

Student Support Services Spring 2013

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A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Students:

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a restful break and are ready to dive into the spring semester. Although SSS staff got a little time off, we were pretty busy this winter, wrapping up the fall semester and then preparing for 2013!



And what a fall semester it was! We were thrilled to see that so many of you participated in workshops and tutoring. Despite your busy schedules, you took time to seek support for challenging classes and also attended workshops for both personal and academic development. And the results were obvious: 45 SSS students made the fall semester Dean's List! Of those, 11 made the President's List! We were especially thrilled to see that of those 45 students, 27 students were new participants in our program. Some students missed the mark by a hair, and we know you'll make the list in the spring. Set your goals and be sure to visit your advisor and tutors early in the semester.

You'll notice some changes around SSS this spring. Here are some of the updates for the spring 2013 semester:

- For starters, we've expanded our office and extended our hours! We are very excited about the SSS computer lab, directly across the hall from us. Check inside for more details and visit the office to see the extended schedule.
- You'll also notice a change in our tutoring department. From now on, you must schedule an appointment in order to meet with a professional tutor. There will still be drop-in tutoring, but it will be with peer tutors only. Remember, we are flexible when it comes to tutoring. Let us know in which class you need assistance, and we'll make it happen.
- For our spring trip, we'll head to the historic Long Wharf Theatre in New Haven, CT to see *Curse of the Starving Class*. Sign up in the SSS office by February 8th!

We know your transition to the spring semester will be a smooth one, and as always, we're looking forward to supporting your efforts!

Welcome back, Aamna

IMPORTANT SPRING DATES

First Day of Classes	January 22nd
Last day to add a class	February 8th
RA Applications Due	March 1st
Spring Break-No Classes	March 10th-17t
Last day to drop a class without a 'W'	March 15th
Last day to drop a class and receive a 'W'	April 5th
Last Day of Classes	May 3rd
Final Exam Week	May 6th-10th
Commencement	May 11th

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Are you looking for a quiet place to study? Hard to find an unoccupied computer around finals time? Fear not! SSS was

busy making some updates to our space this winter to address some of these challenges for our students.

We are excited to announce the opening of our new computer lab on the 5th floor of the Wahlstrom Library. This

New Technology at SSS

space will be for SSS students only and features 15 new desktop computers. The lab is located across the hall from the SSS office, and students will have to sign in and out when using the lab.

This new space allows SSS to offer computer access, study space and extra tutoring space for our students. Additionally, the SSS Learn-

ing Center saw an upgrade this winter with the installation of a Smart Board. This board will be used for workshops and meetings.

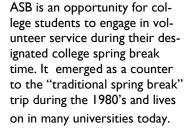
Check the SSS office for extended hours for the Learning Center and the computer lab. We hope you utilize our new space and equipment and that it serves you well this semester!



Congratulations to Our Alternative Spring Break Participants!



This year, three SSS students applied and interviewed for the Norge W. Jerome Service Scholarship. All three were selected to be members of the University of Bridgeport's Alternative Spring Break trip.



ASB volunteers generally work in conjunction with local partners to address issues across this nation, for example, helping to build affordable housing and improving the quality of child care centers.

Rosario Terron, Nikki Hendricks, and Mariah Dookie will be traveling to Newark, New Jersey this March to work with the Boys & Girls Club for the week. They will also be dedicating a day of service towards Hurricane Sandy relief before their return home.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our ASB participants, all of whom also made the Dean's list, for their dedication to community service. We look forward to hearing about Rosario, Nikki and Mariah's experiences when they arrive back to campus.



SSS Dean's List & President's List

Laurie Anderson
Kristen Bell
Jasmine Cates
Brianna Clare
Katerina Correa
Christina Cuevas
Jessica Deutsch
Karissa Espada
Christopher Gonzalez
Antionique Harris
Nikki Hendricks
Maria Jara

Stelle Joseph
Trichelle July-Lindo
Brandon Lleras
Ricardo Martinez
Julia Navarro
Neisa Nelson
Jessica Nieves
Faustina Nimneh
Julissa Nunez
Jessica Nwabuoku
Mckenzie Parent
Lomari Payne

Dominick Pereira
Shanasia Shelton
Tiffany Sime
Sahara Tariq
Capreece Taylor
Rosario Terron
Julynette Torres
Taylor Trotman
Marvalee Washington
Danielle Weddenburn

- Elizabeth Aponte Simon Arias
- Mariah Dookie
- Anthony Huynh Kristine Johnson
- Mirandy Kim
 Kevin Matos Acevedo
- Phylicia PrinceDiana Regis
- Capri Wright
 Kajin Yousif

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Dean's List and President's List are prestigious academic honors. Dean's List applies to those students who are of full-time status and received a grade point average of 3.2 or higher. President's List applies to those students who are of full-time status and received a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

Student Support Services would like to congratulate our students who made Dean's List and President's List for the Fall 2012 semester. Through hard work and commitment, these students did exceptionally well.

Congratulations and keep up the good work!



Need \$\$\$ for your college education?



Don't forget to apply for the FAFSA!

Get Connected!



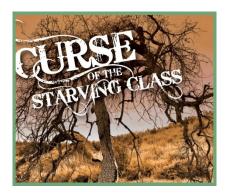


Follow us and stay up to date on SSS events

SSS Spring Event!

Apply to be an ExCEL Mentor!

Curse of the Starving Class At Long Wharf Theatre



Come join SSS at the theatre! This modern classic by Sam Shepard, a Pulitzer and Tony Award-winning playwright, balances dark comedy and biting satire in its look at a family's fight to stay alive.

Date: Wednesday, February 27th

Time: 7pm start time

Location: New Haven

WANTED

EXCEL PEER MENTORS



Applications
on 2/28

Student Support Services is looking for mentors who are.....

Motivated to help others
Academically driven
Knowledgeable of UB's resources
Positive role models
Willing to commit time to their assigned mentees
Looking to gain communication, administrative &
people skills

Interested in being an ExCEL Peer Mentor?

Contact Erica Granoff at egranoff@bridgeport.edu

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SSS History & UB

In 1968, Student Support Services, which was originally known as Special Services for Disadvantaged Students, became the third in a series of federal educational opportunity programs. Student Support Services (SSS) program is now one of the eight federal TRIO education campaigns that identify and assist students from disadvantaged backgrounds as they progress from middle school through college. In August 2010, the U.S Department of Education awarded a 1.1 million dollar Student Support Services grant to the University of Bridgeport. This grant is to provide a range of services, such as supplemental instruction, financial and career advising, and tutoring to help qualified low-income, first generation college students, and students with disabilities, boost their academic performance and successfully complete college.

What our students said about the SSS program...

"I enjoyed it very much and look forward to what comes next semester"

"Keep doing what you're doing"

"The SSS staff is doing an amazing job assisting us, keep up the good work!"

"Excellent SSS program advisors"

"SSS is very useful for freshmen adjusting to the college work style"

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