Let There Be Cake!

Any great conversation usually takes place around food. Such was the case for two of the annual SSS events this spring semester.

In March, SSS juniors and seniors took part in the Etiquette Dinner. Jacque Buchanan hosted the students, who experienced a mock business interview dinner. The UW Executive Chef provided exceptional food, while students observed, comedic as they were, ways to not interview as well as those ways that could land that special first job after graduation. While it is not difficult for students to dress for a “no” interview, it is more difficult, with limited income, to find that winning ensemble.

Thanks to Mrs. Buchanan and help from Family and Consumer Science faculty who can locate inexpensive clothing in Laramie, Etiquette Dinner participants who performed the “yes” interview skit learned important financial lessons on ways to dress for less, and left at the end of the evening with some nearly new clothing. Not only did those in attendance take away important skills about which fork to use when, but also how to properly conduct themselves during an interview. Comedy and all, everyone enjoyed the evening.

In April, SSS celebrated its graduating seniors at the Spring Recognition Dinner. The event, hosted at the downtown Historic Train Depot, gave a great send-off to the twenty-one students who had achieved this exceptional milestone. The graduates shared a few lessons they acquired about “college success wisdom” with fellow undergrads. We never tire of hearing success stories and how our program has helped participants. Congratulations, Class of 2011!

Wyoming Educational Access Day

Educational Access Day draws attention to the need to give everyone equal access to higher education. Feb. 24 was declared Wyoming Educational Access Day this year in a proclamation signed by Governor Matt Mead. Six UW SSS participants took the field trip over the hill to Cheyenne and joined other SSS, UB/MSIP, and GEAR UP students in visiting the Capitol. Students were recognized and applauded in both the Senate and the House. Other activities included students working through the process of a proposed bill becoming a law and a visit to the Wyoming State Museum (see picture). The UW SSS students visited the Cheyenne field offices of federal Senators Enzi and Barrasso as well as Rep. Lummis to discuss how the SSS program positively impacts students.
Advocates for Achievement (AFA) is a recognized student organization associated with Student Success Services. The officers for AFA are excited for the 2011-12 academic year! Much of the group’s success is made possible with strong connections to fellow students. Here are some interesting bits about each new officer, as observed by fellow officers:

She is organized, knows just what she is doing, and will keep order.
She has a positive attitude, and is willing to hear what everyone has to say.
She is one of the kindest, most caring people I know.
She prefers home-comfort food as opposed to anything exotic and foreign.

She loves to eat lemons like an orange!
Her bubbly personality lends her the title of Social Butterfly.
Alison always comes up with great ideas right on the spot makes us laugh at the same time!
She is apprised of the next viral sensation on YouTube.

She loves to run!
Rhiann has always composed herself with a sense of business and a desire to get the job done well and on time.
She may seem innocent, but she can be crazy and fun!
She is very determined, and does not quit!

When you ask him how tall he is, his response is “depends on what shoes I am wearing” (somewhere between 6’3”-6’4”).

He is smart and thinks very logically.

He is a funny guy!
He is the backbone of the officers.

**FALL 2011 EVENTS**

**SUMMIT**
Welcome, First Year Students! We look forward to the memories that begin now!

**AFA**
Thurs, Sept. 8th
Join Advocates for Achievement! Weekly meetings begin at 5:15pm. Stay tuned for more information at the beginning of the year.

**EXERCISE with SSS**
Ongoing
Beginning the 2nd week of School. Join us in our quest for academic and physical activity balance...via walking. More info in Aug!

**FALL CONNECTIONS EVENT**
Thurs, Sept. 15th
We look forward to seeing you after your summer, & hearing about the study abroad experiences from a few of our students.

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**PRESIDENT’S DESK**

Brie Berwick

This Fall, we plan on having our meetings Thursdays from 5:15-6:15 pm in the Tobin Room (Knight Hall, room 238). We are hoping to get in at least two volunteer events, a fundraiser, a couple game nights, and a couple fun activities for all students and a couple for exclusively SSS members! Hope to see you at our meetings!

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**TRiO**

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http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/index.html

If you would like to connect to our Federal Legislators, you can:

- Representative Cynthia Lummis:
  https://lummis.house.gov/Contact/default.aspx

- Senator Mike Enzi:
  http://enzi.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/e-mail-senator-enzi

- Senator John Barrasso:
  http://barrasso.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?
  useAction=ContactUs.ContactForm

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