THE SUCCESS

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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Bluegrass Community & Technical College – Danville Campus

TRiO Student Support Services is a federal program funded by the U.S. Department of Education.
The mission of the program is to help students improve their academic skills in order to complete their education.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Ty Sturdivant, SSS Director

While new to Student Support Services, Ty Sturdivant is not new to its mission. "I recognize the income-based inequality in post-secondary degree attainment," Sturdivant said. He noted that first generation and students with disabilities face even further challenges.

"I am ready to serve BCTC students," said Sturdivant. He sees greatness in our students and is excited to be on the Danville campus. He has quickly recognized its inviting atmosphere.

While he is an alumnus of the University of Kentucky with a Master of Business Administration degree, Sturdivant is also proud of being an alumnus of a TRiO program similar to SSS. He understands the difficulty our SSS participants face in overcoming barriers, but he also knows how to make those barriers stepping stones to success.

When asked his personal philosophy on education, he said, "A student's income should not determine his/her educational outcome."

Ty has been an Assistant Professor in higher education and an entrepreneur. In addition, he has over 15 years of executive leadership experience having been the President and/or director of multi-million dollar grants. He has also managed divisions of over 160 employees.

Ty emphasized that he and the SSS staff have a strong commitment to making a big impact on helping students achieve success.

SSS Staff left to right: Allene Thompson, Gina Harpring, Renada Boone and Ty Sturdivant.

PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS

Go SSS Danville Students!

- Twenty SSS students made the Dean's List Fall 2012
- Twenty-two SSS students made the Dean's List Spring 2012
- Three SSS students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society for the 2012-13 academic year
- Ten SSS students have been accepted into the LPN program for Spring 2013
- SSS awarded 33 participating students with Grant Aid this past academic year.

Congratulations to our 2012 Graduates:

Lisa Ingram, James Oster, Diana Rara, Romona Taylor, Susan Abrams, Ellen McConnell, Deborah Strickland, Nakita Castle, Vanessa Benedict, Lucas Short, Jason Rice, Nancy Mercado, and Stacy Murphy

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STUDENTLINGO

- What is StudentLingo? StudentLingo is a series of interactive on-demand online workshops, action plans and valuable resources focused on helping students achieve their academic, personal and career goals!

- SSS students can access StudentLingo by going to www.studentlingo.com/bctc. By going to the website and completing the workshops, you're also entering yourself in a drawing to win prizes!!!

December winners were Amanda Leffew & Cheryl Dyer.

The Danville campus has been very busy. Student Support Services published its first-ever bi-monthly newsletter informing you of what's going on around campus and of upcoming events!

- Voter's registration was held September 11th - 17th and the turn out was a great success; there were 50 new registrations and 10 new name changes.
- Breast Cancer Awareness was held October 1st - 6th. Pamphlets and pink ribbons were distributed.
- SSS Open House was held November 27th in celebration of our students' successes. Nearly 30 students participated.
- In November the SSS program offered three workshops:

  - Test and Note Taking - Nov 1, 2012

  - Budgeting - Nov 14, 2012

  - Stress Management & Test Anxiety - Nov 15, 2012
- The EKU transfer advisor met one-on-one with selected students November 29, 2012.
- In January multiple FAFSA workshops were held for SSS students with Heather Wagner.
- **February 12, 2013 workshops:**

  - Financial Literacy 9am - 9:45am

  - SAP workshops 10am - 10:45am

  - Scholarship Workshop 11am - 12pm
- **SSS Grant Aid to be awarded:**

  Applications were due to the SSS Director by December 11, 2012. Selected students were notified in January.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Danville SSS student Ruby Wilkinson will be graduating in May with an Associate in Applied Science in Surgical Technology degree and an Associate in Science degree. She is also the 2012-13 President of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at BCTC.

How has SSS been a benefit to Ruby?

"My advisor, winning grant money, and just getting on track. I found out that I could graduate with both an Associate of Science degree and a Surgical Technology degree without taking any extra time."

Ruby's plan after graduation:

"To get a job at the VA as a surgical tech."

These students were among the nearly 30 who enjoyed the SSS Open House on November 27, 2012.

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