WSU’s Student Support Services Project provides a multiplicity of academic support services to first generation college students who have a limited income or a disability, assisting students to persist and graduate from WSU. The interconnected series of free services provided include individualized tutoring, academic success skills development, FAFSA completion, course selection, academic advisement and counseling, degree planning, scholarships, career exploration, and graduate school advising. Students also have access to a technology learning lab with assistance from math and learning skills interns. The project serves 250 students each year and has been at WSU since 1970.

Seventy-nine percent of all participants persisted from one academic year to the beginning of the next academic year or graduated. Ninety-one percent of enrolled participants met the performance level required to stay in good academic standing at WSU. Fifty percent of new participants served each year graduated within six years.

2012-2013 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

● 261 students received project services
● 20 percent were on the Dean’s Honor Roll, eight percent received Academic Commendation; 44 percent had cumulative GPA equal to or above 3.0
● Tutoring Services: 31 trained tutors conducted outcome-based individualized semester long tutoring; 13 tutors earned WSU College of Education credit through the CESP 750E course, and certification from CRLA; 595 credit hours were supported through 2,628 hours of tutoring
● Advising: Academic, course selection, degree planning, financial and economic literacy skills, FASFA, career, personal, and graduate school entrance
● Educational Enrichment Activities: Academic success skills development, book library, bi-monthly Success newsletter, technology learning lab, and financial literacy development
● Student Recognition Banquet: Graduates (53), scholarships awarded (106) and tutors (31) were honored. Administrator of the Year was Deltha Q. Colvin, associate vice president for Campus Life and University Relations
● Technology and Database: Facilitates tracking, monitoring, documenting and evaluating student academic achievement, meeting the program’s measurable objectives mandated by the U.S. Department of Education. Services provided to students follow GPRA guidelines

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