I’d like to welcome all of our new SSS participants to the university and welcome back our returning students. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer and that you’re ready for a busy and productive year.

The SSS program will be offering a wide range of services and activities this semester. Along with advising and career services, SSS will provide tutoring, mentoring, budgeting assistance, and workshops on a wide variety of topics. The SSS program will also provide tickets so that you can attend many concerts, plays, lectures, and dance performances on campus. In addition, our Student Advisory Board will be offering some social activities where you can unwind and meet friends. Be sure to check your e-mail often for announcements of upcoming events.

My challenge to all students this year is to become more engaged in the political process. I realize that political involvement does not come naturally for everyone, but in the coming months, the budget decisions made in Washington could have a profound effect on your future. The forces working against educational opportunity and social justice are powerful, well-organized, and committed to slashing programs like ours. Over the past three years, TRIO funding has already been cut by 8.23%, reducing our funding to a lower level than it was eight years ago. Consider taking the time to write, call, or visit the website of your U.S. Representative and Senators to express your support of programs like TRIO and Pell Grants that help students fulfill their potential.

I’ll look forward to your active participation in the SSS program this fall. All of us on the SSS staff are looking forward to working with you as you pursue your educational and career goals.

--Bruce Ouderkirk
**SSS Student Advisory Board News**

All program participants are invited to attend the meetings of the SSS Advisory Board, the student organization affiliated with SSS. This semester, the Advisory Board will meet every other Tuesday at 5:00 pm in the Davies Center. Please mark your calendar for these upcoming meetings:

- Sept. 10, Potawatomi Room
- Sept. 24, Little Niagara Room
- Oct. 8, Little Niagara Room
- Oct. 22, Potawatomi Room
- Nov. 5, Potawatomi Room
- Nov. 19, Little Niagara Room
- Dec. 3, Potawatomi Room

The purpose of the SSS Advisory Board is to enhance the quality of the Student Support Services program by organizing social activities for the program participants; educating the campus about disability issues and other concerns; performing community services projects; publicizing the SSS program; and advising the SSS staff about students’ interests.

We are actively seeking new members. Please consider joining us. As a Board member, you will be able to gain leadership experience, develop organizational skills, and establish friendships with success-oriented peers. If you would like to join, just contact the student president Nancy Vue (vuend@uwec.edu) or SSS director Bruce Ouderkerk (ouderkbj@uwec.edu).

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**Success Is Theirs: Graduate School Bound!**

We would like to congratulate the following SSS alums who entered graduate and professional school programs this fall:

- Courtney Allen, Marietta College, Psychology
- Wendy Lor, UW-Stout, Guidance and Counseling
- Alethia Moua, UW-Madison, Social Work
- Honey Moua, UW-Madison, Social Work
- Asia Riel, Univ. of Montana, Chemistry
- Mai Neng Vang, UW-Madison, Educational Policy Studies
- Araceli Whitwam-Sell, Univ. of Michigan, Social Work
- Chie Yang, St. Catherine’s, Occupational Therapy
- Mee Yang, UW-Milwaukee, Non-Profit Management
- Pestu Yang, Phoenix School of Law, Legal Studies

Contact SSS if you would like assistance applying for graduate school. Andy Strowig and Laura Rubenzer would be glad to help you.

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**SSS Career Seminar Series**

The SSS program offers four seminars designed to help students develop the skills they need to find professional employment upon graduation and to succeed in their professional career:

**For First-Year Students: Career Planning**

The first-year seminar assists students in exploring different majors and helps them learn what skills and experiences employers are looking for in graduates. Students who participate have the opportunity to meet with advisors and faculty members from various academic departments.

**For Second-Year Students: Professionalism 101**

This seminar teaches what employers expect from professionals in both formal and informal settings. Students receive tips on appropriate ways to dress for success, behave at interviews, and interact in a variety of settings. A full meal is provided to offer practice with dining etiquette.

**For Third-Year Students: The Job Search Campaign**

This seminar instructs students in how to conduct a successful job-search campaign for a professional internship or full-time employment. Participants learn methods to find employment opportunities, develop a resume and cover letter, interview with confidence, and use proper follow-up strategies.

**For Fourth-Year Students: Success on the Job**

The final seminar prepares students for starting their professional career off on the right foot. Students learn the importance of becoming politically savvy, using appropriate self-promotion, building strong working relationships, finding career mentors, and more.

The first two seminars are offered in fall and the second two in spring.
Advising Questions? Come On In!

Do you have questions about major/minor requirements, academic policies, or university procedures? If so, make an appointment to see Trudy Bement, the SSS Academic Advising Coordinator. Trudy assists students in planning their degree program and monitors their academic progress through graduation.

Trudy serves as official university adviser for undeclared SSS students and as supplemental adviser for all other program participants. She reviews grade reports each semester to assess individual progress and is available to answer questions about degree requirements, course selection, and course sequencing. She also offers a special support program, called SSS Solutions, for students who are on academic warning or probation.

In addition to providing individual advising, Trudy will be offering workshops this fall on the registration process: Registration and Degree Planning: Making Every Course Count. See the workshop schedule (pp. 6-7) for dates, times, and locations.

Important Offices to Know

Counseling Services  www.uwec.edu/counsel
Counseling Services offers free confidential counseling for individuals, groups, and couples. Visit the Counseling website for a list of group sessions offered during fall semester. To schedule an appointment, stop into the office at Old Library 2122 or call 715-836-5521.

Dean of Students  www.uwec.edu/dos
The Dean of Students staff provides support for a variety of student concerns, including illness, academic difficulty, and personal emergencies. Location: Schofield 240, 715-836-5626.

Financial Aid  www.uwec.edu/finaid
Contact Financial Aid for information regarding the financial aid application and award process, including questions about the FAFSA. Positions for student employment, both on and off campus, are listed on the Financial Aid website. The website also offers the CashCourse program to help students improve their financial literacy. Location: Schofield 115, 715-836-3373.

LTS Help Desk  www.uwec.edu/helpdesk
The Help Desk staff answers questions about campus and personal computer use. Assistance is available through phone (715-836-5711), email (helpdesk@uwec.edu), or walk-in (Old Library 1106).

Noting SSS Student Achievements

- Danielle Decock (jr, women’s studies) was awarded a scholarship from Scholarship America ($1,000).
- Sheila Dunlap (jr, management) received a scholarship from Citizens Community Federal ($2,500).
- Drew Hagen (sr, art) was awarded the Heroes Fund for Single Parents scholarship ($1,000).
- Clay Hecker (sr, business administration) served as a Financial Representative Intern this summer with Northwestern Mutual.
- Dalan Hartmann (sr, art education) was the recipient of the Gretchen Grimm Art Education scholarship ($600).
- Ariel Lucas (sr, psychology) was awarded a scholarship from Scholarship America ($1,500).
- Catherine Manolo (soph, nursing) received the Eleanor and Thomas Wildrick Scholarship to study abroad ($2,500).
- Drew Miles (sr, accounting/IS) received the Traveler’s IS ($2,500), Charles Wnukowski ($500), and Willard/Carol Korn ($300) scholarships.
- Mitch Miles (sr, accounting/IS) was awarded the Lucretia Mattson ($500) and 3M Information Systems ($500) scholarships.
- Bailey Moon (soph, undeclared) was awarded a scholarship from the Federated Youth Foundation ($1,000).
- Rose Moua (jr, music) received the Eileen Phillips Cohen String Quartet scholarship ($1,500).
- Porscha Nalan (fr, undeclared) has a scholarship from the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel ($1,000).
- Jeffrey Rachu (soph, IS) received the Brandon Zweig Memorial Scholarship ($1,250).
- Giney Rojas (sr, Spanish for Bus) was awarded an Arnold and Lois Domer scholarship ($2,500).
- Tong Thao (jr, chemistry) was also awarded an Arnold and Lois Domer scholarship ($5,000).
- Xeng Thao (sr, management) received the Jacob Leinenkugel College of Business Diversity scholarship ($800).
- Chi Ab Vang (senior, journalism) was awarded the Henry Lippold fellowship ($1,000).
- Meng Vang (senior, liberal studies) served as a campus Orientation Assistant last summer.
- Melady Vue (jr, social work) received the Dick and Marlene Cable scholarship ($1,000).
- Txuci Xiong (sr, management) was awarded the John C. Dennison Memorial scholarship ($5,500).
The SSS Mentoring Network is providing assistance to 28 new students this semester. The success of the mentoring program always depends on the contributions of the SSS students who invest their time and energy to serve as mentors. SSS would like to thank the following students for volunteering to be mentors this semester:

- Samantha Barr
- Lindsey Breheim
- Stephanie Cisewski
- Danielle Decock
- Stephanie Gullicksrud
- Clay Hecker
- Lee Her
- Darrell Hill
- Koua Kha
- Mai Lee Kha
- Meng Kha
- Damon Lee
- Melanie Lorentz
- Ariel Lucas
- Bao Moua
- Kelly Moua
- Sumya Paung
- Rachel Schenk
- Ariel Shidell
- Meghan Smith
- Lydia Smrz
- Megan Spreeman
- Bonnie Thao
- PaZong Thao
- Tong Thao
- Kenzie Uphoff
- Chi Ab Vang
- Madison Weckwerth
- Samantha Wensel
- Choua Xiong
- Pang Xiong

The SSS mentors and mentees will be participating in monthly group activities that include a team-building activity at the low ropes course, a game night, attendance at the International Folk Fair, and a trip to the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis to see a performance of the play *Tribes.*

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**Supplemental Instruction**

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a form of academic support similar to group tutoring. In the SI model, a student who has previously been successful in a course will attend the current class sessions, meet regularly with the professor, and then hold extra study sessions for the class members. During these review sessions, students can discuss the readings, compare notes, share ideas for improving their study strategies, and work together to prepare for exams.

SI will be offered through the Academic Skills Center for several course sections this fall:

- **Biology 214**, Sec 001 (Kettler)
- **Biology 221**, Sec 001 (Buiser) and 002 (Buiser)
- **Biology 314**, Sec 001 (Freymiller) and 201 (Freymiller)
- **Chemistry 103**, Sec 001 (Stanley), 002 (Yang), 003 (King), and 004 (Ellistrem)
- **Political Science 110**, Sec 001 (Gilkison), 002 (Evans), 003 (Freitag), and 901 (Peterson)
- **Psychology 100**, Sec 701 (Goodman)

Research has found that students who regularly attend SI sessions perform significantly better in their courses than those who do not. If you are enrolled in any of those sections, be sure to take advantage of the SI study sessions. The meeting times and places will be announced in class.

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**Free Tutoring**

SSS students may request free individual tutoring for any course offered at UW-Eau Claire. The tutors will answer students’ questions about the material presented in the lectures and textbooks, provide advice about note-taking and textbook-reading strategies, assist students in preparing for quizzes and exams, and serve as a source of encouragement and support.

**If You Want To Be a Tutor . . .**

Contact SSS if you would like to work as a tutor. Each semester, we hire many students to tutor a variety of courses. This is a flexible and rewarding form of student employment for those who enjoy sharing their knowledge and helping others learn.
Study Abroad and NSE

Study Abroad

If you believe that only students who are wealthy are able to study abroad, many students in the SSS program could tell you otherwise. During just this past summer, several SSS students traveled to a variety of destinations:

- **Costa Rica**: Paula Johnson
- **Germany**: Brett Meyer
- **Korea**: Lee Her, PaZong Thao, Xue Thao, Xia Xiong, and Khue Yang
- **Nicaragua**: Danielle Decock and Mai Der Yang

The price of the study abroad experience depends on which program you select. Some semester-long study abroad programs cost about the same as an ordinary semester at UW-Eau Claire. There are many need-based grants and scholarships available for study abroad, and you can also receive student loans.

Aside from the educational benefits of studying abroad—an advantage that many students find sufficient in itself—this experience can give you an edge when you seek employment. At a career event that the SSS program held last spring, employment recruiters from Cargill, Target, Enterprise, and Hormel all said that they look favorably on applicants who have studied abroad. This experience demonstrates to them that you are willing to accept challenges and that you can adapt to new settings and different circumstances.

National Student Exchange (NSE)

If you are not quite certain about studying abroad, but you would like the experience of studying on a different campus, National Student Exchange is another option. Through NSE, you can study at one of 200 universities in the U.S. and its territories. The tuition you pay for NSE is the same as at UW-Eau Claire, though the room and board expenses will depend on the host university. As with study abroad, you can receive financial aid to help with the costs.

Getting Started

It is important to plan far ahead if you want to study on another campus. You may contact the following offices for information:

- International Education, Schofield 3, 715-836-4411
- National Student Exchange, Schofield 240, 715-836-5626

The SSS program will also offer two presentations this fall on study abroad:

- Monday, Nov. 18, 1:00-1:50, McIntyre Library 2023
- Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1:00-1:50, Old Library 2110

Academic Calendar

Sept. 16  Last day to
* drop full-semester fall courses with no record
* add full-semester courses without dean’s approval
* change grading to/from Satisfactory-Unsatisfactory or Audit

Sept. 27  Winterim schedule of classes available on Web & MyBlugold

Oct. 7    Spring semester class schedule available on Web & MyBlugold

Oct. 7-18 Winterim priority registration; $100 down payment required

Nov. 6- Dec. 6  Spring semester undergrad registration, assigned by day/time;
                $100 down payment and PAC for designated students required

Nov. 11  Last day to file withdrawal from the University with “W”s;
         Last day to withdraw from individual full-semester classes

Nov. 22  Summer session class schedule available on Web & MyBlugold

Nov. 27  Thanksgiving recess begins at 5:00 pm

Nov. 28  Thanksgiving Day; University closed

Nov. 29  No classes; offices open

Dec. 2  Classes resume

Dec. 13  Fall semester classes end

Dec. 16-20 Final examinations

Dec. 21  Commencement

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Jan. 2-17 Winterim session

Jan. 20  Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday; no classes; offices closed

Jan. 21  Spring semester classes begin

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Fall 2013

SSS Workshops & UWEC Performance Opportunities

Freshman Career Seminar: Career Planning
Monday, Sept. 16, 3:00-5:00 pm, Davies, Menominee (320F) or
Tuesday, Sept. 17, 3:00-5:00 pm, Davies, Ho-Chunk (320E)

Required for all first-year SSS students.
(If you are not able to attend at either one of these two times, please make an appointment to meet individually with Laura Rubenzer or Andy Strowig.)

“Make Your Life Extraordinary”: Managing Self Instead of Time
Monday, Sept. 23, 1:00-1:50 pm, McIntyre Library 2023 or
Tuesday, Sept. 24, 1:00-1:50 pm, Old Library 2110

Land a Great Internship
Monday, Sept. 23, 3:30-4:30 pm, Davies, Little Niagara (211)

Resume Writing Critique
Tuesday, Sept. 24, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Davies, Little Niagara (211)

SSS Open House
Monday, Sept. 30, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, SSS Office, Old Library 2136

*Artists Series: Mu Performing Arts, The Tiger Among Us
Sept. 25, 7:30 pm, Schofield Auditorium

Sophomore Career Seminar: Professionalism 101
Tuesday, Oct. 1, 5:00-7:30 pm, Davies, Dulany (122) or
Monday, Oct. 7, 5:00-7:30 pm, Davies, Dulany (122)

Required for all second-year SSS students.

*Forum Lecture: Gerda Weissmann Klein
“One Survivor Remembers”
Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7:30 pm, Schofield Auditorium

Financial Planning
Monday, Oct. 7, 1:00-1:50 pm, McIntyre Library 2023 or
Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1:00-1:50 pm, Old Library 211

* University Theatre: Dracula by Steven Deitz
Oct. 17-19, 23-26, 7:30 pm, Kjer Theatre

What Professors Want: Developing Positive Relationships with Faculty
Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1:00-1:50 pm, McIntyre Library 2023 or
Thursday, Oct. 24, 1:00-1:50 pm, Old Library 2110

*Forum Lecture: Jessica Valenti
“Purity, Sexism, and Activism”
Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7:30 pm, Schofield Auditorium

*Artists Series: Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7:30 pm, Zorn Arena

Registration and Degree Planning: Making Every Course Count
Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1:00-1:50 pm, McIntyre Library 2023 or
Thursday, Oct. 31, 1:00-1:50 pm, Old Library 2110

Practical Tips for Scholarships
Monday, Nov. 11, 1:00-1:50 pm, McIntyre Library 2023 or
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1:00-1:50 pm, Old Library 2110

*Artists Series: James Sewell Ballet
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7:30 pm, Zorn Arena

Adventures Abroad
Monday, Nov. 18, 1:00-1:50 pm, McIntyre Library 2023 or
Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1:00-1:50 pm, Old Library 2110

Financial Planning for Juniors and Seniors
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2:00-3:00 pm, Davies, Centennial (320)

Five-Day Study Plan for Final Exams
Monday, Dec. 2, 1:00-1:50 pm, McIntyre Library 2023 or
Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1:00-1:50 pm, Old Library 2110

*Forum Lecture: James Loewen
“Lies My Teacher Told Me”
Tuesday, Dec. 3, 7:30 pm, Schofield Auditorium

*University Theatre: Far Away by Caryl Churchill
Dec 10-15, 7:30 pm, Riverside Theatre

Fuel Up for Finals
Monday, Dec. 16, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Old Library 2136

* Tickets are required for Forum, Artists Series, and University Theatre.

Call SSS at 715-836-4542 to request free tickets for performances. Please request your ticket by noon of the workday preceding the event and pick up the ticket by 4:30 on the day of the performance.