Greetings! Congratulations to all of you for completing another successful year!

It is with great pleasure to report to you that during the 2017-2018 academic year, SSS successfully fulfilled its goals and objectives by serving more than 176 qualified students. TRIO SSS retained 78% of its cohorts with 93% of the participants remaining in good academic standing. During the same year, 32% of the participants graduated with associate degrees within four (4) years and 16% of those who graduated transferred to four-year institutions. We are thrilled and happy to celebrate the achievement of all those who have graduated during the academic year and encourage you to continue pursuing your undergraduate studies at institutions of higher learning.

As a program, we also embarked on the following initiatives during the academic year: we launched a peer mentorship, partnered with the Connect Program championed by the SCTCC Academic Advising Center, awarded 7 grant aid scholarships, and re-imaged Summer Institute to increase student’s access and success at SCTCC and beyond. We appreciate those who have completed our TRIO program evaluation and we thank you for your invaluable feedback which will help inform our programs and services to meet TRIO students’ needs. If you are enrolled in the summer sessions, please know that tutoring is available for you and take advantage of these services offered at no cost to you.

As we look forward to the 2019-2020 academic year, we have a lot of exciting news and activities for you as continue to pursue your degree here at SCTCC. Please consider taking advantage of these learning opportunities available by visiting the TRIO Resource Center (1-252) or on our website at www.sctcc.edu/trio. It is my hope that you will make good use of your time during the summer break as you spend time with families and friends. We wish you all safe travels and we look forward to having you back in the fall 2019 semester. I am honored to continue serving you as your director. TRIO Works!

William Tuoy-Giel, TRIO SSS Director
TRIO STUDENTS ATTEND “THE LITTLE MERMAID” MUSICAL

In February, TRIO students attended “The Little Mermaid” musical at the Paramount Theater in downtown St. Cloud. The cast included local performers from GREAT Theatre. The musical itself was based off the Disney classic, but with a number of plot differences and surprises. The musical numbers also followed the music from the film.

Those in attendance were impressed by the colorful costumes and sets! TRIO participants included Subeda Siad, Ebado Muhumed, Melissa Meek, Alexis Zimmer, and Khady Windsouri.

FIELD TRIP PARTICIPANTS LEARN DINNER ETIQUETTE

On February 21, ten TRIO students visited Café Renaissance in Waite Park, MN to learn about dinner etiquette in a professional setting. We learned tips for dining like:

- Arrive early or on time
- Place your napkin on your lap
- Transfer butter or dips to your plate rather than dipping into the larger bowl on the table
- Pass salt and pepper together
- Don’t talk with food in your mouth
- Pace your eating (don’t eat too fast or slow)
- Always say “please” and “thank you” to wait staff

We also discussed cultural differences in etiquette, with students sharing stories about dining with their family members or friends.

The owner of the restaurant talked with the group about the cuisine, which included French, Italian, Mediterranean, Greek, Spanish, and Moroccan food. He also shared that his employees have diverse backgrounds and come from all over the world.

The group members were impressed by the delicious food and European restaurant décor. Students who participated included Alexis Zimmer, Kim Welle, Ebado Muhumed, Subeda Siad, Felicia Sparkman, Kevin Huichapa, Hannah Jarva, Tong Vang, and Lucas Jensen.
TRIO STUDENTS TOUR SCSU I-SELF SCIENCE & ENGINEERING BUILDING

In March, seven TRIO students visited St. Cloud State University for a campus tour and in-depth look at the I-SELF Science & Engineering building. Stephen Janasie, Experiential Learning & Outreach Director at SCSU, showed the students several classroom and collaborative learning spaces in the building and highlighted some of its features.

We toured the Virtualization Lab, where students were able to try on virtual reality headsets and step into a 3D experience. We also learned about their robotics classes and VEX robotics competitions. The college also hosts Huskies Invent, where engineering students spend a weekend in the building solving a problem posed by a local company and then present their solutions at the end of the event. We were impressed by the number of hands-on learning opportunities accessible by students in these majors!

TRIO students also learned about the SCSU transfer student process and experience and heard from current students. Prior to the campus visit, we ate lunch at Sawatdee in downtown St. Cloud, and enjoyed traditional Thai food.

TRIO SSS students who participated in this field trip were AK Cleveland, Khady Windsouri, Subeda Siad, Owar Olock, Tong Vang, Farah Mohamed, and Abdirahman Abdi.

TRIO AWARENESS WEEK- SERVICE PROJECT

During TRIO Awareness Week in February, TRIO SSS sponsored two workshops, a field trip, and something new this spring - a service project. TRIO SSS students assisted in creating Learning Packets for Kindergarten students at a St. Paul school. TRIO students decorated bookmarks and assembled ABC workbooks for the kids, including stickers and crayons in each packet. Ultimately, thirty packets were delivered to the school. This school was chosen because our Graduate Intern, Xee Vue, used to teach there. The school serves a large number of low-income and immigrant families. Thank you to all of our SSS students who helped with this project!
MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR SUMMER BREAK

By Hannah Jarva, TRIO Peer Tutor

How do you make the most of your seemingly too short summer break? Pack your summer schedule into those few months as you would pack a suitcase for a long trip. The first thing you have to do is prioritize what is necessary and then fit in what you want.

You may want to work a lot in order to save money for the next school year. This is a great idea but also make sure you save some time for self-care, friends, and family. Summer is a good time to get ahead financially but it is important to relax and give yourself time to recuperate for the next school year.

Summer may be a great time to get ahead on your degree path with all of the generals that are offered. Most classes are only for part of the break, leaving you time to plan trips or other fun activities. You can do summer activities from when you were young and you can also mix it up with new things you have never tried before. Remember to find a balance of structure and relaxation that works for you to get the most of your summer experience.

ENJOY CENTRAL MINNESOTA ON A BUDGET

By Kevin Huichapa, TRIO Peer Tutor

Are you ever bored of sitting at home and want to get out of the house but are on a tight budget? Then this article is for you! There are quite a few things to do for free in St. Cloud. Especially in the spring and summer months when you can get to know the so-called “Land of 10,000 Lakes”.

In the immediate area, Lake George has several festivities like “summertime by Lake George”. On certain days, Lake George will host festivals, food, dancing and more! www.summertimebygeorge.com

We also have Munsinger Gardens, a popular attraction that brings a lot of joy to this town! What people don’t know is that they rotate the flowers every couple of weeks for different arrangements. It can be a cute date or a relaxing time to spend with friends walking around on beautiful evenings. www.munsingerclemens.com

Another location that’s extremely close and a nice walk is The Quarries! Whether its cliff jumping into the water or a scenic walk through nature it is always a fun time that you won’t have to pay for! www.visitstcloud.com/things/quarry-park-nature-preserve

If you have a little money available and want to adventure farther away, here are some other fun things to do! Let us first head towards the cities. Minneapolis has a ton things to do but let’s just point out the more affordable ones. Minnehaha Park is one of Minneapolis’s outdoor attractions. It is a wonderful waterfall where visitors can walk and take photos. www.minneapolisparks.org

If you would rather stay inside, the Minneapolis Institute of Art is a wonderful attraction that also doesn’t cost you a dime. With three floors of breath-taking art, it is hard to go through the whole building in just one day. www.new.artsmia.org

If you’re willing to travel farther, Duluth is also a beautiful place for a day trip. The Aerial Lift Bridge is a popular attraction that brings many boat lovers to see the lift go up and down for ships. It also has the famous lighthouse where you can admire the blue beauty of MN. www.canalpark.com/things-to-do

The only thing on this list that will actually cost money for entry is definitely worth it. Duluth also has an Aquarium in the same area that is wonderful to walk through. Exotic animals and sea life is just waiting at a very affordable price! www.canalpark.com/listing/great-lakes-aquarium-gifts/
In early May, six TRIO SSS students traveled to St. Paul, MN to attend the Festival of Nations at the St. Paul RiverCentre and tour Metropolitan State University. Festival of Nations is an annual, weekend-long event. It is the oldest and longest running multicultural festival in the Midwest, allowing participants to learn about our diverse world through performances, food, and interactive exhibits.

While some of our students had been to this event before, many had not and we were blown away by the size of the event and the unique experience.

After visiting the Festival of Nations, we toured Metropolitan State University, a Minnesota State university in St. Paul. Our enthusiastic student tour guide gave us an insider’s view of the campus and we learned about the unique educational opportunities that exist on that campus.

TRIO SSS students who participated in this field trip were Hamza Ahmed, Alexis Zimmer, Farah Mohamed, Subeda Siad, Fatma Abdulrahman, and Saida Abdulrahman.
TRIO GRADUATION & SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

On April 25th, we celebrated our soon-to-be TRIO Graduates, Grant Aid scholarship recipients, Dean’s List students, and Office Assistants/Peer Tutors. Our ceremony featured student speaker and 2018 graduate Hannah Jarva, as well as staff speaker Melanie Matthews, our SCTCC Student Support Manager.

Congratulations to those we celebrated!

TRIO 2018-2019 Graduates:
Abdukadir Abdullahi
Ahmed Al-Areedy*
Adow Ali
Massa Appleton
Jazz Boker
Jordan Carriaveu
Kiara Cook
Candace Crooker*
Khadijo Daud
Funmilayo Dehinsilu
Amanda Garcia
Kari Harlander
Julie Helms
Joseph Hentges
Hannah Jarva
Tiffany Johnson
Chelsea Klein
Nicholas Lengyel
Tori Maish
Quentin Miller
Morgan Muehlbauer
Abigail Notsch
Brittanny Novicky
Charles Nyaribo
Najima Omar
Yeli Ouattara
Meghan Pauley
Alexandria Robertson
Terry Smith
Mahamed Sofe
Matthew Solland
Keshawn Sutton
Kelly Thomsen*
Tong Vang*
Angelique Wall
Kimberly Welle
Khady Windsouri
Samantha Wojciak
Alexis Zimmer

TRIO 2019 Grant Aid Scholarship Recipients:
Jazz Boker
Timothy Cavalieri
Alanson Cleveland
Quentin Miller
Najima Omar
Janice Sims
Khady Windsouri

TRIO Office Assistants & Peer Tutors/Mentors:
Mohamed Abdi
Abdirahman Abdi
Jazz Boker
Julie Helms
Kevin Huichapa
Hannah Jarva
Brandon Meyer
Quentin Miller
Max Olson
Josiah Sommer
Khady Windsouri
Jacqueline Yanez
Nunez
Alexis Zimmer

* Designated students who are earning two degrees or a second degree from SCTCC
Congratulations TRIO Graduates!
MEET YOUR TRIO PROFESSIONAL STAFF

William Tuoy-Giel, TRIO Director
William Tuoy-Giel serves as a TRIO SSS Director at SCTCC. He earned a master’s degree in Educational Leadership with emphases in Community College and Higher Education from Northern Arizona University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Family and Human Development Studies from Arizona State University. Mr. Tuoy-Giel is an alumni and full beneficiary of the National TRIO Student Support Services Program. Prior to joining St. Cloud Technical and Community College, William served in several academic and student affairs positions at Maricopa Community Colleges system. He also served as a Marketing Research Assistant with Snell and Wilmer, LLC, and worked in security, retail, and hospitality industries in Phoenix Metropolitan areas. Currently, he manages the TRIO Student Support Services day-to-day operation of the office. He also serves and advocates for its students to succeed. During his free time, he volunteers at local community-based organizations and enjoys spending time with his family in various outdoor activities such as hiking, baseball, and exercising.

LeAnn Pueringer, TRIO Advisor
LeAnn is a TRIO SSS Advisor at SCTCC. She has worked with the SSS program for 8 years. LeAnn has her graduate’s degree in Rehabilitation Psychology from St. Cloud State University and has a love of learning. As a TRIO Advisor, LeAnn arranges workshops and mentoring services in the TRIO Resource Center. In LeAnn’s free time she enjoys spending time with her family, baking, taking educational classes and reading. LeAnn loves helping others and is excited to be part of students' success.

Jayne Balicky, TRIO Advisor
Jayne serves as a TRIO SSS Advisor at SCTCC. She earned a master’s in College Student Personnel and a bachelor of arts in Business and Public Relations. In her role as TRIO Advisor, Jayne coordinates field trips and the laptop loan program. Prior to this role, Jayne worked in advising, admissions, student life, and residential life at both 2-year and 4-year public institutions. Her favorite part of being an advisor is motivating students and helping them get the support they need to reach graduation. In her free time, Jayne enjoys spending time with her family and being outdoors.

Der Yang, TRIO SSS Intern, Summer 2019
Der Yang is a graduate intern in TRIO SSS at SCTCC this summer. She is a current graduate student at SCSU in the master’s program of College Counseling and Student Development. She earned her bachelor of science in Community Psychology with a minor in Intercultural Communications at SCSU. She loves traveling, journaling, and connecting with others. Der looks forward to being a part of the TRIO team and contributing to the SCTCC community this summer.

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