FAREWELL, MARY COADY!

As many of you may already know, our esteemed Director of Student Support Services, Mary Coady, is retiring this summer after more than 30 years of service at UWL, each and every one of them right here in SSS.

A La Crosse native, Mary graduated from Viterbo University in 1984 with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration. She joined SSS at UWL the following fall as assistant to the director. After earning her Masters in Counselor Education from Winona State University, she became just the fourth director of SSS in 1993, and has faithfully guided this program ever since.

Mary looks forward to having time to try new things, to start “a new chapter of my life,” as she puts it. More than anything else, she’ll miss the students and staff in the program. “They’re just a great group to work with,” she said. “I love that I can keep my door open, and students feel at ease to come into my office.”

Mary is leaving the only job she’s ever had, and she’s extremely proud to have had the opportunity to work in TRIO. “I’m so proud of this group, and what we’ve accomplished,” she said. “The reputation this program has, how well-respected we are by the administration, by the faculty and staff. We have done some good work here.”

Please join us all in thanking Mary for her tremendous contributions, leadership, and dedicated service to UWL, TRIO, and the SSS program. Congratulations on a wonderful career, Mary! We’ll miss you!

Over the next several weeks, a full committee will conduct a nationwide search for the new Director of SSS, who will start August 1. The committee includes representatives from several Student Life offices, including student and staff reps from SSS. Students will also have the opportunity to go to lunch and talk with candidates during the interview process. If you’re interested in participating in this phase of the search, please contact Luke Fannin (lfannin@uwla.edu or 785.8535) for more information.
SUMMER/FALL 2016 REGISTRATION TIPS!

This info courtesy of the UWL Office of Records & Registration Facebook page:

REGISTRATION TIPS AND TRICKS:
Need help registering? We have lots of online resources for you!

1) On our Registration page, check out the "before registering" note: http://www.uwlax.edu/Records/registration/.

2) The Tips and Tricks page to find out more about the Schedule Planner and searching for classes. https://www.uwlax.edu/Records/Registration-Tips-and-Tricks/

3) Many WINGS manuals with all the directions on adding, dropping, and swapping classes. http://www.uwlax.edu/wings/

SSS STUDENTS ATTEND CAREER SERVICES ETIQUETTE DINNER

SSS recently gave away two pairs of tickets to the Spring Etiquette Dinner hosted by Career Services here on campus. Molly Brown and Mikayla Giles were the lucky winners. Mikayla told us about her experience:

On March 2, 2016, my roommate and I gained so many tips and important advice at the Etiquette Dinner that was put on by Career Services. This amazing opportunity came from the generosity of Student Support Services by providing us with two tickets to attend this event. This event allowed to better understand what it takes to act properly at an important dinner and all of the dos and don’ts that goes into when attending important events.

Through this delicious three course meal I learned how to properly use the utensils on the table, how to pass food from one person to another politely, the importance of valuable conversation starters, and so much more. This event truly opened my eyes to how many incorrect things I had been doing at the dinner table and allows me to adjust my bad habits before I have to attend important dinners or events in my life. The Career Service staff were beyond helpful as they answered our questions and created a welcoming, warm environment.

Out of all of the things that I learn here at UWL, the Etiquette Dinner provided me with valuable information that I will be able to use for the rest of my life. Thanks to Student Support Services, I was able to attend such an amazing event that I probably wouldn’t have attended otherwise. All of those times when I walked into SSS and entered my name into the drawing just for fun paid off by giving me such an incredible and educational opportunity. Thank you SSS! I truly appreciate it.

- Mikayla Giles, Sophomore
Student Support Services and The Counseling & Testing Center present:

Self-Care & Stress Management Workshop

Finals have you stressed? Join Dr. Kristin Marin from the UWL Counseling & Testing Center for a presentation on self-care and stress management, and participate in some fun stress-busting activities!

Tuesday, April 26, 2016
5:30 – 6:30 P.M.
SSS Resource Room
2140 Centennial Hall

Student Support Services is a part of the Division of Student Affairs and a subdivision of Campus Diversity & Inclusion

For more information, including disability-related accommodations, please contact Luke Fannin (lfannin@uwlaax.edu)
2016 SPRING COMMENCEMENT INFO

Saturday, May 14, 2016
10:00 am — 4:00 pm
La Crosse Center
300 Harborview Plaza
La Crosse, WI 54601

10 am - College of Business Administration; College of Liberal Studies; School of Education (including teacher education programs in Early Childhood-Middle Childhood, Middle Childhood-Early Adolescence, English, Social Studies, History, Political Science, Sociology, German Studies, Spanish); School of Arts and Communication (including teacher education programs in Art, and Music [Choral, General, and Instrumental])

2 pm - College of Science and Health; School of Education (including teacher education programs in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, General Science, Mathematics, Physical Education, and School Health Education)

“The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.” —Ralph Waldo Emerson

FAMILIES & GUESTS

- No tickets are required to attend the commencement ceremonies. However, we strongly encourage students to limit the number of quests to no more than six (6). The venue reaches full capacity with standing room only.
- The ceremony will last approximately 2 hours.
- For any out of town guests requiring overnight accommodations, we recommend reserving hotel rooms soon since we expect a heavy demand. A listing of La Crosse area hotels is available at www.explorelacrosse.com.
- For those needing special accommodations due to a disability, there are "Special Needs" sections in the La Crosse Center. Please note: We are unable to reserve seats for family or friends in the "Special Needs" seating area. "Special Needs" seating is on a first-come basis.
- Doors to the La Crosse Center open 90 minutes prior to the ceremonies.

DEGREES/DIPLOMAS

Your degree and diploma will not be awarded at the commencement ceremony. Degrees are posted on your permanent record after your college/school completes an audit of your academic record and notifies the Records and Registration Office that you have completed all requirements. This process may take up to eight weeks after grades are due in the Records Office. Your diploma will be mailed to your permanent address on file. Questions regarding your address should be directed to Records and Registration, 117 Graff Main Hall, 608.785.8951.

PLEASE NOTE: Your diploma and transcripts will be withheld if you owe the University money or if your records are encumbered by any official office on campus. Please be certain before you leave campus that the University Library, Textbook Rental Service, Health Center, Cashier’s Office, Parking, etc., have cleared your records.

Assistants to the Deans have 30 days from the end of the semester to get degrees earned posted. Please be aware of the time-frame when ordering transcripts shortly after graduation.
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

MAY 2016
EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

SSS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT
MON, 5-2-16
Hall of Nations,
1300 Centennial
4:00 - 6:00 PM

SPRING SPECTACULAR
FRI., 5-6-16
Hoeschler Clock Tower
& Drake Field
1:00 - 5:00 PM

STUDY BREAK!
ROOT BEER FLOATS
TUE., 5-10-16
SSS, 2140 Centennial
6:00 - 7:00 PM

SPRING COMMENCEMENT
SAT., 5-14-16
La Crosse Center
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

FOR FULL DESCRIPTIONS OF EACH EVENT & WORKSHOP, VISIT:
WWW.UWLAX.EDU/STUDENT-SUPPORT-SERVICES
OR LIKE US ON Facebook
PEER COACHES NEEDED FOR 2016-2017

We are accepting applications for Peer Coaches for the 2016-17 academic year! If you have skills and strategies in studying, adjustment to campus life, time-management, and campus involvement which you’d like to share with first-year students, please consider applying.

This is a paid experience! This will be the peer coaching program’s first full year, and we need motivated students (sophomores and above) to help establish and guide the program. If you are interested please visit our website (www.uwlax.edu/Student-support-services/Peer-coaching/) or email your advisor to learn more.

If you are a first-year student and are interested in being paired up with a peer coach, please email Mary Coady (mcoady@uwlatx.edu) and explain why you are interested in the program.

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.” —Benjamin Franklin

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Apr. 20: Mapping Your Major (SSS Workshop)
Apr. 26: Self-Care Workshop (SSS/ Counseling & Testing Workshop)
May 2: SSS Senior Spotlight
May 6: Last day of classes
May 6: Spring Spectacular
May 9-13: Finals Week
May 10: SSS Study Break!
May 14: Commencement
May 23-Jun. 17: Summer Session I
Jun. 7: Last day to drop Session I class
Jun. 20-Jul. 15: Summer Session II
Jul. 5: Last day to drop Session II class
Jul. 18-Aug. 12: Summer Session III
Aug. 1: Last day to drop Session III class
Aug. 29: 2016-17 Academic Year begins
Sep. 6: Fall 2016 Classes Begin
WANT TO SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE STUDENT?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS TRANSITION TO UWL?

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN SSS?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A LEADER IN SSS AND AT UWL?

If you said yes to one of these questions, then you should apply to be a SSS Peer Coach!

Go on to the SSS website to find an application!  
http://www.uwlax.edu/Student-support-services/Peer-coaching/
Applications are due on April 29, 2016 by 11:59pm!

Send applications to mcoady@uwlax.edu!
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Mary Coady, Director
Barb Chandler, Office Manager
Lynette Lo, Advisor
Michelle Naumann, Advisor
Andrew Ives, Advisor
Caitlin Dahl, Math Specialist
Luke Fannin, Writing Specialist

SEEKING WRITING TUTORS FOR 2016-17

Student Support Services is hiring writing tutors for the Fall 2016 semester.
If you're an English or Communications major, have achieved at least a 3.5 overall GPA, including a minimum grade of “B” in all English, Communications, and writing emphasis classes, and are interested in acquiring some peer tutoring experience, please contact:

Luke Fannin, SSS Writing Specialist
lfannin@uwlax.edu or 785-8535

Hours are flexible, usually 4-8/week, between 8am - 7pm, Mon - Fri.

All SSS-sponsored workshops and events are free and open to Student Support Services' Students!
What a great opportunity to learn about career prep, scholarships, financial/budgeting information, and so much more! NEW topics added monthly!
All SSS sponsored workshops are approved campus events and can be used when applying for the SSS Pell Scholarship.
For more information about workshops, please call 785-8535, or stop by the office, 2131 Centennial Hall.
To sign up for a workshop, please use the forms distributed via email in the days leading up to the event date. If you need disability-related accommodations, be sure to check the appropriate box on the form.

MAPPING
YOUR MAJOR

April 20th
4:00—5:00 PM
Centennial Rm 2140
Snacks provided.

Join SSS and Academic Advisor, Michelle Sturm to explore majors UWL has to offer.
Participants are encouraged to bring tablets and laptops.