It has been a crazy but exciting fall semester for BSU’s TRiO programs. There have been many recent developments, but none bigger than competing in the McNair Scholars Program grant competition and successfully securing a five-year grant. The primary goals of the McNair program include helping TRiO-eligible students prepare for post-graduate school and, ultimately, earn a doctorate degree that will lead to a future career in higher education. The McNair Scholars Program encourages undergraduate SSS students to pursue graduate studies by providing opportunities for them to define career goals, design and perform undergraduate research projects, and develop the skills and student/faculty mentor relationships that are critical for success at the doctoral level.

Other BSU TRiO/SSS news:

- We have purchased two new laptops. Current Student Support Service students can check out a laptop from Linda Wolf (Sanford 04) for a maximum of 48 hours at a time.
- The 2013 Northern MN TRiO Day will be planned and hosted by BSU TRiO staff and students. The conference-style event will take place on Saturday, February 16th from 10 am – 4 pm. TRiO Day is a day of celebration, reflection, and action around increased access to higher education for disadvantaged students. Although the Northern MN TRiO Day will be geared toward helping TRiO/Upward Bound high school students, the participation of SSS students will be key.
- As a student who has overcome obstacles in order to attend college, you are a success story who could serve as an important role model for Upward Bound students who face their own challenges. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with this event (or possibly even present a workshop), please contact Upward Bound Associate Director Leah Girard in her office (Sanford 13) or by e-mail (lgirard@bemidjistate.edu).
- Lastly I would like to extend a special thank you to Sharon Gritzacher and Chris Hoffman who have both stepped up and taken on additional teaching tasks to ensure that Critical Reading and Analysis could be offered this fall while Steve Berard was out. Their commitment shows the strength of our BSU TRiO community.
How To Prepare to Register for Spring Semester

Get to a computer that has internet access and is connected to a printer, because the first thing you need to know is…

**WHEN YOU CAN REGISTER**

*My registration window opens _____________________*

- Login to myBSU.
- Click ‘e-Services’ on the left and then click the ‘Go to MnSCU E-Services’ button.
- Click ‘Courses & Registration’ on the left.
- Click Registration Window. You may need to change the semester to 2013 Spring and then click on Registration Window again. Put the date and time your registration window opens in the space above.

Stay logged into e-Services. Each semester students are required to meet with their academic advisor prior to registration for course selection advice and to get their advisor access code, so next you need to know

**THE NAME OF YOUR ADVISOR**

*Advisor’s Name ____________________________*

*Advisor’s Office ___________ Advisor’s Phone Number __________________*

- Click ‘Grades and Transcripts’ on the left.
- Click ‘Interactive Degree Audit Report’ and then click on your major or on ‘Degree Audit – General’. This opens your Degree Audit Report (DARs)
- Your advisor is listed in the middle of the page shortly after the “audit” and “categories” graphics. Write down your advisor’s name in the space provided above.
- Scroll down a little further and click on ‘Look Up Your Advisor’s Contact Information’. This takes you to BSU’s online directory. Click on your advisor’s name and use the message form to send email politely requesting to set up an advising meeting to be held 1-3 days before the day your registration window opens.
- Put your advisor’s office number and office phone number in the spaces above.
- If you do not hear back from your advisor in a day or two, go to his or her office to see when they have office hours posted. Either schedule an advising appointment in person or call during your advisor’s office hours to schedule your appointment.

*Stay logged into your DARS, because next you need to know*

**WHAT CLASSES YOU NEED TO TAKE**

- Your DARs lists which classes you’ve taken for your major and what classes you still need for your major.
- Your DARs also shows the classes you have taken that apply to the various liberal education categories.
- If you still need credits in any liberal education categories, the category name will be in red and have a red X to the left of it. Your DARs report lists which classes you can take to apply to each liberal education category.
- Click on the printer-friendly button, then right click the mouse and click on ‘Print’ to print your DARs report (quite a few pages will print).

*Close the DARS window and log out of e-services, but stay at your computer, because next you need to know*

**WHAT CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SPRING SEMESTER**

- Go to [http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/schedule/](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/schedule/)
- Look to see which of the classes you need for your major are being offered and put 2-3 of them on the Tentative Spring Schedule (on the next page). Use a PENCIL.
Then look to see which liberal education classes you might want to take are being offered spring semester, and put 1-2 of them on the Tentative Spring Schedule.

- Tip: on the right at the top of the online class schedule you can select a liberal education goal area to see just the courses being offered in that goal area.
- Make changes if there are time conflicts.
- Have some back-up courses in mind in case any of the courses you want to take are full.

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**MEETING WITH YOUR ADVISOR**

**Advisor Meeting Day/Time** ________________

**Advisor Access Code** ________________

- Be **on time** for your meeting with your advisor and bring your DARs report and your tentative course schedule to discuss with your advisor.
- Your advisor will give you a 6-digit Advisor Access Code. Print it in the space above.
- Your advisor may advise you to take different courses to help you get through the major and to fill the liberal education requirements more efficiently.
- Once your advisor has helped you decide what courses to take, **fill in** the Course Registration Information grid below.

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**HOW TO ACTUALLY REGISTER**

- When your registration window opens, log in to myBSU. Click 'e-Services' on the left and then click the ‘Go to MnSCU E-Services’ button.
- Click 'Courses & Registration' on the left and use the information in your Course Registration Grid (above) to register for classes.
Steve Berard, a familiar face on the lower level of Sanford Hall, has accepted the position as the new instructor of Critical Reading and Analysis in the TRiO/SSS department. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English with an emphasis in Communications from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and a Masters of Science Degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis in Multicultural Education from Indiana University.

Steve is a frequent traveler. He has lived in 4 countries and traveled to approximately 22 different countries. He has taught English in countries such as Kuwait, Yemen and Japan. “The idea of not settling down, and one job leading to another intrigues me,” said Berard.

Steve plans on bringing his experience with TRiO Upward Bound to his work with TRiO/SSS. He says, “It is like I am aiming for the same target, it’s just a different age group”. His passion for his student’s needs and their educational well-being makes him an exceptional fit for the TRiO/SSS program.

When we asked Steve what cartoon character he would be and why, he responded with Tweedy Bird. “He is a happy go-lucky, innocent, and nothing bad ever happens to him,” stated Berard.

Since Steve has settled down with his family now, the way he gets to travel is through the novels he reads. He prefers foreign authors so he gets to read firsthand about life in a different country. When he gets tired of reading books and just wants to kick back, you can bet he is all about foreign films.

Welcome Steve. We are happy to have you with us!

**UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS**

- **Nov. 4** Choral Festival Concert
  Bangsberg Main Theatre, 3 PM
- **Nov. 7** Major and Career Expo
  Beaux Arts Ballroom, 11 AM—1 PM
- **Nov. 8** Tri-College Career & Internship Fair Orientation
  Sanford Hall 215, 4—5 PM
- **Nov. 12–16** American Indian Heritage Month Movie Week
  AIRC Gathering Room, 6—8 PM
- **Nov. 15** Bemidji Trombones in Concert
  Bangsberg Thompson Recital Hall, 7:30 PM
- **Nov. 26** Symphonic Band Concert
  Bangsberg Main Theatre, 7:30 PM
- **Nov. 30** Madrigal Dinners; Beaux Arts Ballroom
  Nov 30-Dec 1, Dec 7-8 at 7 PM; Dec 2 at 5:00 PM
- **Dec. 2** Varsity Singers Concert
  Bangsberg Thompson Recital Hall, 3:00 PM
- **Dec. 6** Jingle Jazz Concert
  Bangsberg Main Theatre, 7:30 PM
- **Dec. 11** Voltage (Electronic Music-Trumpet Ensemble)
  Bangsberg Main Theatre, 7:30 PM

**This Month’s TRiO Question Answered**

**Q:** I was in TRiO when I was a freshman and took TRiO College Orientation, Critical Reading & Analysis, and Life Career Planning. Now I’m a junior and I am wondering if I am still in TRiO.

**A:** Students who applied to TRiO/SSS and were accepted in the program as freshmen (or later), are still in the TRiOSSS program. Because our goal is to promote persistence in college through to graduation, TRiO participants stay in the TRiO/SSS program until they graduate. This means you are still are eligible to take advantage of TRiO/SSS academic and personal development opportunities including our tutoring services, using our computer lab/study lounge, and meeting with any of the TRiO/SSS advisors.