



BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - STAR PROGRAM

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SSS GIVES BACK IN COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVES



TRIO serves! This past semester, SSS engaged in myriad community service initiatives. Students and staff alike built homes with Habitat for Humanity, fed the homeless at St. Anne's food kitchen, and read to daycare facilities across Bloomfield during the country-wide Read Across America initiative. TRIO students give back and more service is in store this coming semester, including an initiative with the United Way!



GIVE BACK TO SSS

Our students love to give their time to the community. In total, our participants logged more than 100 hours in community service initiatives last year...and that's not counting the time they volunteered with other organizations on- and off-campus or privately.

With donations from patrons and prior participants, Student Support Services can give back to its students. Additional funds will enable us to offer bus tickets for transportation, waivers for CLEP testing, emergency housing, and food. Help our students fight housing and food insecurities and stay on the road to graduation! Click on the link below to donate or visit <https://alumni.bloomfield.edu/make-a-gift>





SSS ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS

The SSS lab was packed Spring 2018 with workshops and activities. New and returning students attended Orientation events, Stress Management and FAFSA workshops, and Dress for Success presentations, among other activities.

They also went off campus, taking trips to NYC to see "Wicked" on Broadway, and to central NJ for a Rutgers Pre-Law Diversity Conference. There is more to come, so remember to friend the program on social media.



END OF SUMMER EVENTS: TURTLEBACK ZOO

Students kicked off the SSS End of Summer events by visiting Turtleback Zoo in West Orange, NJ. The August heat and humidity did not dampen spirits and students listed their favorite aspects of the day: visiting the giraffes, touching sting rays and a baby shark, feeding goats for the first time, and watching (through observation windows) the prairie dogs dig complex burrows.



END OF SUMMER EVENTS: YANKEES GAME & ESCAPE ROOMS

SSS took on the Amazing Escape Rooms in Montclair...and won! Well, mostly. Students and staff tackled "Crusader's Alley" and "Case Closed Montclair." The former group was victorious, while the latter finished 80% of the room before the hour ran out. Days later, students traveled to Yankee Stadium to watch the Yankees vs. White Sox. The Yankees did not win, but it was still a great night at the old ball game! Ms. Kelley, th



TUTORING SERVICE AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY FOR SSS STUDENTS

Need help with your BIO lab at 11pm? Stuck on that MTH take-home on a Sunday? As an SSS student, you have help with those disciplines...and more!

The program is pleased to offer students free hours of online tutoring through Smarthinking Online Tutoring. Accessed through your SSS-STAR Bb page, you can receive live one-on-one tutoring 24/7 in a host of subjects including math, science, nursing, business, and computer technology. For more information or a demo, contact Ms. Dilkes.



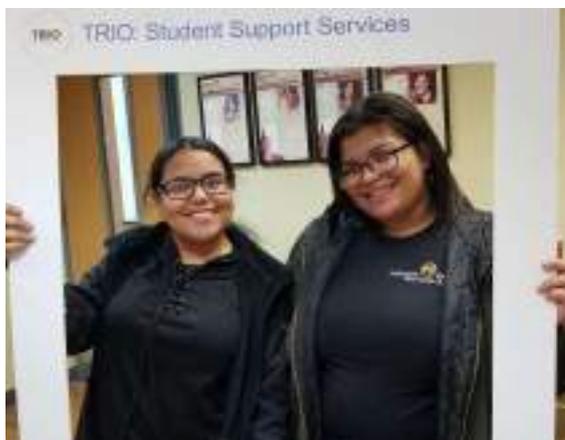
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paper writing assistance

Interview prep

TWO SSS SCHOLARS ACCEPTED TO JERSEY CARES PROJECT COORDINATOR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Milka Ramos-Gallo and Nicole Ramos were both selected to participate in the Jersey Cares Project Coordinator Fellowship Program. The Fellowship Program allows participants to acquire workforce development skills, providing real responsibility that will help engage volunteers, highlight their positive impact, and raise awareness for the issues affecting the local community.



Nicole and Milka will remain in their FWS site at BC's Library and will work directly with Director Greg Reid on the Library Makerspace project. The College received a grant from the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) to create a Library Makerspace, which (according to BC's webpage news) "offers individuals an opportunity to create intellectual and physical materials using resources such as computers, 3-D printers, audio and video capture and editing tools, and traditional arts and crafts supplies." With Dr. Reid's assistance and supervision, Milka and Nicole will make the Makerspace idea a reality for Spring 2019.

APOCALYPSE MATH

In August 2018, Math professor Dr. Grace Cook presented at the Mathematical Association of America Mathfest in Denver, CO. Dr. Cook and students including Ted Zolue, a TRIO SSS-STAR Summer Youth Employment Program Intern, and SSS student Marija Kostaska reviewed resources to discover the mathematics required to survive in a post-apocalyptic world with the idea to create a math resource that could be provided to people in real world catastrophic circumstances. Dr. Cook told SSS, "[The students] worked very hard to help me with this project, and I am very proud and impressed with the level of effort they put into this."



Want to do research on something interesting like post-apocalyptic math? SSS participants interested in summer internships should see Ms. Bagce for information.

ALUMNI CORNER



BC DOUBLE-MAJOR GRAD TO UMASS LAW

Reynolds, a double SOC/PHL major ('17), has begun her post-bacc career at the University of Massachusetts School of Law - Dartmouth on a full Academic Merit Scholarship.





TRIO STUDENT HONORED AT NJ DISTINGUISHED CLINICAL INTERN AWARDS

December 2017 graduate and SSS student Johnny Vega was honored as a nominee at the 2018 New Jersey Distinguished Interns Awards Ceremony. Vega was recognized for his outstanding work as a 2nd grade clinical intern and student in the College's teacher education program. Vega received a P-3 certification and began a full-time teaching position at K.I.P.P. New Jersey's THRIVE Academy in September 2018.



GRADUATE SCHOOL CONGRATS!

Longtime SSS scholar and STAR lab technician, Gregory Cowart ('18), was awarded an HBCU Master's in Computer Science grant to Virginia State University's 12 month accelerated Computer Science program. The grant covers full tuition and includes a stipend. He will graduate in May 2019. #trioworks

Cowart will present his first semester's work at the Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) International Conference in Florida in July 2019 and has been interviewed for a future issue of BC's "On The Green."

ALUM DANIELLE PATTERSON ('13) SPEAKS AT BC'S NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS ALUMNI PANEL

SSS was pleased to see alum and former lab assistant, Danielle Patterson, speak at the College's Natural Science and Mathematics Alumni Panel Discussion and Reception in April 2018.

After graduation, Patterson worked for five years as a Clinical Histotechnologist

with Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and has recently continued her career with the Bio Defense.

Patterson praised the College during the panel, stating, "Bloomfield College has awarded us so much." Patterson is also a generous donor to the SSS Program and a former TRIO McNair Scholar.



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OFFICE / LAB HOURS SPRING 2019

MON—FRI 8:30AM - 8:00PM
SA 11:00AM-4:00PM

EXTENDED!

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