Dear SSS students,

Here we are at almost the midpoint of the semester. Spring….almost! The upcoming break in March is referred to as Spring Break…so Spring must be a reality, almost! I hope your semester is not progressing with almost…but with achievement of the goals you set for yourself. If you are at almost and not where you want to be, I encourage you to meet with your SSS advisor. We are here to help you find resources and to be an advocate for you in your success. Please meet with us when we reach out to you. We offer workshops that may help you be successful and attain your goals. Check those out on the ARC webpage. How are your reading skills, retention skills, organization skills? We can help with those.

You are in TRiO/SSS so you are probably a first generation student. What does that mean and how does that impact you and your adjustment? You might want to mark the date (April 13, 4-5 p.m.) for the first generation conversation that SSS will be hosting. This link [http://www.npr.org/blogs](http://www.npr.org/blogs) contains an interesting article about being a first generation student. Does this reflect your thoughts or experiences?

On behalf of all the SSS advisors, we look forward to working with you.

Jane

Jane Eddy, Director
Career Services Workshops Spring 2015

Career Services is offering several events to help students prepare for professional job or internship search.

**Join us for Viterbo’s FIRST EVER “First-Generation Conversation”**

**April 13, 2015**

**4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Nursing Center room 195**

**Highlights of the event**

- will include hearing from other first-generation students regarding:
  - Study abroad & Summer research
  - Internships
- Come share your story, talk to others who are also first-generation, and learn what you can do to be successful!!

This spring, the SSS program is offering a unique opportunity to win a $50 or $100 gift card for attending the It Make$ Cents program series at UW-L. For series events, please visit the It Make$ Cents website at [http://www.uwlax.edu/lt-Makes-Cents/](http://www.uwlax.edu/lt-Makes-Cents/). Viterbo SSS students will also qualify for the prizes listed on the UW-L It Make$ Cents website and flyer. Every SSS student has been emailed the flyer of events, but if you have trouble finding it, your SSS advisor will have a copy for you. To be entered in the drawing for a $50 or $100 gift card:

1. Attend It Make$ Cents events on UW-L’s campus. Be sure to sign in.
2. For each event you go to, your name will be entered into the drawing. The more events you attend, the greater the chance of your name being drawn.
3. Winners will be announced on May 4. UW-L is within walking distance of Viterbo; if you choose to walk, please go with others.

4. The mission of It Make$ Cents is “to address the financial concerns of students that are unique to college life, and equipping them with the knowledge, skills and resources necessary to integrate and maintain lifelong financial wellness.” We hope you take advantage of these amazing financial literacy programs!

**Financial Literacy**
Scott Stene, Viterbo’s SVA Leader

Scott Stene, Viterbo SSS student and management major, attended the Student Veterans of America (SVA) Leadership Institute in Bentonville, Arkansas. Students from over 1000 United States’ chapters of the SVA applied, and Scott was one of 125 student veterans accepted. Stene noted that a purpose of the conference was to explore best practices in helping veterans transfer from military to civilian life.

Stene knew the institute would assist him at Viterbo, as the Veterans Service’s Student Point of Contact and President of the Viterbo SVA. Stene spent winter break in San Antonio, Texas at the SVA National Conference from January 7-11, 2015. ‘The conference hosted over 1,200 attendees from all over the United States’ 450 chapters of the SVA.

Stene’s goal is to broaden his network of SVA contacts, see how chapters run their programs, and determine how he might help student veterans at Viterbo. Stene mentioned that one highlight of the conference occurred when Vice President Joe Biden challenged student veterans to, as Stene recalls, “pick up the reigns of the country like the generation of World War II and lead our country.”

Scott believes that at least three student veterans and one Viterbo administrator should attend the conference. With greater Viterbo representation, Stene feels Viterbo can serve and attract veterans. He also feels succession planning is needed, so when he graduates, those in his position will have more valuable training.

Best practices indicated student veterans need a one-stop shop, which should be run by a full-time, paid, administrator. Stene believes an administrator could work effectively by hiring work-study students with the G.I. Bill. The work-study payroll would come from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Stene asserted, the method works at other institutions.

Stene shows a commitment to his student veteran leadership roles at Viterbo.

Ammie Jergensen -- 2014-15 Extra Effort Award Recipient

The Tribune Extra Effort Award program is designed to recognize high school seniors who have persevered to overcome obstacles or performed outstanding service. It is a partnership with the La Crosse Tribune, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Viterbo University, Western Technical College, AAUW, the La Crosse Community Foundation’s Neil Hengst and Randy Smith scholarships, the Franke Foundation, the law firm of Johns, Flaherty and Collins S.C., Trust Point, Jerry Raddatz, and Fred and Ruth Kurtz.

One of Viterbo’s very own Student Support Services Program students, Ammie Jergensen, was the recipient of the Extra Effort award for her first year in college, 2014-2015. Ammie was awarded with one full year of tuition, room & board, and gave her the opportunity to pursue her dream of one day making it to Broadway in New York City, but studying Theatre here at Viterbo. Ammie is a very enthusiastic theatre student. She is a freshman in college and already boasts an impressive resume. “I only plan to continue adding to my experiences while I am at Viterbo. One day, I want to work in NYC.”

Ammie Jergensen

The Academic Resource Center Spring 2015

Our goal is to help students be successful in academics, their personal lives and in their future careers.

The Academic Resource Center Staff has created many workshops in order to better serve our students, and we are always adding new ones based on our students’ needs. If you have a suggestion for a new workshop, please let Melissa Growt, Christy Kabat, Beth Gaedy, Andy Moore or Jane Eddy. We have professional writing specialists and a math specialist. There are tutoring sessions for a wide variety of classes. If you need a tutor for a class, come fill out a form with Judy at the front desk, and we will do our best to locate a tutor for you. Furthermore, we offer supplemental instruction (SI) for some students. We offer training for many different tests. See Page 4 for the workshop schedule.

We are here to support all students in academic, personal and career success.

The Student Support Services program (TRIO) is an academic support program funded by the United States Department of Education. Student Support Services is designed to assist students who are first generation, low income, or have disabilities. The goal of the program is to increase graduation and retention. You are considered a first generation student if neither of your parents has a bachelor’s degree. Contact the ARC if you are interested in learning more.

Scott Stene, Viterbo’s SVA Leader
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**Academic Resource Center, Career Services & Viterbo Fine Arts Center**

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