

Special points of interest:

- The office is fully staffed to serve you!
- Check our website often for updates, event flyers and general information!
- Get ready for Spring Semester by stopping in and chatting with the counselor!
- Attend an informative workshop!

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SSS Courier

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Message from the Director

Hello SSS Students and welcome to the spring 2008 semester at VVC! I am pleased to present to you, the SSS Courier, our new newsletter. This newsletter promises to be jam packed with information you can take advantage of as students, and that you can use for your own enjoyment.

Within the next 2-3 months, the TRiO Programs will be moving to its new location. We will have much more space for tutoring, quiet areas for studying, and more elbow room in our SSS lab. You will be notified as soon as our move-in dates have been finalized.

Some up and coming events for the spring semester include workshops that will help you meet your graduation and transfer goals, college tours, a Broadway show in Los Angeles, and a special event for SSS students AND their families. We strongly encourage you to participate in SSS events as often as possible.

Upward Bound Comes to VVC

Victor Valley College has gained two more TRiO programs—Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science. Upward Bound provides pre-college preparation for educationally disadvantaged high school students through services such as tutoring, counseling, instruction in Math



2007 Student Support Services graduates

I would like to give special recognition to Lisa Cripps and William Stockman who were both awarded grants funded by the VVC Foundation to be used for SSS students.

I wish all of you well and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
Janet Long,
Director of TRiO Programs.

and English, workshops, cultural events and college visits. Upward Bound Math/Science provides the same services, but with a focus on math and science majors and careers.

Tutors Available!

Student Support Services has four tutors available to help you polish your math and English skills! Please call the office or check the website for Spring semester hours, and then drop by to work with Linda, Chris or Bill!



“Education is the most powerful weapon, which you can use to change the world.”

-Nelson Mandela

Meet Your Staff!

Our office is now fully staffed and eager to work with you! Please stop by to use the computer lab, update your Ed Plan, sign up for a workshop, or chat about transferring!



Director

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Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00

Fun Facts

Favorite Fast Food: Popeye’s Popcorn shrimp or Chipotle Chicken burrito

Last Vacation: Santa Barbara

Dream Car: Lexus

Can be bribed with: Strawberry Haagen Dazs (a pint will do it).



Counselor

Jessica Diaz

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Hours: Tues/Wed/Thurs. 9:00-5:00

Fun Facts

Favorite Fast Food: Del Taco

Last Vacation: Wellington, NV

Dream Car: Cadillac Escalade (when they make a hybrid version!)

Can be bribed with: Homemade cookies & Grandma’s apricot pie.



Administrative Assistant

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Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00

Fun Facts

Favorite Fast Food: Del Taco

Last Vacation: Colorado/Arizona/New Mexico road trip!

Dream Car: Top Fuel Dragster

Can be bribed with: Reese’s, anything chocolate, & red vines!



Instructional Assistant

William Stockman

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Fun Facts

Favorite Fast Food: Del Taco

Last Vacation: Hawaii

Dream Car: Rolls Royce

Can be bribed with: Lunch out or some homemade cookies!

IMPORTANT DATES

FAFSA

Workshops

Come to the SSS Computer lab and complete your FAFSA online. The Counselor will be available to guide you through the application. Be sure to have your pin and 2007 tax information.

2/12/08 2:30-4:30 p.m.
2/13/08 9:30-11:30 a.m.
2/26/08 2:30-4:30 p.m.
2/27/08 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Time Management

Tuesday 4/1/08 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4/2/08 9:35-10:35

Stress Management

Tuesday 5/6/08 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 5/7/08 9:35-10:35

Study Skills

Wednesday 3/5/08 9:35-10:35 a.m.
Thursday 3/6/08 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Goal Setting

Wednesday 5/21/08 9:35-10:35 a.m.
Thursday 5/22/08 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Cultural Trip to see:
Wicked

March 15, 2008

Transfer Workshops

Get the information you need about transferring to a four year college!

3/5/08 9:35-10:35 a.m.
3/6/08 4:00-5:00 p.m.
4/22/08 4:00-5:00 p.m.
4/23/08 9:35-10:35 a.m.

F.Y.I.

→ DON'T FORGET!

COLLEGE VISIT

Cal State San Bernardino

UC Riverside

April 25, 2008

Announcement!

Succeeding in College

1. **Take responsibility for your own learning.** You're not in high school anymore. Everyone in college is there to learn because they want to, not just to pass because they have to. There are a lot of opportunities for learning in college, often times outside the classroom. Take advantage of every opportunity you can.
2. **Appreciate your time in college.** You'll never again have so many opportunities with so few responsibilities.
3. **Take risks.** College isn't just about getting good grades. It is a time to learn more about the world and yourself. Branch out and take risks. Try something new. Meet new friends.
4. **Expand your horizons.** Classes do not have to only focus on your major or what is best for your future career. Try taking some elective classes in other subjects.
5. **Set goals.** Every term, reset your goals to keep you motivated and give you something to work toward.
6. **Consider your personal interests when choosing your major.** Don't just choose a major because of what the current job market is like or because it's what your friends or family members are doing. Choose a program that interests you and that you will enjoy studying.
7. **Take some major courses as early as you can.** If you can take a course within your major your freshman year, do so. You may learn that you want to switch majors. It's best to learn this as soon as you can.



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VVC Scholarship Drive

The Victor Valley College Scholarship Drive will officially run from December 20, 2007 through March 15, 2008. The scholarship drive is open to prospective VVC students, current VVC students who will be returning next year, and current VVC students who will be transferring next year.

There is only ONE online application to fill out for all available scholarships! If you applied last year, you can use your

same user ID and password, or have it emailed to you if you've forgotten it. New users will need to create an account.

To access the online application, visit the financial aid website and click on the banner announcing the 2008 VVC Scholarship drive. Last year there were only 400 applicants.

Don't miss this chance to get free money to fund your education!



Get free money for college!

<http://www.vvc.edu/offices/financial-aid/>