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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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he spring semester is off to a good start and I hope that you are too! If you are like me, I am ready for spring break. Not because I don't want to see you but because I am ready to some warm weather! Don't let the winter blahs get you down; warm weather is on the way!

As you start preparing for spring break, don't forget to prepare for mid terms. Remember that midterms are designed to give you an indication of how you are doing in your classes. If your midterm grades are not where you want them, remember that Student Support Services is here for you. The great thing about midterms is that it is just that, mid-term, and you still have time to work hard and get those grades up. So come to the office and schedule tutor appointments. If you feel your midterm grades are up to par, SSS is still here for you. Come visit us to take advantage of some of the

workshops and field trips that are planned for the remainder of the semester.

If Students Support Services can do anything to assist you, let us know. Our services are designed JUST FOR YOU!

Best wishes on midterms! Have a safe and fun spring break and remember that you have half of the semester left to work harder on your grades!

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FEBRUARY EVENTS



ebruary is an important month for students at Lincoln University, and particularly, participants in Student Support Services.

First, February is Black History month, in which we celebrate and commemorate accomplishments by our African-American brothers and sisters. Since Lincoln is part of the network of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Lincoln is a part of that history, a major piece of the machinery that brought education opportunity to Black students.

Second, it is TRIO month, the time we remember that Congress passed the Higher Education Act of 1965, which, among other things, created TRIO, which involved three national programs during the sixties: Talent Search, a program that leveled the playing field for elementary students from low-income and non-collegegoing backgrounds and Upward Bound, which did the same for students of higher grades.

Student Support Services was later added to the mix, serving underrepre-

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FEBRUARY EVENTS CONTINUED

sented students at colleges and universities.

Later, several other programs were added, but the name TRIO stuck because of those original three programs.

Student Support Services received its first Department of Education grant at Lincoln in 1991, and has continued strong since.

SSS is not just a Lincoln program. There are more than 1,000 Student Support Services projects nationwide helping students just like ours to succeed and grow.

SSS serves students who are categorized as first-generation, or as low-income. It also targets students with disabilities of any kind, helping to provide as many opportunities in their education as students from other backgrounds enjoy.

SSS accomplishes this by providing tutoring and workshops that teach the tools everyone needs,



such as good study habits and stress relief, among many others.

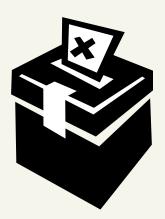
Additionally, SSS offers field trips and other activities that such students may not have had the opportunities to enjoy and learn from in the past.

We know that our participants and students have great potential, and we look forward to serving Lincoln University for many, many years to

DID YOU KNOW...

here are more than 1,000 Student Support Services offices at colleges and universities throughout the nation?

SSS SPEARHEADS VOTER REGISTRATION



Kennette Herndon

n Thursday, February 28, 2008, Lincoln University Student Support Services organized and participated in a voter registration drive as a way to show appreciation to their community and as a thank you to the community for its support for our TRIO program.

Organizers registered 20 university students and

staff employees. Due to the wonderful response. the program will hold monthly voter registration drives. Faculty, staff, and students will also have the opportunity to register every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 am-12:00 pm in the SSS office located in the Dawson Hall Annex.

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A CALL TO "BE ENGAGED, BE INVOLVED"

Lawmakers and Community Leaders Celebrate TRIO Day at Lincoln University

Janice Carter-Curtiss

one-chilling winds greeted students and staff of Lincoln University, Mineral Area College, State Fair College, and Missouri State College as they assembled on the steps of the State Capitol to celebrate the 43rd Annual TRIO Day Celebration. For nearly two decades, Lincoln University's Student Support Services has sponsored TRIO Day activities which included a morning tour at the State Capitol and a luncheon on the Lincoln University campus.



began with a

guided tour of the State Capitol. Customary of the TRIO Day experience, participants were introduced to their respective state representative to discuss the accomplishments of their school's TRIO program, followed by a visit to the House of Representatives to view lawmaking in action. At the opening of the legislation session, the Speaker of House reiterated the goals of the National TRIO program and praised its accomplishments for students across the country.

Following the morning event, the celebration continued over lunch at the LU Scruggs Center ballroom, which gave TRIO participants a chance to exchange

their college experiences. Constance Williams, LU Vice President of Student Affairs, welcomed friends and guests as the afternoon gala got under way. Honored guests included Keynote Speaker **Omar**

Davis. Noted for his many achievements in Missouri state government, Davis urged all to challenge themselves and "become engaged" in every call to duty, whether through school or career opportunities. Over the past seven years, Mr. Davis, graduate of the University of Missouri -Columbia School of Law, has served consecutively as Deputy General Counsel in the Governor's Office, General Counsel and Director of the Legal Services Division for the Department of Revenue and Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations before his most recent appointment as Director of the Department of Revenue.

In acknowledgement of Black History Month, Guest Speaker Donna Cavitte. retired Executive Director of the Missouri Commission on Human Rights, delivered a mind-opening and inspiring poem she wrote depicting the many great technological achievements of African-Americans whose inventions elevated standards of everyday life. Her inspiring poem not only recognized notables of various time periods but also generated a contagious "can do" spirit in her eloquent delivery.

TRIO program participants



Omar Davis

also went to the podium and enlightened the audience with their own SSS testimonies. LU program participants, Donald Peoples and Rikketta Franklin, further warmed the hearts of the attendees. Donald

expressed words of appreciation for the program and Rikketta sang a heart-touching solo. Janyce Kirkland and Katrina Wolfe of Missouri State College were applauded for their continuous efforts to achieve academic success. The attendees were especially moved by the genuine words of Kelly Tillman from Mineral Area College, who greatly praised the SSS program for their personal and aca-

demic support while overcoming her learning challenges following a braininjury accident.

Closing the celebration with words of commitment and purpose was Ruby Stewart,

Director of Student Support Services at LU, who accepted proclamations from Governor Matt Blunt (presented by LU President Curator Rodney J. Boyd), Mayor John Landwehr of Jefferson City (presented by Ken Fergu-



Donald Peoples

experiences necessary to

son, Jefferson City Council-

man and Director of LU

Student Life), and LU Presi-

dent, Dr. Carolyn Mahoney.

In show of support of the

SSS program were Ron

Nelson (LU Director of

Counseling/Career Service

(Director of Student Hous-

ing) and Rod Stewart, hus-

The walls of Student Sup-

port Services are now

adorned by another framed

resolution presented by our

government leaders that

declares, "Whereas the

members of the Missouri

House of Representatives

hold in high esteem those

Show-Me State college pro-

grams that admirably en-

sure that students obtain

the knowledge, skills, and

Graham

Carlos

band of Mrs. Stewart.

and

Rikketta Franklin

become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders..."

The staff of Student Support Services encourages today's students, tomorrow's leaders, to become engaged in learning as a

lifetime goal. The rewards for doing so are priceless. SPRING 2008 THE 411

STUDENT BRAGS

n the future, this newsletter will include student "brags," little one or two line releases letting the faculty, staff and other students know what you've accomplished. So if you've got something to crow about, such as an improved grade, an appearance on the Dean's list, a performance you put together, a poem in *Under One Sun* or anything you can think of, send your brags to the editor at worthenm@lincolnu.edu for inclusion in the SSS newsletter!



Tuesday 5th

TELL ME AGAIN WHAT ALL THESE EXTRA BUTTONS ON MY GRAPHING CALCULATOR DO?

Thursday 7th

NO WORKSHOP (PLEASE ATTEND THE FOUNDERS DAY CONVOCATION)

Thursday 7th at 3 p.m.

HEISINGER BLUFFS NURSING HOME VISIT

Tuesday 12th

MO' MONEY: GETTING YOUR FINANCIAL AID RIGHT

Thursday 14th

NO WORKSHOP

Tuesday 19th

HOW NOT TO MESS UP YOUR TAXES

Thursday 21st

DRESS FOR THE JOB YOU WANT!

Thursday 21st 3 p.m.

HEISINGER BLUFFS NURSING HOME VISIT

Tuesday 26th

TRIO LUNCHEON (NO WORKSHOP)

Thursday 28th

WRITING A WINNING RÉSUMÉ

Friday 29th

LAST DAY TO FILL OUT GRANT AID APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2008

MARCH

Saturday 1st

BAGNALL DAM AND WILMER LODGE TOUR

Tuesday 4th

BE READY FOR THAT JOB INTERVIEW!

Thursday 6th

MOCK INTERVIEWS

Thursday 6th at 3 p.m.

HEISINGER BLUFFS NURSING HOME VISIT

Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th SPRING BREAK (NO WORKSHOPS)



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