantha McGrath, Jacob Monnig, Merzaydee Moore, Luke Offeld, Nicholas Oseth, Nathan Rardon, Jared Reichel, Jacob Rocco, Amy Sears, Robert Sherman, Mitchel Smith, Erin Toms, Emily Willingford and Cody Williams

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

KAYDEE CORBIN

Name: Kaydee Faye Corbin
Year: Senior, graduating in December 2015
Hometown: New Boston, MO
Activities/clubs involved with: SSS
Dream vacation destination:
If there were no time or money limits, I'd like to see all 50 states. I'd love to see all the beautiful, diverse National Parks and monuments, and visit museums and galleries.
Favorite place to eat in Columbia:
McAlister's Deli
One thing you can't live without in college:
My organizing pocket folder! I keep everything important in it.
Highlight of your year at Columbia College:
I've been approved for distinction in my academic field (Sociology).
Favorite thing about SSS:
I love the stress relief crafts! It's so relaxing to take a break from college work and create something beautiful.
Plans for the summer:
I'm going on a road trip with my family to Colorado.
Career goal:
I would ultimately like to be a professor at a four year institution.
How SSS has helped you in your college career:
Workshops at SSS have helped me tailor my skills necessary to study and stay organized for class. As a first-generation student, SSS also helped me navigate the FAFSA for the first time, gave me access to important resources such as books and laptops for rent, provided helpful advice from my advisors about classes and, of course, decreased my need to take out another student loan through the Grant Aid program.

New SSS members at the Induction Ceremony in January
TUTORING:

SSS Participants get FREE ONE-ON-ONE TUTORING if requested through our grant. What does this mean for you?

- If you know a course is going to be challenging or you are worried about falling behind, request help early by filling out the tutor request form, and stay ahead of the game!
- If you have trouble getting to the tutoring hours at the Writing/Math Centers because of class conflicts or job conflicts our tutors can help you with flexible schedules that meet your needs!
- If you EXCEL in a course or subject matter, you can apply to be a tutor! Make some money and help students understand. What is better than that?!

If you are an SSS participant and would like tutoring, or if you are any student that would like to be on the tutor list to help other students in need of extra help, please contact the tutor coordinator, Tina McNeil, at tmcneil@ccis.edu.

KUDOS:

- The academic good standing rate of SSS participants in the fall was 98%! Way to go SSS students!
- Jamie Smith, Adrienne Hamlin and Alyssa Johnson accompanied Chris Walters to a Student Affairs Conference in November. It was a great opportunity to learn more about that career path and connect with professionals in the field.
- Congratulations to the SSS Participants who will be Community Consultants/Resident Assistants next year: Hunter Lafeber, Mirrande Morgan, Lauren Goldberg and Mercedes Nute!! You'll be wonderful mentors and role models for the incoming students!
- Adrienne Hamlin graduated in December, but she didn't go far! She is staying close to her Columbia College community working full time as the Business Operations Coordinator in the Division of Adult Higher Education here at Columbia College, a job which she began as a work-study student. We are glad to keep her close. Congratulations Adrienne!
- A BIG THANK YOU to Lynda Dunham who spent countless hours helping students at the SSS hours over her lunch hour. She documented more than 20 hours working with 15 students in the fall alone, not to mention the time just being available for our students. We miss her already and wish her luck in her retirement!

Workshop Highlights from the Year:

SSS puts on workshop weeks each semester to provide extra resources to our students and get them involved in our community. SSS has put on numerous workshops this year to give students knowledge, advice, skills and practice for both their college career and life beyond college. This year's workshops covered everything from resume tips, financial management and how to impress in interviews to vision boards, alumni panels and Zentangling. Every session is only about 30 minutes long but provides tips, skills and advice that can be put into practice right away and last for a lifetime!

Student Spotlight:

Name: Christopher Harris
Year: Freshman
Hometown: Rushville, Missouri
Activities/clubs involved with: SSS, Pre-Med Club
Dream vacation destination: Talladega, Alabama
Favorite place to eat in Columbia: Texas Roadhouse
One thing you can’t live without in college: My laptop
Highlight of your year at Columbia College: Intramural Ultimate Frisbee
Favorite thing about SSS: Everybody at the SSS House is great, and the workshops that have been put on have been so helpful.
Plans for the summer: I will be interning with the St. Joseph Park and Recreation Department.
Career goal: I plan to become an official game warden for the state of Missouri.
How SSS has helped you in your college career: In my two semesters as the president of the SSSP, I have become more confident and can now take on any challenge that may come my way.
DID YOU KNOW!?

- “TRiO” defines multiple federal programs, SSS being just one.
- Student Support Services has been offered at colleges and universities since 1968.
- SSS has been at Columbia College since 2001.
- SSS has worked on the grant renewal all year, as we resubmit grant proposals every five years.

These famous folks were TRiO program participants:
- Oprah Winfrey, cable network talk show host, producer and philanthropist
- Viola Davis, Academy Award-nominated actress
- Franklin Change-Díaz, first Hispanic astronaut
- Angela Bassett, Academy Award-nominated actress
- Kevin Shibilske, Wisconsin state senator