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THE BC SCHOLAR IS YOU

The semester has begun and all students—from new freshman to seniors graduating in December—can start the semester off right. Use this time, while you are still getting comfortable in classes, to turn yourself from a regular college student into a scholar.

A scholar is someone who does not just take classes, but is a person who takes those classes seriously. A scholar is an intelligent and well-educated person, and you are here at Bloomfield College for just that reason!



QUICK TIP—GET HELP!

Everyone can use a study buddy. Join a study group or partner up with a classmate to go over lecture information. Don't just cram for an exam; meet regularly. You might just meet a good friend.

- * **Visit SSS!** Consistent appointments with the **Student Support Services STAR Program** guarantee assistance with academic, personal, financial, scheduling, and professional issues.
- * **Use your phone wisely!** Organize your life with your phone's calendar function. Then, you won't forget
 - Class times and locations
 - Assignments and due dates
 - Study group times
 - Exam schedules
 - Professors' names, contact info, and office hours
 - Course registration and withdrawal deadlines
- * **Don't wait until the last minute!** Study throughout the semester, not just the night before an exam. Get to class a few minutes early to nab a seat and ask the professor questions.
- * **Ask that question!** Don't worry about asking a stupid question or getting an answer wrong. Engagement in class allows you to enjoy the subject and let your professor know you're serious about the information. What better way to pass class time than through intelligent conversation and discovery.
- * **Make the trip to the LRC!** The LRC is more than just the building with the big clock; SSS-STAR, the Writing Center, CITEL, Students with Disabilities...it's all in the LRC.



WE ARE TRIO: STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Did you know that the Bloomfield College Student Support Services (SSS) STAR Program is part of a larger constellation of governmental programs designed to help students succeed? Although the SSS-STAR program has only been on BC's campus since 2000, our program shares a proud history. We are part of the TRIO programs: a set of federally-funded college opportunity programs that motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds in their pursuit of a college degree. 790,000 low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities — from sixth grade through college graduation — are served by over 2,800 programs nationally.

WHERE DID TRIO ORIGINATE?

The TRIO programs were the first national college access and retention programs to address the serious social and cultural barriers to education in America. TRIO began as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty and in 1964, The Educational Opportunity Act established Upward Bound. Then, in 1965, the Higher Education Act created Talent Search. Finally, another program, Special Services for Disadvantaged Students (later known as Student Support Services), was launched in 1968. Together, this "trio" of federally-funded programs encouraged access to higher education for low-income students. By 1998, the original three programs had grown to nine. Famous TRIO alumni include Oprah Winfrey and actress Angela Basset. **On Bloomfield College's campus alone, there are two TRIO programs: Student Support Services—STAR and the McNair Scholars Program.**

WHO ARE WE? STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Student Support Services projects work to enable low-income students to stay in college until they earn their baccalaureate degrees. Participants receive tutoring, counseling and academic instruction. Students are now being served at over 1,000 colleges and universities nationwide, including Bloomfield College! Look around campus and you will see current SSS participants in class and SSS alumni in various employment. Look out into the larger world, and you will find SSS alumni from all over the US, including Wisconsin Senator Gwen Moore (right), former astronaut Franklin Chang-Diaz, and actress Viola Davis.



WHY ARE ALL TRIO PROGRAMS IMPORTANT?

- They help boost the United States' academic and economic competitiveness globally.
- They make sure low-income students are not left behind in the academic and professional arenas.
- They narrow the nation's growing achievement gap.

WE ARE STRONG, WE ARE TRIO!

TRIO WORKS!



* Historical information is adapted from the Council for Opportunity in Education's "TRIO History" webpage, found at http://www.coenet.us/coe_prod_imis/COE/TRIO/History/COE/NAV_TRIO/TRIO_History.aspx

APPLYING FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE IS AS EASY AS 1-2-3

One perk of being an active Student Support Services student is that SSS Grant Assistance may be available* to help with tuition balances or loan reduction. To make the process of awarding grant aid fair and ensure member participation, the Student Support Services STAR Program is introducing a point system. Accruing 100 points allows a student to be eligible to complete the Grant Assistance Application and/or be considered for Grant Assistance.

Activities and their respective point values include:

Scheduling and attending meetings with staff for any required services	10 pts
Completing an intake interview	20 pts
Following the Program on social media (each site)	10 pts
Signing up your cell phone number for Remind	10 pts
Participating in a scheduled workshop or activity	25 pts
Write a column or article for the Program Newsletter	50 pts
Referring a student who is accepted into the Program and completes an intake	50 pts

Stop by the SSS office today to pick up the complete list of activities today!

*Students who wish to receive grant assistance through the Student Support Services Program must be PELL eligible for that semester.

Date	Term	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
07/01/18		*** Balance Forward ***	581.00		581.00
08/01/18	18/FA	Board Charge	1,600.00		2,181.00
08/01/18	18/FA	Fall Full Time Tuition	31,600.00		34,781.00
08/01/18	18/FA	Fall - Medical Insurance	528.00		35,309.00
08/01/18	18/FA	Fall - Medical Insurance		624.00	35,933.00
08/01/18	18/FA	Student Health Insurance	84.00		36,017.00
08/01/18	18/FA	Sum OWBSE-225 Liberty	4,950.00		40,967.00
Estimated Financial Aid					
18/FA		Federal Pell Grant		2,888.00	43,855.00
18/FA		New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (Estimated)		1,061.00	44,916.00
18/FA		BC Tuition Scholarship		2,960.00	47,876.00
18/FA		BC Resident Grant		2,487.00	50,363.00
18/FA		Federal Direct Sub Loan		2,226.00	52,589.00
18/FA		Federal Direct Unsub Loan		990.00	53,579.00
18/FA		FEDERAL DIRECT UNSUB LOAN		4,170.00	57,749.00
			Total	57,749.00	57,749.00

SSS-STAR can help you decode your tuition bill

BCSTARPROGRAM IS NOW BC_SSSSTAR

We are so proud of our TRIO pedigree (see p2) that we have decided to highlight our STAR Program's designation as Student Support Services. And it shows in the name changes our social media sites have undergone.

Instagram:

BC_SSSSTAR

Twitter:

BC_SSSSTAR

Remind texting service:

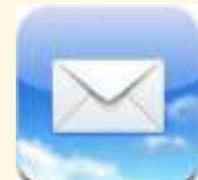
text @bcsssstar to 81010

Facebook:

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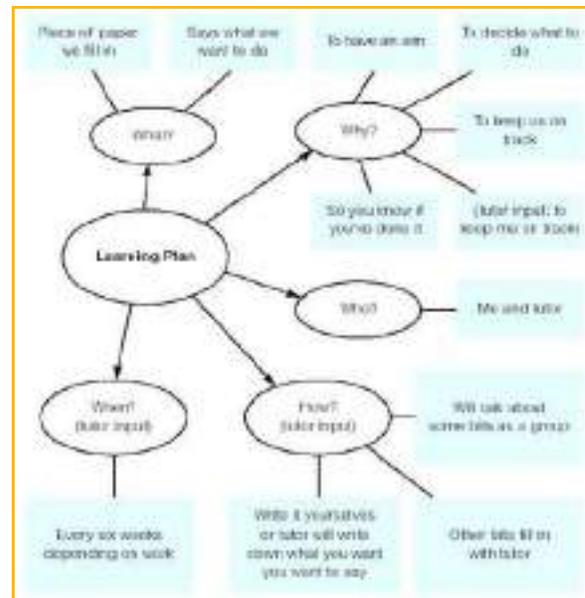
WHAT'S AN ILP?

And ILP, or **Individual Learning Plan** (right), is a specific learning plan or strategy that takes into consideration the your individual strengths and possible weaknesses.

Twice a year, SSS participants will now create and implement an ILP for each semester. It will include

- * your academic, professional, personal, and civic goals
- * the steps you will need to follow to successfully complete those aspirations
- * possible barriers you may face.

And ILP keeps you on track and positive about your Bloomfield College journey.



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STAR PROGRAM HOURS

Monday: 8:00 am—7:30 pm
 Tuesday: 8:00 am—4:30 pm
 Wednesday: 8:00 am—7:30 pm
 Thursday: 8:00 am—4:30 pm
 Friday: 8:00 am—4:30 pm