

TFCSS Newsletter

from the Taylor Family Center for Student Success

September 2024



HIGHLIGHT

Welcome First Year Students!

The TFCSS is proud to welcome its first-year students to campus with our annual Welcome Dinner! This year the TFCSS served 807 students and their families. Whether you belong to TRIO, are a Kessler Scholar, or are a Taylor STAR, you have a home away from home with us.

[Check Out Our New Website Now →](#)

Mini Message

Hope Mabrey, TFCSS Administrative Coordinator

What do you bring to your friend group, your class, your team? Are you the personality hire, the questioner, or maybe you take on the role of the shepherd - always corralling the team to getting back on track? Like many of you, I am new to the TFCSS and I am still finding my place. I am not sure what co-worker, classmate, friend, or starting position I play just yet, but I can tell you that each day I look forward to seeing *you*.

Each team member in the TFCSS suite plans programs that are evidence-based to be effective and worth your time. Each food order for Friday Unwinds is carefully considered for food allergies and religious observances. From the placement of the furniture in the office to the music being played in the suite, *you* are taken into consideration!

That said, why not consider attending some great upcoming programs found in this newsletter? They have been carefully curated for *YOU*.

Below from left: Dr. Jenny Alanis, Hope Mabrey, Mark Figueroa, and Aadarsha Gopala Reddy await student check-in at the First Year Retreat on August 18, 2024.



TFCSS Featured Events

Save the
Dates!

November 1 - 3, 2024

Get ready for a fun family weekend November 1 - 3! The TFCSS has a limited number of tickets for the Tailgate Barbeque and game on November 2. TFCSS Students should NOT reserve a ticket with Student Transitions and Family Programs, but through a

TFCSS Eventbrite link that will be sent out in the upcoming weeks. Tickets will be first come, first served.

SEPT
03

TRIO Fall Kick Off

3:00 p.m.

Lopata House - in the Village

Jumpstart your year by joining us for our annual TRIO Community Kickoff Event! Connect with your peers and learn more about the awesome ways that the TRIO Program is here to support your holistic success!

SEPT
03

Academic Skills Workshop

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

DUC 248

Align your goals and plan your semester with the Learning Center Staff.

SEPT
05

Student Success Fund Informational

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting- <https://wustl.zoom.us/j/99558696666>

Learn more about the Student Success Fund before it opens for applications on Monday, Sept. 9!

SEPT
06

End of Week Unwind - Meet EST and New TFCSS Staff

3:00 - 5:00 pm

DUC 330

Munch on mochi as we learn about the student-run volunteer organization known as EST and new additions to the TFCSS staff.



Taylor STARS

Through our comprehensive four-year transitional program, we empower students with transformative learning experiences designed to enrich their academic journey and foster a resilient growth mindset.

[See Our Website for More →](#)

Featured Event

On September 16, all Taylor STARS are welcome to join our guest from Harvard Law School for tips on how to be a strong applicant at top tier law schools and learn more about law school funding. All Taylor STARS interested in law school, not just Harvard Law, are encouraged to join the presentation and ask questions! Registration required.

[Register for the Event Now →](#)



Open to all current and former
Taylor STARS participants interested
in applying to Harvard Law School

JOIN HLS J.D. ADMISSIONS FOR AN INFORMATION SESSION

Monday, September 16, 2024
DUC 234
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. CT

[REGISTER](#)



Registration is required. You will receive confirmation and event details after registration.



TRIO

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

TRIO Student Support Services

The TRIO program provides support to undergraduate scholars that identify as first-generation, limited-income, and/or have a learning or physical disability. The program aims to introduce students to an array of high-impact experiences that aid in their holistic success and help them to maximize their full potential. These include: helping students to connect with mentors, strengthening social and professional network, exploring purpose-driven internships, developing financial literacy, and more!

[See Our Website for More →](#)

Featured Events

September 3, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m.

TRIO Fall Kick Off at the Lopata House in the Village

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September 5, 2024 @ 12 p.m.

Maximizing Your Academic Toolkit! at The Writing Center

Join us in The Writing Center for this exciting and immersive academic session to learn ways that you can strategically utilize the Writing and Learning Centers to achieve academic success!

September 19, 2024 @ 12 p.m.

Introduction to Leadership, location TBD

Join us to help discover your leadership potential and unlock the leader within you! This introductory session will help you learn the ways you can make an impact on campus, in your student groups, and beyond!

September 23, 2024 @ 12 p.m.

Sewing Early Seeds of Career Success

Begin planting the seeds for your future as we support you in exploring various career paths, setting your goals, and preparing for the WashU Career Fair!



KESSLER Kessler Scholars SCHOLARS

The Kessler Scholars Program at Washington University in St. Louis is part of the national [Kessler Scholars Collaborative](#), along with 15 other institutions. Together, these schools are transforming the undergraduate experience for first-generation college students. Students who join the Kessler Scholars Program are part of a powerful network of first-generation leaders connected across multiple institutions throughout their undergraduate college experience and beyond.

[See Our Website for More →](#)

Featured Event

Join your fellow Kessler Scholar students on a fall semester adventure on September 21, 2024 @ 10AM!

KESSLER SCHOLARS Community Hangout

Join your fellow Kessler Scholars in building community and celebrating the start of the academic year. Come make new friends and try something new!

- Transportation Provided
- Adventure Tower
- Ziplines
- Rope courses

Check your email for more details!

September 21
Ryze Adventure Park
10am - 2pm



Student Spotlight



STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Abigail Ireland, class of 2025

This shining Taylor STAR is double majoring in Marketing and OSM (Organization and Strategic Management) and minoring in Design. You know her work from the new TFCSS Instagram account, Friday Unwind Fliers, the check-in station, and more!

Abby joins the TFCSS student worker staff as an Administrative Assistant and has been a wonderful addition to the team. Abby is back in STL after spending the Spring 2024 semester at the University of Maastricht in The Netherlands.

Abby's favorite part of the TFCSS is that ***"all faces are friendly faces. So nice to see a fellow TFCSS member and be able to give a wave or walk to class with!"***

Find Abby at the front desk in DUC 330 to talk about studying abroad or volunteering.

"If you're looking for an opportunity to get engaged with surrounding communities and to volunteer around STL with, join APO! (Alpha Phi Omega) Recruiting starts this month - co-ed, no cuts, affordable dues, and a laid back environment."

Looking for a Comprehensive List of Fall 2024 Events?

Take a peek at our new events calendar for all the up to date information on TFCSS programming!

[See Our Website for More →](#)

All TFCSS Student Event Preview- September 2024

Event	Date Time	Location
Student Success Fund Informational	Thursday, Sept. 5 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.	Zoom Meeting- https://wustl.zoom.us/j/99558696666
Friday Unwind- Feat. the WashU Writing Center	Friday, Sept. 13 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	DUC 330
Friday Unwind- Feat. the TFCSS Staff	Friday, Sept. 20 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	DUC 330
Friday Unwind- Feat. the WashU Learning Center	Friday, Sept. 27 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.	DUC 330

Opportunities to Win

COMPLETE THE SURVEY AND BE
ENTERED TO

WIN!

STEP 1

Complete the Survey sent to your student email by Student Transitions & Family Programs (STFP)

STEP 2

TFCSS Staff will be notified!

STEP 3

Be entered to win!

PRIZES ➤



**[CLICK HERE TO GET
STARTED NOW!](#)**

Enter to Win Free AirPods

Current students can complete the Survey presented by the Student Transitions and Family Programs team and be entered to win today! The survey will close Sunday, September 15!

Attend TFCSS Events and Win

Be sure to check in to every TFCSS event you attend! Those who attend 8 events this semester that align with our pillars (see punchcard) will be entered to win various prizes!

On Your Radar



Outside the TFCSS

Paid Positions at the Office of Sustainability

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- A position just opened up for their waste initiatives team – this role would help with Circularity Center sales and promotion, our reusable period products program, and the reusable dishes event loan program (among other initiatives).
- The Office of Sustainability has 2 communications positions (social media, newsletter articles, coms strategy and more!).
- There are also several positions in energy & emissions (Carbon Neutrality and Renewable Energy).

The Office of Sustainability was recently named as a partner in the Campus Climate Action Corps (an Americorps program), and are hiring for 6 “minimum time” (part time) positions.

- These positions receive a stipend equivalent to the hourly wages of our internships PLUS a financial educational award good for 7 years.
- The position includes some training by Americorps and also the federal fingerprinting and background checks
- Focal areas are energy, biodiversity, and circularity/solid waste mitigation





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