



# Insights



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## Back in the Swing With SSS

Another year is upon us. The air is becoming crisp, the trees are beginning to change color, the squirrels are frantically gathering food for the winter, and the chants and cheers of Bearcat football fans often fills the Saturday evening air.

For some, this is the dawn of a college career at Northwest. Others are looking toward the end. Many are returning to Northwest excited to see their friends, get away from their parents, and receive the assignments that professors are giving. Well, two of those three things, anyway.

Whether you are entering your first semester or, like Van Wilder, you are a 7th year senior prolonging your college experience as long as possible, remember that Student Support Services is here to help. It's what we do, and we've become fairly proficient at it. Don't hesitate to stop by and ask if you need anything, or even if you don't need anything; we always love to see you.

Good luck with the semester ahead, and remember that the good ship SSS brings a bounty of success to those that wish to receive.

### Upcoming Events

#### October

- 01-05—5 week grade checks
- 02—Exploring Majors
- 04—Mock Interview Day (non-education majors)
- 08—Midterms
- 12—1st Block Ends
- 15—2nd Block Begins
- 17—Fall Career Day
- 18—SSS Leadership Workshop
- 26—Walkout Day, No Classes
- 27—Homecoming

#### November

- 08—Lunch & Learn- "Show Me the Money"
- 20—Thanksgiving Break Begins
- 26—Class Resumes
- 29—Encore Event- "War Bonds"

*Best Wishes!*  
*Student Support Services*

# Meet the Mentors



## Abby Browning

My name is Abby Browning and I am from St. Joseph, MO. I am a senior working towards a degree in Industrial Psychology. I came to Northwest because of the location and I think there are so many friendly people here! In my free time I love spending time with my friends and family. If you ever see me on campus you will more than likely see me with a Diet Coke in my hand or on my cell phone. I love meeting new people---so come visit me!

## Cj Clark

My name is Cj Clark and I am from Eagleville, Missouri. I decided to go to NWMSU because it's close to home and that way I can visit my family and horses on the weekends! My parents are farmers and raise beef cattle, so I have a lot of fun memories growing up around the family farm. I'm currently pursuing a degree in Secondary English Education and am looking forward to my sophomore year here on campus!



## Joe Tucker

Hello! My name is Joe Tucker and I am a senior here at Northwest Missouri State University. I am working towards my B.S. in Physical Education with a minor in Health Education. After I have completed my course work at Northwest I would like to start teaching, and start working towards my Master's degree in Adapted Physical Education. My hometown is Indianola, Iowa, and this is my second year as a student mentor.



## Kelly McGonegle

I am from Norwalk, IA. This is my Junior year at Northwest and I am majoring in Elementary Education with a concentration in Languages Arts. I have been a member of the Bearcat Cheerleading Squad for three years now and am also a member of Sigma Society.



## Kelsey Luers

My name is Kelsey Luers and I am a junior public and private accounting major from Beatrice, Nebraska. I am the current recruitment director for my sorority, Phi Mu. I am also involved in the Newman Center, CRU, Accounting Society, and Dance Company. I love to golf, dance, cook, and organize!





## Hannah Cole

My name is Hannah Cole, I'm a senior double majoring in Therapeutic Recreation and Corporate Recreational Wellness with a minor in Psychology. I was born, raised and currently live on the farm. I enjoy sports of all kinds and especially love the outdoors. I've been told that "Nothing is impossible, there are just different levels of difficulty." I believe that's true, so I thrive on helping others through difficult times to achieve the unachievable.

## Maggie Davis

Hey Everyone! My name is Maggie Davis, and I am a junior elementary education major. I am from Nevada, Iowa which is about three hours from Maryville. Some of my favorite things to do are sing, read, water-ski, play my guitar, be a student mentor of course, and I LOVE being a Bearcat!

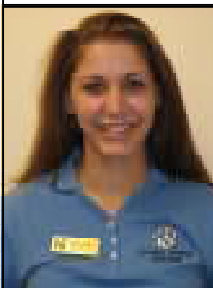


## Nisha Bharti

My name is Nisha Bharti. I am currently a senior at Northwest Missouri State University. I am pursuing a degree in Dietetics and Marketing. My career goal is to be a Pharmaceutical Sales Rep. My hometown is Lexington, Missouri. My hobbies include: being involved/busy, walking my dog, shopping and of course cooking.

## Sara Carlson

I'm Sara Carlson. I'm a business management and marketing major from Creston, Iowa. I will graduate at the end of this semester. I enjoy reading, dancing, baking, and travel. I have visited forty-two of the fifty states.



## Sarah Woody

My name is Sarah Woody. I am from Pleasanton, KS and I am a returning sophomore and Chemistry Major at NWMSU. I love outdoor activities such as fishing, four wheeling, biking, riding horses, and I love to watch movies. I am very outgoing and I love to make new friends anywhere that I go.

## Shonté Byrd

My name is Shonté Byrd. I was born and raised in Saint Louis, MO. I am an only child, but I have a lot of cousins who are around my age, so I didn't grow up alone. I have a beautiful Shih Tzu dog named Guinness. I am a comprehensive Psychology/Sociology major here at Northwest. After I graduate in the spring, I plan to continue my education in Graduate School back home in Saint Louis where I will pursue a Masters in Counseling.





# The Staff

From Right to Left

## Jacque Loghry, Assistant Director/Learning Services Coordinator

Born an army brat at Fort Dix, NJ, but that was short lived. We moved back to Maryville, close to my parents hometowns of Conception & Stanberry. I grew up in Maryville & have only left to travel for vacations (want to go back to Europe someday). I chose SSS because a former participant & GA of SSS encouraged me to apply for the position, which was one of the best things I ever did! I love the students and the staff of SSS! As a nontraditional student, I graduated in Dec. 1999 with a B.S. in Marketing, and in April 2001 completed my MBA with MIS emphasis at Northwest. I encourage students to complete their degree while they are young, because believe it or not, it makes life much easier if you can stick through the tough times & do it while you are young!

## Lisa Ruehter, Office Manager

I have been with Student Support Services 2½ years, and with the University a total of almost 8 years. I have lived my whole life in the Maryville area, having grown up on a farm by Conception Jct., and I currently live on a farm near Barnard with my husband, Keith and our four children, LaTessa, Tamra, Kinsey, and Colton, along with all of their friends that come and go like all teenagers do. I enjoy working with a wonderful group of co-workers that I also call friends.

## Christi Waggoner, Student Development Specialist

I have been with SSS for almost 2 years. I chose to work with SSS because I love working with students and helping guide them on a successful path. It is very rewarding to know that we can help students be successful. I grew up in Highland, KS, a small town just west of St. Joseph. I got my BS in Psychology at MWSU and my Masters in Guidance and Counseling at PSU (please don't egg my car).

## Phil Kenkel, Director of TRiO Programs

I have been involved with SSS since 1995. I holds two degrees from Northwest--a bachelors in Psychology and a masters in Guidance and Counseling. I have been married to my wife Cindy for 17 years and we have a daughter, Hailey (15) and a son, Tyler (13). When I'm not at work, I enjoy golfing and attending my kids' activities.

## Brandon Heck, Graduate Assistant

I am a second-year graduate student in the Applied Computer Science program at Northwest. I was a Student Support Services member for four years and worked as a student mentor for three years as an undergrad at Northwest. After I chose to continue my education at Northwest, I also chose to continue my work with Student Support Services because I know first-hand that this program works for those that dedicate themselves to the college experience and to SSS.



The annual SSS Bowling Party was filled with fun times, free pizza, and, of course, fabulous prizes!

## *Congratulations!*

Andrew Black and Dan Thompson scored big at the Bowling Party. I'm not talking about bowling a 300, I'm talking about cash! Both walked into Bearcat Lanes ready to bowl, and walked out with a \$100 scholarship!



Andrew and Dan didn't get all the prizes, though! Plenty of other people walked away with cool stuff too. Nicholas Stark, Koen Goldsmith, Tamra Ruehler, Trevor Hamilton, Andrew Black, Telesa Shaw, Cassie McCrackin, Alex Wray, Sara Ridinger, Christy Viers, and Breanna Parkhurst also won some great prizes like Northwest t-shirts, backpacks, & baskets full of candy!

Right now you're probably asking yourself, "How can I get in on this sweet prize action?" It's simple: come to SSS events and come see your mentor! Every time you show up, you are entered into a monthly drawing for a goodie basket, and we always have great prizes and handouts at events. It's true! You can learn the secrets to success in college and get awesome loot! But remember, to win, you have to play, and to play, you have to come to SSS!