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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

Sandra Fuentes, SSS Director, & Academic Counselor

Greetings SSS Students!

Another year has come and is quickly approaching a rapid close. As we reflect on a successful year, filled with numerous student accomplishments, we would like to pay special tribute and honor to our 38 SSS Graduates for 2008-2009 academic year.

On behalf of all the Student Support Services Staff and the Division of Student Affairs we are proud of all of your accomplishments as you complete this milestone in your academic careers. It has been a pleasure to assist all of you and most notably to develop the relationships that go beyond a support and retention program.

Congratulations class of 2008-2009!
Go SSS Bulldogs!

SPRING EVENTS:

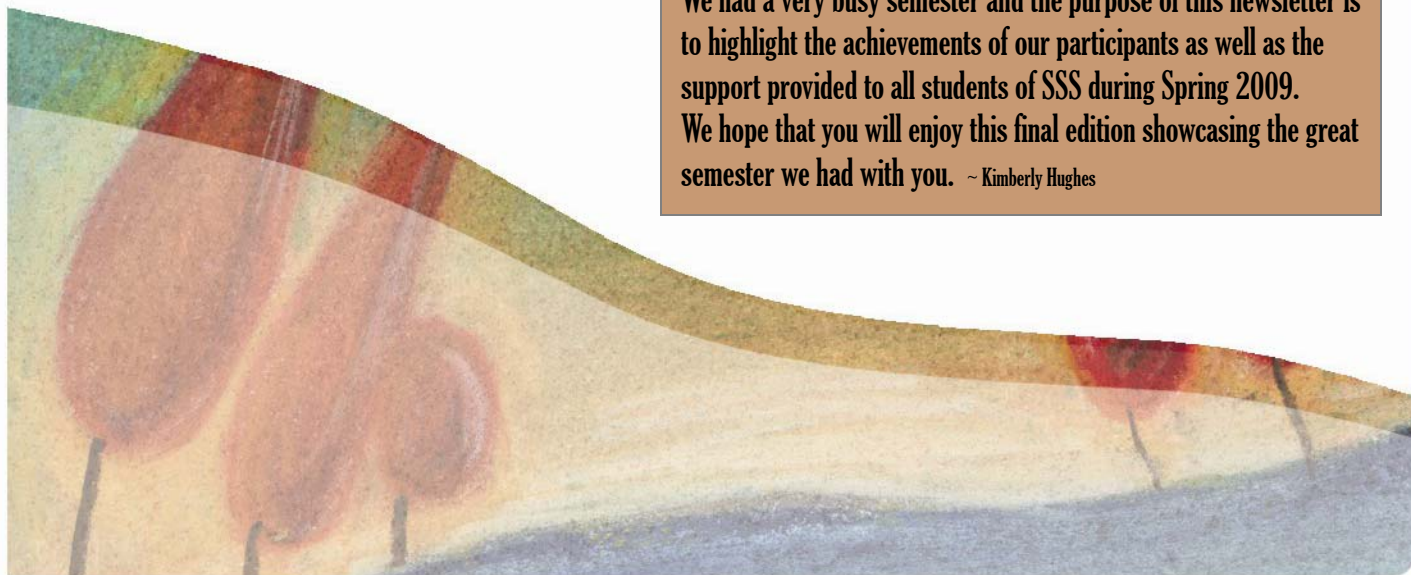
- Spring Strikeout USU 3/13
- Grant Aid Recipient Financial Aid Literacy Workshops May 6 & 7
- 4/30 Graduate School Trip
CSU Monterey Bay/Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Last Day of Instruction 5/13
- Graduate Recognition Dinner 5/14 6-9pm
- MAKE UP WORKSHOPS 5/14 & 5/15
"College Budgeting"
- FINALS 5/18 thru 5/21
- 5/26 Computer Lab NEW Summer Hours 7:15a-3:15p

From the Editor:

SSS Newsletter Final Edition Spring 2009:

We had a very busy semester and the purpose of this newsletter is to highlight the achievements of our participants as well as the support provided to all students of SSS during Spring 2009.

We hope that you will enjoy this final edition showcasing the great semester we had with you. ~ Kimberly Hughes



2nd COUNSELING APPOINTMENT

Reminder ~ If you have not scheduled your 2nd Counseling Appointment for the semester please do so right away. Joe and Sandra's calendars are filling up fast and there is only 1 more week of semester left.

FALL APPTS: You can begin scheduling as early as 8/17/09.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Joe Guerra
SSS Academic
Counselor

Greetings SSS Students,

Another semester is quickly coming to an end. Every year the semester seems to go by quicker than the last.

Reminder: The last day of instruction is May 13th with finals week scheduled for May 18th through May 21st. Preparation is the key to doing well in your final exams so start preparing early and do not wait until the last minute.

The same applies to the summer if you are looking for summer employment. Begin your job search early before classes are out and avoid competing with all the other Fresno State and high school students looking for summer employment. Contact the Career Services Office at 278-2381 or visit their website at <http://csufresno.edu/careers/>. Some of the services they provide include but not limited to; job leads, practice mock interviews, and assistance in improving your resume.

Congratulations go out to all our graduating seniors all your hard work and effort has paid off. You are completing a very significant milestone in your life, one of many that are to come. I am proud of you and all your efforts. I truly have enjoyed working with you these last 5 – 6 years and you will be missed. (Remember me when you are rich and famous).

The SSS Program will be honoring you in our yearly Graduation Celebration Dinner hosted by the program. The date of the Celebration Dinner is set for May 14th so save the date. The location of the event is Pardini's. You will receive information to RSVP.

“Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful, it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better.”

- King Whitney Jr. -

SSS PEER MENTORS

Peer Mentor Workshops

Psychological Well Being

Wed 2/11 ED 178 2:00pm

Thurs 2/12 ED 187 2:00pm

Benefits of Being a McNair Scholar

Thurs 2/19 LS 181 11:00am

Fri 2/20 LS 181 12:00pm

Choosing A Mentor

Wed 3/4 ED 390 1:00pm

Thurs 3/5 ED 182 4:00pm

Summer Jobs/Internships

Tues 3/17 ED 195 10:00am

Wed 3/18 ED 178 2:00pm

All About Commas

Thurs 4/2 ED 195 3:00pm

Fri 4/3 ED 187 11:00am

Grad School Tests

Mon 4/20 PHS 108 10:00am

Tues 4/21 ED 187 1:00pm

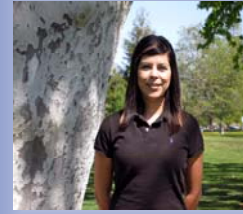
Completing Applications

Mon 5/4 ED 193 3:00pm

Tues 5/5 LS 171 9:00am

Genevieve Perez

Major: Public
Administration



Eboney Pearson

Major: Family
Consumer
Science



Benefits of Having a Peer Mentor:

- Support in adjustment to college life
- Assistance in developing effective study habits and study skills
- Guidance in resolving problems related to college
- Information on campus resources

SSS Graduate School Trip ~~ CSU Monterey Bay, Monterey, CA Thurs 04/30/09





**Reading Writing Coordinator
Toni Rudd**

Well, another school year has come to a close. You guys have kept me busy reading and responding to, "what he said and she said," the structure and functions of fish scales, autobiographical essays, and—you name it, and I've read it this school year. I've worked with you and our tutors over in Ed 176 as we all studied Poly Sci, Biology, Econ, Calculus, and French. No, I don't know any French, but I do know how to study for language classes (smile). Boy, did I learn a lot! Jessica, Mindy, and Cher, our SSS tutors, have joined me in offering you support in your academics. They are getting more and more busy everyday. But, you know what? We like it like that. We know that if we're busy, you're getting academic support, and we hope you're taking away the academic strategies you need to become the best student that you can be.

For all of you who are graduating, we congratulate you and wish you all the best as you move into the next leg of your life's journey. For all the rest of you, good luck on your finals, and we're looking forward to working with you in the fall semester as you continue on in your academic pursuits.

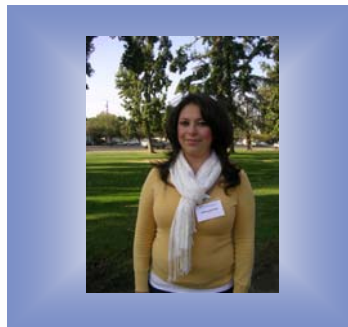
Sincerely,
Toni Rudd, Reading/Writing Coordinator



SSS TUTORS



Cher Chang



Jessica Raygoza

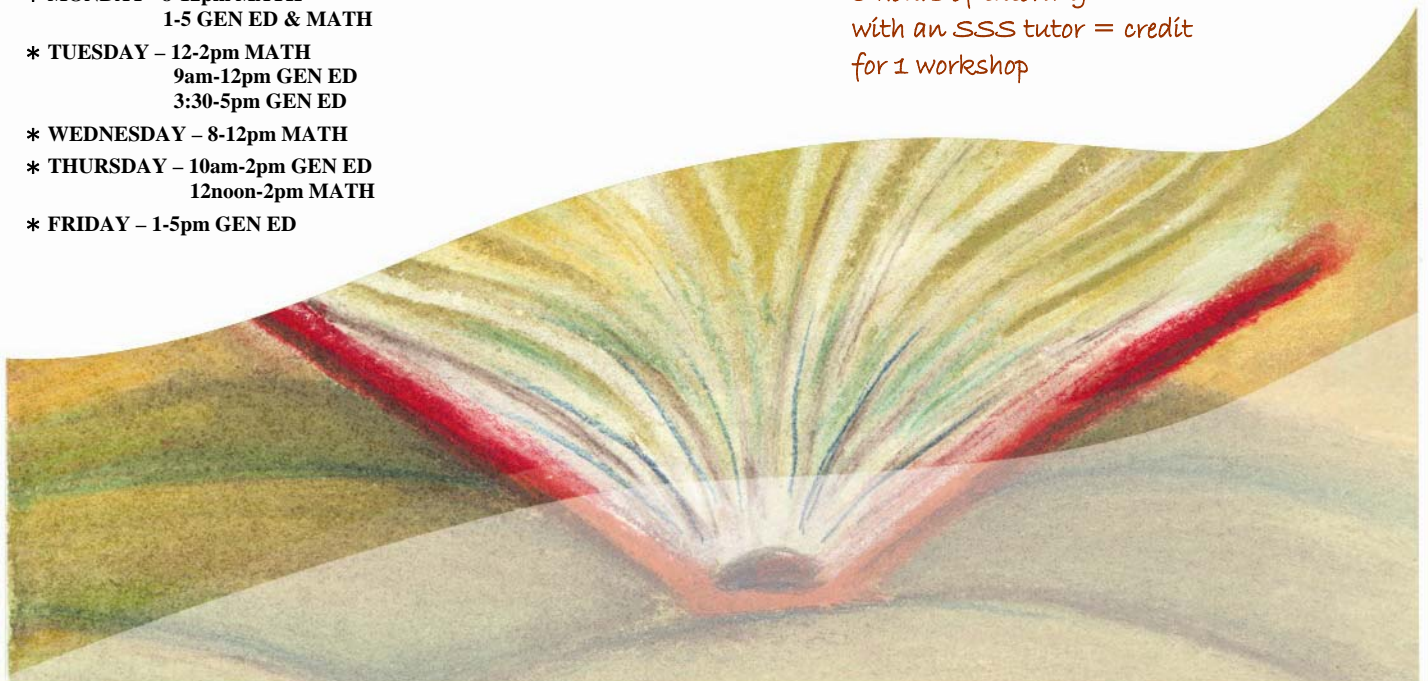


Mindy Rodriguez

Tutors Available in ED 176

- * MONDAY – 8-12pm MATH
1-5 GEN ED & MATH
- * TUESDAY – 12-2pm MATH
9am-12pm GEN ED
3:30-5pm GEN ED
- * WEDNESDAY – 8-12pm MATH
- * THURSDAY – 10am-2pm GEN ED
12noon-2pm MATH
- * FRIDAY – 1-5pm GEN ED

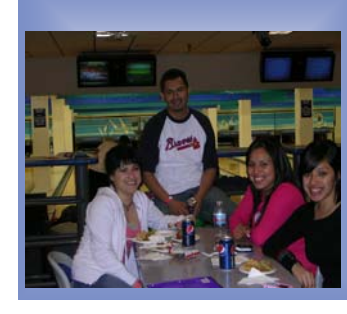
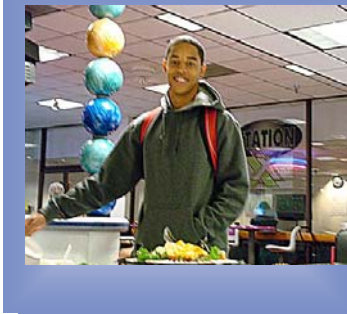
*Reminder:
5 hours of tutoring
with an SSS tutor = credit
for 1 workshop*



~Spring Strikeout ~ ~ 03-13-2009 USU ~



67 SSS students enjoyed a cultural day of bowling, shooting pool, eating appetizers, and meeting other SSS students at the University Student Union. Students received recognition certificates for GPA's & were listed on the SSS Star Board! New bowling teams competed against the former champions "Terminators III".



SSS "ACADEMIC STARS" RECEIVED RECOGNITION FOR FALL GPA'S DURING SPRING STRIKEOUT

Abiam Alvarez	Alyssa Rayas
Chanel Avila	Elizabeth Lopez
Eduardo Barragan	Elizabeth Gonzalez
Maricruz Cisneros	Mai Va Lee
Mayra Gomez	Liliana Lopez
Heather Hernandez	Raquel Luna
Brianne Jackson	Elizabeth Rodriguez
Vang Lee	Deina Velez
Miguel Leon	Carmelita Diaz
Veronica Lua	Irma Alejandra Camacho
Ariel Rosa	Megan Cardoza
Wendy Vang	Deborah Guevara
Ashley Yaughner	Ana Lopez
Edgardo Lomeli	Rita Vasquez
Esperanza Navarro	Oue Vue
Yaneli Godinez	Alex Lopez-Castro
Sheng Vang	Jose Mora
Maipanhia Vang	Paulina Flores Jimenez
Maria Guadalupe Carrillo	Elsa Rodriguez
Pangshouayee Vang	Cristina Torres
Bong Xiong	Gabriela Gonzalez
Ignacio Garcia	Chor Yang
Leticia Aguilar	See Yang
Teresa Hernandez	Jacqueline Aleman Tovar
Marilynn Lopez	Esmeralda Arambula
Claudia Martinez	Joe Cha
Sophie Tang	Priscilla Garcia
Soua Xiong	Kasual Lee
Leticia Campos	La Xa Lee
Glafira Alejandre	Ntxuaj Paj Lee
Miriam Gonzalez	Jackie Lepe
Cindy Pena	Antonio Lopez
Lee Vue	Rosa Lopez
Brandon Wright	Mai Houa Moua
Erika Lua	Briana Pang
Yadira Arambula Salazar	Claudia Platas
Maria Diaz	Mayra Ramirez
Jose Hernandez	Raymundo Serna
Maria Flores Jimenez	Amy Wilson
Marisela Ceballos-Lara	Dang Xiong
Marilyn McCammond	Sandy Yang
Julio Mercado	Marina Aguilera
Luis Morales	Breshelle Berndt
Mayra Moreno	Rocio Uvina-Compean
Tania Sandoval	Nancy Navarro
Ivy Meiling Tang	Rosalba Ramirez Lopez
Maria Torres	Polly Peralta
Bao Yang	Enrique Alvarez
Sonia Gutierrez	Nadia Daniela Camacho
Anourack Khampreseuth	Gary Chan
Mai Yang Xiong	Anthony Aviles
Britni Hicks	Yandi Basilio
Yanina Olivarez	Ariana Grijalva
Robert Perez	Jaime Jacobo
Mai Youa Xiong	Maribel Lopez
Bao Yang	Joshua Maroney
Pheng Vue	Lisa Moreno
Javier Solis	Liliana Sanchez
Maria Calderon	Julie Vang
Eric Morin	Vanessa Williams
Phoua Vang	Sandy Xiong
Salvador Zambrano	



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Elizabeth Rodriguez
Senior/Graduate Spring 2009
Major:



Eduardo Barragan
Senior/Graduate Spring 2009
Major: Psychology

Major, Goal, Both? I graduated from Delano High School in 1999 and directly enrolled into Bakersfield Community College. I attended there periodically for approximately 8 years because I had a couple of set backs in my life. I experienced my first aneurysm at age nine and my second one at age 19, but I overcame those obstacles and did not allow them to hold me back. As I continued my education I consider myself to be very fortunate to be walking on my two feet, with no additional health problems. I still continue to thank God for every day He allows me to live. I find my ability to articulate speech as a God given-gift and I would like to have the opportunity to someday be able to share this gift with others. Coming to Fresno State was no coincidence because I have learned so much of what communication is all about. Therefore furthering my education to become a licensed Speech Language Pathologist here at Fresno State will help me in all areas.

What's been your greatest challenge? Fresno States Clinic will allow me to have the opportunity to have real life application on everything I have learned. As an undergrad I learned assessments consist of oro facial examinations, Speech Language Samples whether they are formal or informal, asking questions about the individuals developmental history and the individuals family history. When it comes to treating children with Specific Language Impairment (SLI) I will be able to analyze and record informal conversations to find what type of morphological features he or she may be missing. In Bakersfield I had the privilege for part of this summer to shadow a licensed speech Language Pathologist and I was intrigued by how she would give treatment to the clients. The knowledge I have acquired as an undergrad I was able to grasp and understand as she went through the initial stages of treatment; however, as she treated clients who had Baroca's aphasia, Wernikies aphasia, or Global aphasia, I wanted to find more about these types of disorders because they are so prevalent. I knew right there and then that my heart's passion is to work with the senior citizens who have had some type of neurological damage.

What is your greatest success? Why?
Coming to Fresno State was a well thought out decision that was made between me and my family. Because my family supported and encouraged me I am currently living on campus and I am determined to live here as long as it takes me to finish my education. I find that living on campus allows me to have easy access to resources. I will be able to more efficient in being responsible with assignments, appointments, research and be able to study constantly. As a result, any challenge presented to me I will overcome. Because I am bilingual I find that I could be of great benefit in the professional realm to serve as a bridge of communication for individuals who may need speech treatment. I am fluent in speaking, writing, and reading Spanish. As a child I was raised speaking both English and Spanish. I would speak English to my mother and my other siblings. I spoke only Spanish to my father. However, I was raised attending Spanish speaking services and was involved directing church choir, a team which consisted of 14 pre-teen girls who would use a tambourine to dance during the praise and worship. I also taught Sunday school. Around 50% of my time I would speak Spanish while the other 50% I would use English to talk to my peers, friends, instructors and most of my family members.

What would you like to share with your fellow SSS students?
Even though I have passed most of my prime years earning an education, as I look back, I can freely say "I have no regrets". Every step of the way I have been able to gain more knowledge and experience about life and its components. I have lived a life dedicated in learning and absorbing every bit of information presented to me by higher authorities.

Major, Goal, Both? My major is Psychology and a minor in Spanish. My ultimate goal is to become a psychologist and work in the mental health field.

What's been your greatest challenge? How did you deal with it?
It is truly difficult to think of what has been my greatest challenge when everyday is a challenge for me. I take a look at the past, the present and the future and I realize that my life is meant to be filled with challenges. So being forced to choose one that challenge would have to be the very first time I left home to experience independence in CSU Fresno. It was a one-month program where I stayed at the dorms to get a feel for college life. At that time, my parents did not know of my plans to go off to college. Due to my physical condition, they never expected anything out of me but to stay home under their care. To make matters worse, at that time I had a fractured arm. When the day of my departure arrived, I was confronted to tell my mom about the news. It was horrible and painful. Her reaction was one of a son committing suicide. She was terrified at the thought of me leaving home with my physical disability: confined to a wheelchair and with a broken arm. I was in complete despair; all I needed was some support but I only received discouragement. My dad was not home that day; he could not handle the pain and fear of seeing me go away, and I could not handle any more discouragement and neglect. Deep inside I knew I was making the right decision of finding some sort of meaning in my life. My life had already been stopped once, and I did not want to live that feeling again. Thus, desperate for an escape of what seemed a life of an outcast and of meaningless days, I went ahead and faced one of my greatest fears: the world.

What is your great success? Why?
My greatest success has been excelling in education. I was inhumanely deprived of an early education. At the age of 12, I did not know how to read or write in Spanish, my native language. It was not until I immigrated to the US that my schooling years began. Here I am at age 27, a senior at CSU Fresno and will graduate this semester, situated at the top 15% of my class. I may not be proficient in English or Spanish, but I can communicate well enough in both languages to get myself ahead in my educational goals.

What would you like to share with your fellow SSS students?
There is no need to stop trying to be someone when there is hope, a dim hope, for the future. Even when the future is shattered by what seems to lie ahead and there is no apparent reason for living, one is ultimately making a choice of whether to keep going or stop living. With choice comes responsibility. I have every right to give up and stop fighting against what has already been chosen as my destiny. I can choose to live the rest of my years at home and attempt to forget that an outside world exists; or be part of the outside world and be the best that I can be. Both choices are equally terrifying. For now, I am choosing the path of education. For some strange reason, I feel that my journey in this world is not complete yet. Whatever the case may be, I can only show courage for what the future has in store for me. No matter how dark life may seem at times, there are still choices to be made amid that darkness. Remember: opportunities may only come around once, so it is wise to hold on to those opportunities and see where it takes you without for a moment worrying about the past, the present, or the future.

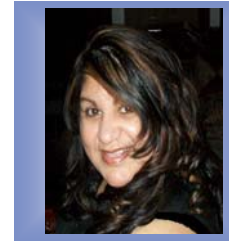
From the Program Assistant:

I would like to congratulate all of our many successful graduates – you have succeeded in obtaining your degree and overcoming great obstacles to achieve. I am so very proud of you.

To all the SSS students: It is an honor to work with each and every student at TRiO SSS. Thank you for being so cooperative; completing forms, bringing in documents, all the fun things I normally ask of you. :)

You're the best!

I will miss those of you graduating and it is my sincere wish for your continued success as well as God's richest blessings. Don't lose touch with SSS. I encourage you to become an advocate for TRiO higher education programs. You are now TRiO Alumnis. As you continue to achieve let us know about it so that your success can continue to inspire and benefit SSS students in years to come.



*Kimberly Hughes,
SSS Program Assistant*

*Student Support Services is proud to announce 3 of our students honored as
Division of Student Affairs
Undergraduate Dean's Medalist Nominee*



Eduardo Barragan



Luis A. Morales



Tania Shani Sandoval

The Division of Student Affairs honored the above nominees for Dean's Medalists at a Recognition Reception on May 14, 2009 at the Satellite Student Union. Each nominee received an award.

*SSS Congratulates all of the CSUF Graduates
Completing their Undergraduate Degree
(including Fall 2008 - Spring 2009)*

*Leticia Aguilar – Spring 2009
Eduardo Barragan – Spring 2009
Breshelle Berndt – Spring 2009
Maria Calderon – Spring 2009
Leticia Campos – Fall 2008
Maricela Ceballos Lara – Spring 2009
Ana Gabriela Corona – Spring 2009
Heather Lynn Carlos-Hernandez – Spring 2009
Jose Hernandez – Spring 2009
Teresa Hernandez – Spring 2009
Kheng Kristy Lee – Fall 2008
Miguel Leon – Spring 2009
Ana Lopez – Spring 2009
Erika Lua – Spring 2009
Jose Mora – Spring 2009
Luis Morales – Spring 2009
Roberto Orellana – Fall 2008*

*Cindy Pena – Spring 2009
Oscar Ramirez – Fall 2008
Alyssa Rayas – Spring 2009
Elizabeth Rodriguez – Spring 2009
Brenetta Sadakov – Spring 2009
Tania Sandoval – Spring 2009
Raymundo Serna – Spring 2009
Cristina Torres – Spring 2009
Maria Torres – Spring 2009
Erika Trujillo – Spring 2009
Rocio Uvina Compean – Spring 2009
Challengen Vang – Spring 2009
Sheng Vang – Spring 2009
Daisy Velasquez – Spring 2009
Deina Velez – Spring 2009
Mai Xia Vue – Spring 2009
Soua Xiong – Spring 2009*

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

*Watch the SSS Website for pics from the SSS Graduation Recognition Dinner held on May 14th at Pardini's.
You may be in the photos!*

www.csufresno.edu/sss