TRiO – Talent Search

- Dr. Kehinde Adesina has accepted our offer to become the new Director of TRiO – Talent Search. Dr. Adesina’s most recent employment is as a Case Manager and Social Worker but he has previous experience as a Gear Up Director and Talent Search Advisor. He has also worked as a DSPS and EOPS Counselor and as an instructional faculty member. His prior employment includes solid contributions to Napa Valley, Diablo Valley and Contra Costa College. He has also served as a TRIO Grant Reviewer for the Office of Postsecondary Education – U.S. Department of Education since 2000. Kehinde holds a bachelor’s degree in management, a master’s degree in organizational behavior, a second master’s degree in social work and a doctorate in educational administration. His start date is on or about May 19, 2014.

- We currently have 460 students in the program and are working toward recruiting 40 more in order to reach our goal of 500.

- On April 28, 26 students from Anderson and West Valley High Schools took a field trip to Sonoma State University. The students toured the campus, had admissions and EOP presentations as well as a questions and answer session with Sonoma State students.

- An 8th grade trip is being planned for late May/early June for CSU Sacramento and the capital.

Dual Enrollment and High School Articulation

- For Spring 2014, we have 84 sections of dual enrolled courses and 37 articulated courses. There are approximately 1,500 students enrolled.

- We have received 115 course requests for 2014-15 classes. These requests come from 13 different high schools in our area. Our Deans and Instructors are working hard to review instructor qualifications and course content. The goal is to have our defined list of dual enrolled and articulated courses before the end of this semester.

DSPS

Twenty new chairs have been purchased and will be placed in various classrooms. DSPS supplies 100 chairs to various classrooms campus-wide. The chairs are more ergonomic for students who may require additional support beyond what the average classroom chair can provide.

Graduation: May 23rd, 7PM at the Football Stadium

CalWORKs

- During Spring Break the CalWORKs coordinator attended the 5th Annual CA Community College CalWORKs Association Training Institute in Sacramento. The Institute provided a valuable opportunity to learn from the practices of other Community Colleges. It was also a chance to learn about the regional representation opportunities and Shasta College’s future role in those efforts.

- The first Shasta College CalWORKs student orientation was completed in April. Though small (17 of 24 students attended) the orientation was successful. Information specific to CalWORKs students was presented along with hands on demonstrations in MyShasta, understanding their Educational Plan, utilizing the Financial Aid website and much more.

- We are moving forward with the applicant pool for the part time CalWORKs Employment Development Position. Interviews should be complete in May.

TRiO – Student Support Services

- Sunday, May 4th, twenty TRiO Student Support Services students will take a field trip to UC Davis Mondavi Center to attend TEDxUCDavis. A wide array of accomplished speakers specializing in topics from theater to technology will share their knowledge with students, professors and community.

- Thursday, May 8th, SSS graduating students will be recognized at the monthly Food for Thought meeting.

TRiO – Upward Bound

Financial Literacy is paying off for college bound Upward Bound students. Graduating Enterprise High School senior, Patricia Dionicio is a recipient of a Gates Millennium Scholars award. She was one of 1,000 selected for this award. She competed with more than 50,000 students. This is a renewable scholarship award and will continue through a master’s and doctoral level. Additionally, Patricia was selected for the College Options Scholars award but will forfeit to give another student the opportunity for the award. More great news! Graduating Enterprise High School senior, Fey Saephan will also receive the College Options Scholars award. Both students have been participants of Upward Bound since their freshman year of high school. Way to go Upward Bounders!

Transfer Center

- We are actively promoting ADTs (Associate Degrees for Transfer). Stay tuned for external and internal marketing materials designed to enhance student understanding of these important opportunities for transfer.
The Shasta College Transfer Center “Don’t Cancel That Class Meeting!” presentations are designed to encourage faculty to contact the Transfer Center if they are going to be away from class due to a conference, meeting or illness. The service eliminates the need to cancel a scheduled class by having a Transfer Center employee present the transfer process to your class. This program can be a great tool to encourage transferring and in advertising Transfer Center services to our students. The class presentation covers transfer and general education requirements for admission to CSU and UC campuses, and in general terms for out-of-state and private four-year schools. If you are interested in having a “Don’t Cancel That Class Meeting!” presentation in your class or if you would like a Transfer Center presentation while you are present, please contact either Daniel Valdivia or Paul Burwick.

The Faculty Alumni Project seeks to connect students with faculty who possess a degree in the student’s area of interest, and to encourage support for academic pursuits, promote students’ self-confidence, increase awareness of career and educational pathways, connect students with professional and academic organizations and increase retention and graduation rates. If you agree to participate, the Transfer Center will publish your degree and/or academic interests. You will then agree to meet with students at a mutually convenient time to provide academic and career advice. If you would like to participate, please contact Daniel Valdivia for more information.

Financial Aid

- April 1st-4th Connie Barton attended the California Community College Financial Aid All Directors Meeting in San Diego.
- April 16th Julie Fisher attended VA Day in Chico, and Lorelei Hartzler presented financial aid options to the STEP UP program.
- April 23rd & 24th Becky McCall hosted 4 student focus groups gathering information regarding financial aid processing.
- April 24th Connie Barton presented a Webinar to High School Counselors regarding Maximum Financial Aid Resources for their students.
- May 16, 2014 Awards/ Scholarship Ceremony.
- June 4th is the Federal Work Study Job Fair for on campus Federal Work Study Students and Offices supervisors.

Dean of Students Office

- Frugal Faculty Awards - Christina Berioso, Math Instructor has been recognized for her conscientious efforts in helping students to cut costs for text books and class materials, thereby increasing student access and success! This is the first year that this award has been given, and it’s entirely a student nominated award. Congrats to Christina!
- Student Senate Appreciation Awards 2014 was held on May 2nd in the Bistro. Honored this year: Dr. Richard Fiske, Music Instructor; Jim Keating, Physical Education Instructor; Daniel Valdivia, Academic Counselor, and Tina Duenas, Student Services Coordinator.
- The LANCE Magazine - A new project by the Student Senate. This yearly magazine will cover all student news covered in The LANCE online newspaper for 2013-14. Hard copies will be available at this year’s Graduation ceremony, on May 23rd.
- Online Orientations - A fresh new approach and look to student orientations! This new project has been developed by the Academic Counseling department and will be available to students starting Fall 2014.
- Student Senate Officer Elections - The 2014-15 Officer Elections were held on April 29th & 30th. Newly elected officers: President-Lindsey Matheneey; Vice President-Tyler Travis; Secretary- Jerdan Jenkins; Treasurer- Victory Bryant; Events & Activities- Laurel Temple; Regional Affairs- Chelsea Meyer. We extend a warm welcome to them, and appreciate their desire to be involved in the Shasta College student government.
- Cram Week is May 12th -15th. Numerous activities and resources have been scheduled in an effort to support our students in their preparation for the final week of school. The week will be filled with; Write Right Nights, Math Cram Night, BBQ Lunch, Free Hot Dogs, Cookies and Coffee, Goody Bags, Research Workshops, Stress Reduction Sessions, Therapy Dogs, and extended hours in the Library Lab and Learning Resource Center.

Student Success Act

- Priority Enrollment will begin Fall 2014. New students must complete an assessment, orientation and a preliminary education plan in order to receive priority enrollment. Exceptions may apply.
- To enjoy priority registration, students cannot be on probation for two consecutive semesters (Title 5, section 55031) or have earned one hundred (100) or more degree-applicable units at the district. Returning students and students who began taking classes at Shasta College after Summer 2014 must also have a comprehensive education plan on file by the end of their 3rd semester.
- AP 5055, Enrollment Priorities, is being updated. The Board of Governors will consider a proposal to amend current regulations so that districts will not deny foster youth or former foster youth priority registration for enrollment for failing to meet minimum academic standards or for exceeding 100 units. We are beginning a process to amend our policy and administrative procedure accordingly.

Student Success and Support Plan

The Student Success Committee received a preliminary copy of the Student Success and Support Plan. This plan will outline how the district will expend Student Success and Support (formerly Matriculation) funding.

Student Success Scorecard

The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office released the first annual update of the Student Success Scorecard. The scorecard, which can be found at http://scorecard.cccco.edu, tracks “momentum points” – the number of students who complete 30 units; persist through at least three consecutive semesters and move through remediation. The scorecard also tracks the rate of students transferring to four-year institutions and completing certificates and degrees.

Enrollment Management Plan

Instructional Council is scheduled to review the final draft of the Enrollment Management Plan in May. The plan identifies initiatives which support efforts to “seek”, “keep” and “complete” students at Shasta College.