Quantitative and Qualitative Measures of SSS Project Success 2014-2015

Student Support Services provides a multiplicity of academic support services to first generation college students who have limited income or a disability, assisting students to persist and graduate from Wichita State University.

The Project provides an interconnected series of academic support services: academic success skill development to achieve course success, peer tutoring to master course content, intensive academic and personal advisement to build confidence and reach the goal of graduation.

Quantitative

- 257 students received project services
- 19% of SSS students are first generation college student (neither parent has a 4-year degree)
- 7% of SSS students are low-income (family taxable income did not exceed 150% of the poverty level)
- 74% of SSS students are both first-generation and low-income
- 95% of SSS students completed the year with a GPA > 2.00 and maintained Good Academic Standing
- 79% completed the year with a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- 51% completed the year with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- 55 SSS students were on the Dean’s List
- 18 SSS students received academic commendation
- Persistence: 84% of project students enrolled in 2013-14 re-enrolled at Wichita State and the SSS project for 2014-15
- Graduation: 34 SSS students graduated with a bachelor’s degree in 2014-15
- 39% of new participants served in 2009-10 graduated with a bachelor’s degree by 2014-15 (6 years)
- 84% of SSS tutored students passed their courses
- 1,705.25 tutoring hours were provided to 120 project students who were enrolled in 462 credit hours
- SSS project awarded over $30,000 in scholarships to 170 project students, with awards ranging from $50 to $2,000
- SSS students retained at Wichita State with $3,563,964.54 in federal financial assistance
- SSS provided over 473 advising contact hours with project students
- 42 prior SSS students were enrolled in Graduate School at Wichita State
- Highest level of funding for SSS projects in the State of Kansas: $415,766

Qualitative

- Oldest SSS project in the State of Kansas—assisting students since 1970
- Advising: SSS academic advisers provided academic, personal, financial aid, career and graduate school advising
- Tutoring: 28 tutors were available for tutoring in lower level undergraduate courses during the Fall 2014, Spring 2015 and Summer 2015 semesters
- Study Skills: extensive list of videos and worksheets available in SSS Tech Lab and an online class for SSS students only
- Financial Literacy Skills: online class through My College Money Plan.org and an online collection of assessments over class material available to students
- SSS Technology Learning Lab: workspace and computers, where students may study, access study skills and/or financial literacy resources, or meet with tutors
- Book Library: extensive collection of textbooks available for borrowing; approximately 80 books added to the library this grant year
- Computer checkout: laptop and desktop computers available to students for checkout
- SSS Newsletter: published bi-monthly
- 36th Annual Awards & Recognition Ceremony held in April 2015 to recognize project students, graduates and scholarship recipients