

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME, MEGAN!



SSS is thrilled to welcome new Advising Coordinator Megan Gosse to the team. Though this is Megan's first professional position in higher education, she brings a wealth of valuable experience to our program, including this last year working with McNair Scholars and the FYRE program.

Welcome, Megan! We're so glad to have you aboard!

Hello SSS Scholars!

I am beyond excited to start working with you all. I am currently finishing up my Masters in Student Affairs at UWL and finally feel happy with where I am in my career (after many changes!). I also completed my Bachelor's at UWL in Sociology with a Criminal Justice minor. I grew up in Wabasha, MN, and have lived in the area my whole life, with the exception of living on the East coast for two years. I am very much looking forward to the weather warming up so I can get outside more. I love hiking up the bluffs and riding my horses, Perks and Moon. If I'm being honest, I also spend a fair amount of time inside reading and watching Netflix :) I also love traveling and am hoping to visit Colorado and Nashville this summer! Please don't hesitate to stop in and say hi when you're back on campus (or anytime this summer!).

Looking forward to meeting you all!

Megan



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy Spring and end of semester, SSS Scholars!

This semester has gone by much too fast! I am very proud of you for making it through one more semester and getting that closer to graduation. Some of you will have the opportunity of graduating this semester – Congratulations! Wow, you were once a freshman and now a graduate of UWL. What an achievement!

There have been many changes in the SSS Office and thank all of you for being patient with us. We have had changes with staff and changes for students. I hope we have made things better for you as a student at UWL.

More importantly, I hope that you had the chance to take advantage of some of the new services that directly impact students, Ka Lia with Financial Aid information, Joshua Bonnell with Scholarship Information, free printing in the student resource room (when the printer works- we will be getting a new printer soon), late hours for SSS staff, drop-in advising, tickets to cultural events, and I know everyone especially liked the recently held Grocery Bingo; there was tremendous turnout for this event, and also for guest speaker George Mendez, former NBC executive.

We hope to have a just as exciting fall 2018 semester planned for your return. There will be a new face in the office, Megan Gosse, the new Advisor Coordinator. We are excited to have Megan join our team. Megan will continue in the role that Mic formerly held. She will work with upperclassmen, the McNair Graduate Retreat, and the Leadership Council.

Finally, I must make one last request, please complete the end of semester survey to provide honest feedback in how we can improve or just to share a comment about your experience with SSS program. If you do not have time to complete the survey, please slide a note under my door, but please provide feedback. We are here for you and SSS belongs to you – UWL future graduates, so your input is important to us.

Once again, congratulations UWL graduates - what an honor! I will look forward to seeing everyone fall 2018 and I hope you have the best summer ever.

Sylvia



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KEY DATES

- May 22 - June 16: Summer Session I
- June 19 - July 14: Summer Session II
- July 17 - Aug. 11: Summer Session III
- September 5: Fall Classes Begin!

UB VISITS

This Spring, Student Support Services has had the pleasure of hosting visits from Upward Bound programs from UW-Stevens Point and Century College (White Bear Lake, MN). SSS Advisor Nate Emerson served as tour guide for these students, working in tandem with UWL Admissions advisors to show these around the SSS offices and explain all the services available to our scholars.

The visiting students enjoyed their campus tour immensely, and many of them singled out SSS in particular as a highlight of the visit. Said Skylor Heindel, UB Academic Coordinator at UWSP: "The SSS presentation was very informative, and many of our students commented after we left that the SSS office may be their tie-breaker when deciding colleges. On a personal note, this was my first time on the UWLAX campus, and I think if I would have toured this years ago it would have been MY fit!

Great job, Nate & SSS, for putting on such an amazing tour!



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Sunday, May 13, 2018, marks UWL's Spring Commencement ceremonies. It will be a proud and joyous day for so many students, as well as their friends and families, teachers, and advisors. Of course many SSS students will take part in this occasion, but we also like to honor our grads a bit more personally. On April 25, the SSS Leadership Council put on the annual Senior Spotlight, celebrating all of our SSS seniors graduating this spring, summer, or next fall.

This year's event featured keynote speaker Jazzma Holland, COVE administrator, first-generation college student, and UWL SSS alum. Current SSS Scholar Ashley Schoenbeck served as emcee, and special guests Ka Lia Smith and Joshua Bonnell were recognized for the invaluable financial aid assistance they have provided for SSS Scholars and staff this year.

Thanks to the Leadership Council for putting together this event. Congratulations to all of our graduates; we couldn't be prouder of you!



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Got It! Study is an app which provides real-time assistance for students in science and math classes. Simply take a photo of the problem you're working on, and an expert will walk you through solving the problem. This is a great supplemental tutoring tool for late-night study sessions, or for anytime you can't make it in to see our tutors here in SSS.

And now Got It is available on your computer! To use Got It, simply follow the instructions for the appropriate platform below:

Got It! Study for your table or smartphone:

- 1) Download & install from the app store on your phone
- 2) On the signup screen, select "PRESET ACCOUNT"
- 3) Enter your UWL email address
- 4) Follow the in-app directions

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- 1) Got to <https://web.gotitapp.co/>
- 2) On the signup screen, select "PRESET ACCOUNT"
- 3) Enter your UWL email address
- 4) If first-time user, create password. Otherwise, use same password from mobile app.

PEER COACHING UPDATE

SSS is pleased to announce the Peer Coaching Team for Fall 2018! (*denotes new peer coach)

Rachel Bluhm*	Mary Govek*	Emily Rolf
Molly Brown	Cameron Heiman*	Ashley Schoenbeck*
Joslyn Diaz	Valerie Jones	Matthew Vehlow*
Hanna Ellenbecker*	Lucy Lee*	Maiblia Vue*
Kaitlyn Fischer	Tatyana Norrington	

Please join us in welcoming our new peer coaches! We'd also like to thank departing coaches Maggie Cantlon, Britney Kocken, Elizabeth Merkes, Devontre Scott, and Julie Vue for their service this past year!

SSS Advisor & Student Success Coordinator Nate Emerson will continue to advise and oversee the peer coaching program. If you're interested in learning more about the program, or participating in any way, please contact him at nemerson@uwlax.edu.

SSS SCHOLARS IN THE NEWS!

Congrats to SSS Scholar Kemmesha Thomas, sophomore, on receiving the James R. Parker Scholarship, and being recognized during Eagle Excellence Week! Kemmesha was profiled in the April 30 edition of the Campus News. Check it out!



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Kemmesha Thomas, left, is all smiles knowing she's receiving another scholarship during UW-La Crosse's Eagle Excellence Week.

Also in campus news is Dr. Ariel Beaujot's editorial about the Hear, Here project, on which she worked with visiting scholar Dr. Christopher Stuart Taylor, who was a special guest in SSS on 4/26. SSS Scholar Linda Xiong is one of the student leaders for Hear, Here. Read all about this unique project!



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From all of us here in SSS, have a wonderful, safe, and relaxing summer break. We look forward to seeing you in September!

TRIO SSS ANNIVERSARIES!



2018 marks the 50th Anniversary of the creation of Student Support Services programs across the nation, thanks to a 1968 amendment of the Higher Education Act, rounding out the three original TRIO programs (Upward Bound and Talent Search are the others). It was another decade until UWL's SSS program came into being, and this coming fall we will celebrate this program's 40th Anniversary! We'll be tagging everything we can get our hands on with these two commemorative logos, so keep an eye out!

Farewells

Every year we have to say goodbye to dozens, even hundreds, of students, staff, and faculty who are a part of or in some way connected to the SSS family. There are always too many to name, but of course we must try to highlight a few. This spring, we are sad to say goodbye to Program Assistant McKayla Halderson, who has moved downstairs to Academic Advising/Career Services. Thank you, McKayla, for your many contributions to this program, and we wish you all the best!

We'd also like to thank the following student workers for the services they have provided to SSS these past few years. Thank you all, and good luck!

- Rachel Bartram, Writing Tutor
- Reece Ebert, Science Tutor
- Cari Hansen, Front Desk
- Haley Gudmundson, Leadership Council
- Christine Gunn, Front Desk
- Sean O'Neil, Science Tutor
- Rachel Snyder, Science Tutor
- Kim Trochlil, Science Tutor
- Joe Wade, Math Tutor
- Jena Winter, Writing Tutor