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Welcome

The SSS staff welcomes you to the 2006-2007 academic year at Creighton University.

Tami Buffalohead-McGill is the SSS Director. She



earned her Bachelor's degree from Creighton University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She specializes in financial aid, scholarship assistance, academic advising, and problem resolution. Her interests include scrap booking, gardening, and getting to know her students.

Karen Thurber is the Academic Counselor. Karen received her Bachelor's



degree from Nebraska Wesleyan and a Master's degree in Education and Counseling from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Karen was the Assistant Director at Creighton's Career Center for fifteen years and specializes in resume writing, job searches, and academic counseling. As the Academic Counselor, she assists students with academic planning and

monitoring, personal assistance, career planning, and graduate/professional school preparation. Karen is married and has two children. Her interests are her children and gardening.

Denise Le Clair is the Writing/Reading Specialist.



Denise has two degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana: a Bachelor's in English and a Master's in Library Sciences. She also has a Secondary Teaching endorsement. As the SSS Writing/Reading Specialist, Denise helps students develop study strategies for their college courses and assists student in all phases of writing a paper, from developing a thesis to final proofreading.

Rich Jehlik is the Science Specialist/Tutor Coordinator.



He earned a Bachelor's from Iowa State and a Master's in Biology and Physiology at the University of Missouri. Rich specializes in science and provides direct academic support through tutoring and supplemental instruction. He is also responsible for

coordinating the student supplemental instructors, peer tutors, and cultural events. Rich's interests include plays, cultural events, and art.

Pat Al-Greene is the Math

Specialist. Pat received his Bachelor's degree from Villanova and Rutgers University. He earned his Master's degree in Public Administration and a Doctorate in Government. Pat provides academic support primarily in math, but his specialties also include sociology, political science, and astronomy. His interests include his seventeen year old son, politics, and bridge.



Toni Martin is the Administrative Assistant.

She attended South Puget Sound Community College. Toni is the resource person who maintains all the SSS records and is the go-to person when you are unsure of who you need to contact. Toni has four children and is originally from Washington State. Her interests include her children, grandchildren, and quilt-making.





Kristina Smith with son James.

Spotlight on SSS Junior—Kristina Smith

By: Ariel Chi

Kristina Lynn Smith is a junior at Creighton University majoring in Political Science and Philosophy. She is originally from Gurnee, Illinois, and she moved to Omaha her freshman year of high school. Kristina is very involved with the Creighton community and SSS. She was the coordinator of Peer2Peer and helped plan SSS cultural events in 2004-2005. In 2005-2006, she was the founder and President of the Peer2Peer mentoring program. As a SSS intern, she helped coordinate the Parent Support Group. Currently she interns for Jim Esch and is a member of College Democrats. She was recently recognized for her leadership by receiving the Pacesetter Award from SSS and the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Award. On top of everything, she is on the Dean's list every semester and is a member

of the Honor Society of Philosophy and Political Science.

Outside of school, Kristina enjoys spending time with her son, James, and organizes special events for Jim Esch. With her busy schedule, it is no surprise that she often goes to bed at 4 a.m. and wakes up at 6 a.m. It annoys her that there is not a sufficient amount of time in a day for all she wants to do.

Kristina's mother taught her to be nice to everyone, and her most prized possession is a China set her mother gave to her from her grandmother.

Kristina enjoys all kinds of music. This summer Kristina had a lot of fun with her friends and family in Hawaii. Her favorite childhood memory is playing outside with her cousins. She loves the sound of laughter, and if she could be any animal, she would like to be a

penguin. She likes penguins because they are cute, especially when they waddle. Her most embarrassing moment was the morning that she came to school with the tags still attached to her jeans. Kristina's least favorite phrase would be "those people".

Kristina's greatest achievement is her GPA, and the most exciting thing that has happened to her at Creighton is her leadership award. Her most memorable moment at Creighton is when a student asked if he could take a shot of alcohol on the last day of class. At Creighton, Kristina's favorite professors are Dr. Cook and Professor Pliatska (both teach Philosophy). She also likes Dr. Evans (Political Science). She enjoys their classes because they are passionate about what they teach, and their classes actively involve students.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday:

8:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.

Evening hours

Monday, Tuesday, and
Thursday

5:00 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.

Staff Hours

Tami Buffalohead-McGill

MWF 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

TR 9:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Karen Thurber

M-F 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Denise Le Clair

M-F 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Rich Jehlik

M-F 8:15 a.m.—4:45 p.m.

Pat Al-Greene

MTR 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

MTR 5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Toni Martin

M-F 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Reminders

Please do not forget to swipe your student ID whenever you enter Markoe Hall.

If you have not completed your orientation and paperwork, call Karen Thurber at 280-3007 to schedule an appointment.

Juniors and Seniors: Meet with Karen to make sure you are on track for fulfilling graduation requirements.

December graduates: Make sure you complete your Senior Check.



Cultural Events and Workshops

Cultural events are designed to provide SSS students with a wide variety of cultural opportunities (also refer to the table of events for fall). Student Support Services provides the opportunity to meet other students through Cultural Events such as plays, and other events on selected Friday or Saturday nights. Both tickets and transportation are provided free of charge for Student Support Services students. Attendance counts as one workshop credit.

Make reservations by contacting Rich (280-2167 or rjehlik@creighton.edu) or sign up on the SSS bulletin board in Markoe Hall. At least **15** names are necessary to provide one of these trips. Reservations must be received a week before the event. Please do not be a "no-show". If your plans change you must let us know twenty-four hours prior to the event, so we can offer the ticket to a student on the waiting list.

September 6: SELF DEFENSE

This workshop is designed to help new students with safety issues around the campus. Some basic methods of self defense will be demonstrated in the workshop.

Markoe Hall—3:30-4:30

September 13: RESUME WRITING

Karen Thurber is the host of this workshop. She will help students become familiar with the resume by showing examples. Writing a great resume is a good skill that will come in handy in the future for all the students

Markoe Hall—3:30-4:30

September 16: SOIREE

Soire'e is a picnic event. It provides free food, games, ice breaker, and all sorts of fun. Everyone is welcome to attend. Friends and family members are welcome to attend if interested.

Rigger Science Square
1:00-3:00 pm



September 27: BLACKBOARD & SELF SERVICE

Blackboard is a website that allows students to access their class syllabi, keep in touch with class activities. Self service allows students to waive fees, add & drop classes, and check financial aid.

Markoe Hall—3:30-4:30 pm

*Ice-breakers from
the 2004 Annual
Student Support
Services Soirée..*

SSS workshops are designed to offer numerous workshops throughout the year to assist students with aspects of their personal, academic, and career goals.



Third Annual Welcome Back Soiree

Join us on the west side of the Rigge Science Square on Saturday, September 16th, from 1:00 to 4:00 for a great time, free food, fun, music, and fellowship.

Meet and get to know other SSS students, staff, and friends of the Student Support Services program.

Please call Toni at 280-2749 by September 11th to let us know you will be joining us.

This event counts for one workshop credit.

FREE FOOD—YUM!



Ice-breakers from the 2005 Student Support Services Soirée.

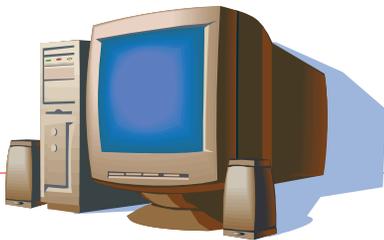
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“Education is a companion which no future can depress, no crime can destroy, no enemy can alienate it and no nepotism can enslave.”

Ropo Oguntimehin



SSS is one of the five federally funded TRIO programs at Creighton University under the Department of Educational Opportunity Programs. SSS is grant funded through the Department of Education to provide comprehensive services to help students achieve a successful college experience by increasing academic performance, retention, and graduation rates. SSS also works to foster an institutional climate supportive of the success of economically disadvantaged students, first generation students, and students with disabilities. The strength of the SSS program is providing comprehensive support to eligible students at Creighton University who have the ability and desire to succeed at Creighton University but would benefit from additional advocacy, academic, personal, financial, and career support. SSS is a resource that provides personalized and comprehensive support services for eligible participants to help them achieve their full potential.

Computer Lab Rules

The lab is a privilege for all to share, but as we all are sharing this space we must be considerate of others. We ask that you follow these simple rules:

1. Clean up after yourself.
2. Be considerate of other lab users – this is a study area. In consideration of others, do not talk on cell phones in the lab. Please step outside the lab to conduct your phone call.
3. **N O F O O D o r B E V E R A G E S** in the computer lab.
4. Do not waste our limited resources by printing extra copies you do not need. If you do print something, be sure to pick it up from the printer. Don't waste paper!
5. **Please limit your printing.** If you need to print from the Internet and don't know how long a document is, download it to your disk first and check to see how long it is. Those who print excessively will be asked to refrain. After a third infraction, printing privileges may be revoked.
6. Only print items that are school related. The free printing is not for club flyers, or other personal use.
7. If other SSS students are waiting to use the computer and you are not doing school related work, please let them use the computer. The primary purpose of the lab is to assist with school-related work.
8. Do not install or download any software or modify or delete any system files on any lab computers.
9. CD-ROMs and other multimedia equipment are for *school work* only. Do not use them for playing music or other recreational activities.
10. Respect the equipment. Don't damage, remove, or disconnect any labels, parts, cables, or equipment.
11. Do not read or modify other users' files.
12. If you leave the lab, do not leave your personal belongings unattended. We are not responsible for any theft.

Thank you for your cooperation!