

TFCSS Newsletter

From the Taylor Family Center for Student Success

October 2024



HIGHLIGHT

Fall break is October 5 - 8

It won't be long before the leaves transform into various colors and pumpkin spice is in the air. Fall break will be enjoyed by students, faculty and staff

October 5 - 8.

The TFCSS office will be closed during this time, but staff will still work remotely and you can always email us at studentsuccess@wustl.edu.

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Mini Message



Loren Owens, Academic Success Coordinator

Are you looking for academic support and guidance to help you succeed in your studies? We understand that navigating your academic journey can come with its own set of challenges. As your new Academic Success Coordinator, I am here to support you!

Whether it's referring you to tutoring resources on campus or scheduling study and time management sessions, there's a host of ways I can help. In

addition, I can also work with you to develop SMART goals so that you can measure progress along the way.

No matter how big or small your need is, don't hesitate to reach out for assistance. We are here throughout your academic journey.

If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please email loreno@wustl.edu.

[Click here to learn more about Loren Owens, Academic Success Coordinator](#)

TFCSS Featured Events in October

- Check out the [TFCSS website](#) for the full list of October events.
 - Bring your TFCSS punch card to every event to be entered to win a prize before winter break!
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SAVE
the
DATE!

Celebrate National First Generation Week, Nov. 4-8

Various days of the week!

Various Locations

**Nov. 4
- 8**

The National First-Generation College Celebration was first held in 2017 on November 8th. The celebration is held annually to commemorate the signing of the Higher Education Act of 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The act created federal financial aid programs and invested in colleges and universities.

The entire WashU community is invited to celebrate First Generation Week! This week will allow us to build community, support, and awareness for our first-generation students. We have a host of activities planned throughout the week.

Stay tuned for more details!

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What FLI Students Need to Know: The Impact of College on Social Mobility

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12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

DUC 234

Open to all TFCSS students. Join us for a TFCSS conversation with Melissa Osborne, author of ***Polished: College, Class, and the Burdens of Social Mobility***. Light refreshments will be served as well as a chance to win a prize.

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05

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

DUC 248

Taylor STARs First Years have the opportunity to visit Eckert's Farm, a Fall tradition! Check your email for more information on this fun social outing.

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All TFCSS: Earn While You Learn: Federal Work-Study Insights

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ursa's Fireside

Open to all TFCSS students. **Registration is required.**

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Sophomore Soar Match Day

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ursa's Fireside

Join your fellow sophomore Taylor STARs as they discover their mentor match! Share space with your peers and join in the excitement as your journey as a mentee officially begins.

OCT

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TRIO: Harnessing, Unlocking, Maximizing the Power of the Library

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Olin Library

Grab your laptops and join TRIO as we chat with the Olin Library staff to learn about the wonderful resources available in the WashU Library System!

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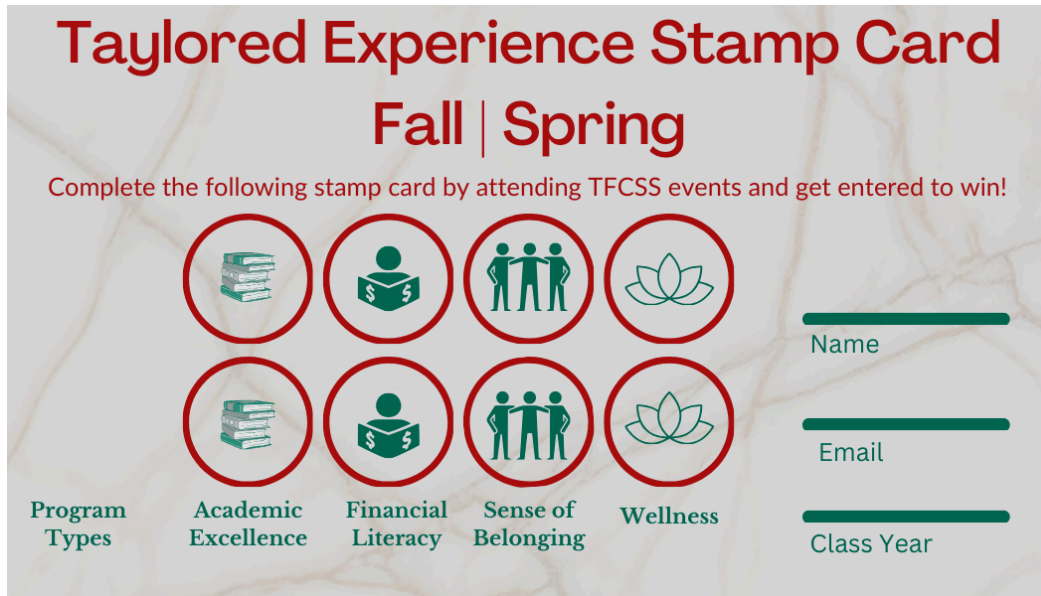
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Kessler Handshake Workshop

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm









DUC 233

TFCSS Program Punch Card



Taylored Experience Stamp Card
Fall | Spring

Complete the following stamp card by attending TFCSS events and get entered to win!

				_____
				Name
				_____
				Email
Program Types	Academic Excellence	Financial Literacy	Sense of Belonging	Wellness

				Class Year

All TFCSS students are encouraged to pick up a Program Punch Card at the front desk of DUC 330 to track their progress in attending TFCSS sponsored events.

When you attend a TFCSS event that supports Academic Excellence, Financial Literacy, Sense of Belonging, or Wellness, make sure to check-in using a swipe card or QR code.

Show your card to the staff member coordinating the event to get a punch! Make sure you have written your name, email, and class year on your card.

Once your 8 punches are full, turn it in to a representative at the front desk to be entered into a drawing for a prize.

There will be three prize winners announced before Winter Break, and another drawing in spring semester before Summer Break.

Make sure to pick up a new card to track more progress and repeat!

Parent and Family Weekend Barbeque

September 30 is the last day to register for
free tickets!



PLEASE REGISTER ON
EVENTBRITE BY
SCANNING THE QR
CODE. THE DEADLINE
TO REGISTER IS
SEPTEMBER 30.

TFCSS is covering the cost of a limited
number of tickets for you and 2 family
members over the age of 5.
*tickets for children under 5 are free.



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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 October 3, the Taylor STARS invite First-year and Second-year students to Eckert's Farm! The bus will depart from the DUC at 12:30 P.M and will return by 4 p.m. [RSVP TODAY ⇒](#)

**TAYLOR
STARS**



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Student Success

TAYLOR STAR'S INVITE FIRST YEAR
AND SOPHOMORE STUDENTS TO

Eckert's Farm

Build Community | Explore St. Louis
Destress from Midterms



05
October

**Students Meet
Outside the DUC**

Bus Departs 12:30 P.M.
& Will Return by 4 P.M.

Scan Here to RSVP



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**MORE
INFORMATION**

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TRIO Student Support Services

The TRIO program provides support to undergraduate scholars that identify as

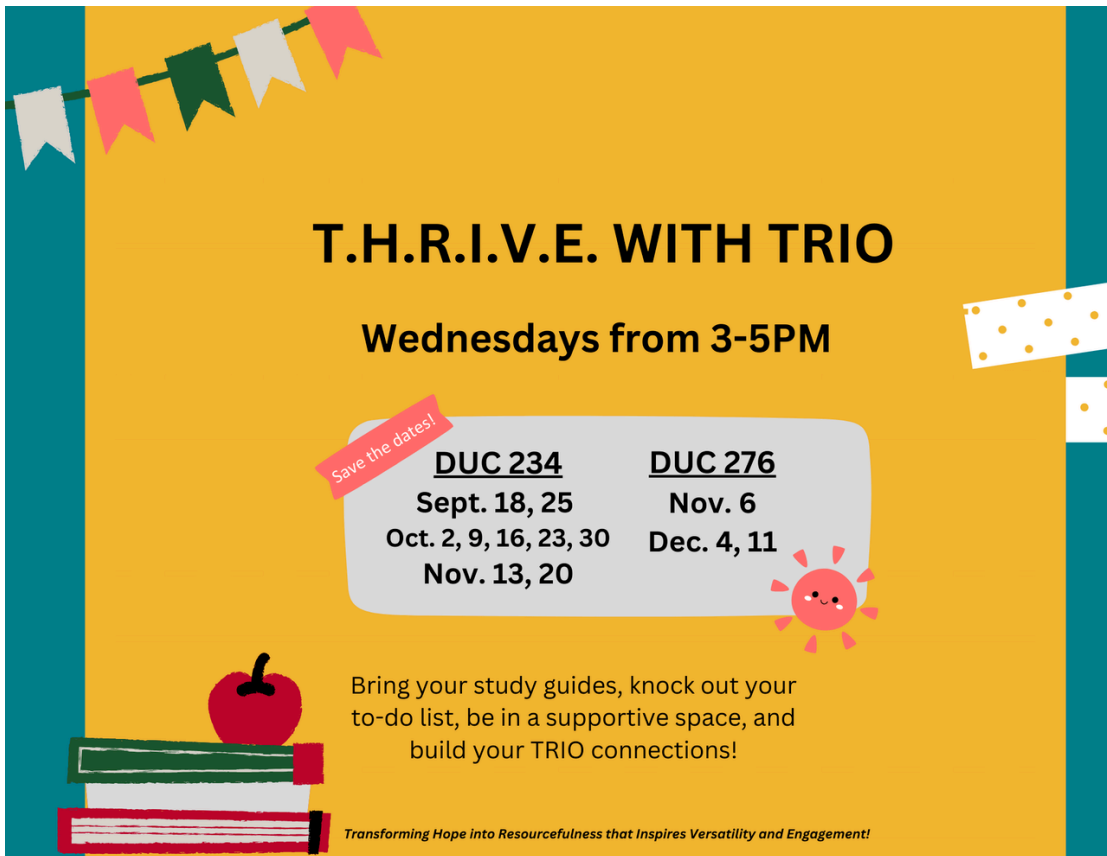
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program aims to introduce students to an array of high-impact experiences that aid in their holistic success and help them to maximize their full potential. These include: helping students to connect with mentors, strengthening social and professional network, exploring purpose-driven internships, developing financial literacy, and more!

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Featured Events

T.H.R.I.V.E with TRIO occur on Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A vibrant yellow poster with teal borders. At the top left, there's a string of colorful pennants. In the center, the title 'T.H.R.I.V.E. WITH TRIO' is written in large, bold, black letters, followed by 'Wednesdays from 3-5PM' in a slightly smaller font. Below this, a light gray rounded rectangle contains the event details. A pink banner on the left of this box says 'Save the dates!'. The details are split into two columns: the left column for 'DUC 234' lists dates 'Sept. 18, 25', 'Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30', and 'Nov. 13, 20'; the right column for 'DUC 276' lists 'Nov. 6' and 'Dec. 4, 11'. To the right of the dates is a small pink sun icon. At the bottom left of the poster is an illustration of a red apple sitting on a stack of three books (green, white, and red). To the right of the books, the text reads: 'Bring your study guides, knock out your to-do list, be in a supportive space, and build your TRIO connections!'. At the very bottom, a small tagline says 'Transforming Hope into Resourcefulness that Inspires Versatility and Engagement!'.

T.H.R.I.V.E. WITH TRIO

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Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Dec. 4, 11
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SCHOLARS

Kessler Scholars

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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

Save the date!

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

For the Kessler Coin Ceremony

The Kessler Coin Ceremony is a semi-formal dinner to welcome new Kessler Scholars.

More details to come!

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Student Spotlight



Isaac is pictured on the left with his APsi brother, Alejandro on the right at the Association for Latino Students Welcome Back BBQ, where Isaac was tabling for the Association of Latino Professionals for America.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Isaac Lendecky Olivares, class of 2026

Isaac Lendecky Olivares is from Houston Texas and is majoring in Finance with a minor in architecture.

Part of the Taylor STARs program, he worked as a peer mentor during the 2023-2024 academic year, and is currently a student administrative assistant for the Fall semester before he heads off to study abroad in Madrid during spring 2025.

Isaac's favorite part about WashU is ***"All the amazing people I have met and the long-lasting memories I have made with them, truly a blessing to be here."***

In his free time, Isaac loves to build Legos and frolic.

Find Isaac at the front desk in DUC 330 to talk about studying abroad, APsi Familia, Wilderness Project or ALPFA (which you should join if interested in career development, open to all majors. insta: alpfa_washu)

Would you like to be featured in the Student Spotlight? We want to share your story! Email hopem@wustl.edu to be featured in a future newsletter, on the TFCSS Instagram, and on our [website](#).

**THERE WILL NOT BE
END OF WEEK
UNWIND
THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**

“
Normal TFCSS Suite hours
THIS FRIDAY are from **9-5pm**
We are **closed** for **Fall Break**.
”

**Have a restful and
fulfilling fall break!**

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