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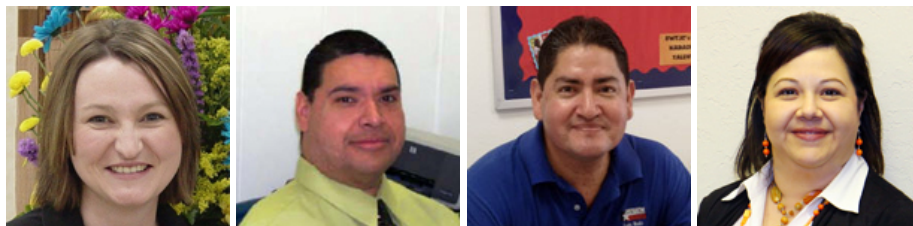
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## TRiO (Student Support Services)

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### Mission & Eligibility

The Student Support Services program is designed to:

- Increase the retention and graduation rates of *eligible* students
- Increase the transfer rate of eligible students from two-year to four-year institutions
- Foster an institutional climate supportive of the success of low-income and first-generation college students and individuals with disabilities through services such as academic advising, tutorial services, transfer assistance, career counseling, personal counseling and exposure to cultural events.

**Who is eligible to participate in the Student Support Services program?**

A student is eligible to participate in the Student Support Services project if the student meets *all* of the following requirements:

- Is a citizen or national of the United States or meets the residency requirements for Federal student financial assistance.
- Is enrolled at Southwest Texas Junior College or accepted for enrollment in the next academic term at that institution
- Has a need for academic support, as determined by Southwest Texas Junior College, in order to pursue successfully a postsecondary educational program.
- A low-income individual
- A first generation college student or
- An individual with disabilities

**How can I apply?**

An application may be picked up at the SSS offices, located in the Sterling Fly Memorial building. Or, click on the link below for a printable application. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (830) 591-7295.

[2014 - 2015 SSS APPLICATION](#) (download to your computer then fill out the form, print, and turn in to the SSS office)

For more information regarding Student Support Services program visit the [federal TRiO page](#).

### Services Offered

**Academic Advising**

The Student Support Services program has four staff members available to assist students in:

- making educational plans
- selecting appropriate courses
- meeting academic requirements
- planning for graduation and further education

**Tutoring**

The Student Support Services program along with the Student Success Center provides tutoring FREE of charge. Tutorial services are available in English, Chemistry, Algebra, Biology, Anatomy, Government, History, English as a second language, and other academic areas as needed. Tutors are qualified students recommended by faculty.

For more information, contact Ana Lisa @ Student Success Center @ 830-591-4152

**Resource Lab**

Student Support Services has a resource lab that consists of EIGHT personal computers that are connected to the internet and can be used to:

- Do research for class assignments
- Complete and submit the online FAFSA
- Check e-mail

In addition, personal computers have the most current version of Microsoft® Office programs where students can:

- Type essays
- Create Power Point® presentations
- Create spreadsheets

**Other Services**

Career Counseling - Student Support Services helps students learn about career opportunities through computerized information, assessing their career interests and capabilities, and making occupational plans.

Transfer Counseling - Student Support Services' Advisors can assist students interested in four-year programs in meeting the academic requirements of those programs, choosing four-year institutions, and applying for admission and financial aid at those institutions.

Financial Aid Counseling - Students can receive assistance in completing financial aid applications.

Financial Literacy and Budgeting Workshops - Students receive educational/counseling to improve financial and economic literacy.

Campus Visits - Student Support Services provides campus tours to various universities giving students insight to university academic information as well as campus life.

Cultural Activities - Student Support Services will address social needs by providing a variety of activities that will increase the social interactions of students and improve participant motivation and self-concept.

**Activities & Campus Tours****Campus Tours**

If you would like to participate in a tour to any of the campuses listed below, please contact Student Support Services @ 830-591-7296. SSS must have a total of five (5) students interested in a campus tour before the trip will make.

February 4, 2015 - [Texas A&M University - Kingsville](#)

February 18, 2015 - [University of Texas - San Antonio](#)

The Student Support Services program sponsors activities, such as field trips, special lectures, and symposiums, that have as their purpose the improvement of the project participants' academic progress and personal development.

**Visit our Facebook page to stay informed about campus tours and activities with Student Support Services.**

