Welcome!
by Toni Alexander

Hello to all of our continuing Project Success students as well as those of you who are new to the program. Hopefully, everyone of you are doing well in your classes. As we are approaching mid-term, here are a few tips to help make you the best student that you can be:

- Go to each class session on time and prepared.
- If material is covered you do not understand, ask questions. If you still do not understand, jot a note to yourself and research the answer later. Come and ask for assistance. Most importantly, do not just shrug your shoulders as if to say, “Oh, well.”
- Come to tutoring sessions on time and prepared. Bring your homework and assignments. To make the most of your tutoring sessions, do as much of your homework as possible before you come. If you come to tutoring sessions unprepared, your tutoring sessions may be discontinued.
- Take advantage of all workshops we offer. We offer workshops to help you become successful in life as well as in the classroom. This year, we have an exciting lineup of workshops that we know will interest you.
- If you experience problems in your classes, come ask for help immediately. The sooner we know about the problem, the sooner we can help you find a solution.
- And last, but not least, please do not consider dropping classes until you have spoken with either Kathy Courtney (Project Success Counselor), or myself, Toni Alexander, Director of Project Success.

Have a great semester!

Important Info...

* When you visit Project Success, please be reminded to sign in at the front desk.

* If you have not completed a renewal application, please do so as soon as possible. We would like to update our database with correct addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.

* If you have scheduled an appointment and cannot make that appointment, please cancel by calling the receptionist desk @ 816-759-7313.
PROJECT SUCCESS REVIEW:
Project Success’s First Annual Orientation
Yeah!!!!! Project Success hosted its 1st Orientation on Friday, August 18, 2006, in the Penn Valley Theater, and a total of sixty-one students showed up. Project Success was honored to have Kimberly Henderson, 2003 Alum; Michael Bell, 2006 Alum; come and impart words of advice and wisdom to new and returning students.

Henderson & Bell’s Nuggets of Wisdom
By Gieselle Taylor

Kimberly S. Henderson and Michael Bell graced Project Success staff and students with their presence on Friday, August 18, 2006, at Project Success’s First Annual Orientation. Henderson, University of Missouri-Kansas City Bloch School of Business Senior, advised students to “study for a career that they really enjoy, to ask for assistance early and often, and to become involved with campus activities.” The mother of six, Henderson has managed to be an active member of Omicron Delta, TAASU, the Chancellors Cabinet, College Democrats, Association of Women Students, and Parents on Campus, while maintaining a full-time or part-time job. Henderson says being involved in campus activities has been her connection to others from similar backgrounds with similar struggles, and campus involvement has been her ticket to staying grounded and maintaining the highest academic performance.

Michael Bell, who recently completed his certificate in Heating, Cooling, & Refrigeration from the Business & Technology College (BTC), agreed with Henderson, saying, “involvement in campus activities is vital to a student’s survival.” Bell recommended students to “get to know their instructor’s teaching style and the level of work that is required of them.” He also believes that “thinking in terms of how to get the best grade possible is what drives students to be dedicated all the way through their academic career.”

*Please let Fern Payne or Gieselle Taylor know of any events, activities, and announcements (new baby, wedding, achievements) that you want everyone in the program to know about. We love to share what’s happening among our Project Success Members!!!

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

20:20 Vision Group
Student Activities Coordinator, Gieselle Taylor, is seeking twenty unique, motivated Project Success students to join her as she embarks on the 20:20 Vision Group. All students should be in good academic standing and able to demonstrate good interpersonal skills, creativity, and flexibility. The purpose of the group will be to play an active role as the governing student body of Project Success. They will identify, form, and guide the present and future needs of all target aspects of our program. The students will meet once a month to hold educational open forums that will cover various issues, allowing them and others that attend to explore the depth of the topic and identify possible solutions. The student-led group will empower other students to utilize their leadership, interpersonal, and organization skills in a safe environment. These leaders will be in charge of everything from drafting the 20:20 Vision Group Constitution, to choosing the topics for their forums. In addition to the forums, 20:20 Vision leaders will plan and coordinate at least one recreational, diversity, or spiritual event per semester for themselves to enjoy. The 20:20 Vision Group will have all the rights and privileges as any other student activity group, club, or organization on campus.

If interested, please attend the first meeting on Friday, October 13, 2006, CC217 at 2:00pm. Punctuality is expected of each student in attendance.
First, let me begin by welcoming all you new members to Project Success, and “Welcome Back!” to you returning members. Also, I want to remind and encourage each of you to ask questions, give feedback on our services, and stay involved in Project Success. As always the staff and faculty of Project Success are here to help you on your journey through college.

Most of the time we move through our days without much thought as to who may be watching us or even looking up to us. With that in mind, I want to leave you with an excerpt from an article entitled “Rising to the Occasion” by Denver Post journalist Doni Luckett.

“...Many of us allow ourselves to fall into the rut of expectation, modeling the path of what we think we should follow, rather than what we know to be true in our hearts. Dare to defy convention, even if that convention is a limit you placed upon yourself. Strive daily to speak your truth. Choose to confront the fear that chains you to mediocrity and forge a path to greatness.”

When someone in your presence gives you that rare glimpse of recognition, the innate knowledge that your skill, your actions, your prowess have gone beyond the ordinary to the impressive, rise to the occasion. Instead of backing down with a resolution of “I am not a role model,” accept the challenge. Realize that you have a gift that can inspire others to greatness.”

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**Happy Belated Birthday**

Jay Syas 9/1
Marvin Gines 9/3
Sarah Griffith 9/4
Leta Gooden 9/5
Nicki Pinault 9/5
Gary Jackson 9/6
Tiffany Ray-Coreas 9/8
Quindala Godfrey 9/9
Laura Galindo 9/9
Sara Noreña 9/12
Tanya McRae 9/13
Anita Miller 9/13
DeQual Wilson 9/16
Danielle Kelley 9/17
Steve Simmons 9/18
Antwone Washington 9/19
Susan Oliver 9/21
Danielle Calvin 9/23
Amanda Walker 9/24
Tammy Redifer 9/27
Lisa Giangreco 9/28
Liane Johnson 9/28
Robin Frazier 9/29

**Happy Birthday**

Tammy Reynolds 10/09
Jamal Ross 10/13
Jill Street 10/14
Chris Hacker 10/19
Aneisha Barnes 10/20
Zolmandakh Bolormaa 10/20
Krystal Charleston 10/22
Felicia Saffold 10/23
Taeko Colbert 10/31
Yolanda Robinson 10/31
Upcoming Events for October:

October 3, 2006— SUCCESS SERIES WORKSHOP: “SELF MOTIVATION & INTERDEPENDENCE”
Time: 12:00PM-2:00PM
Location: LR201

October 7, 2006— College Tour: Park University, 9am-2pm

October 10, 2006— College Tour: Rockhurst University, 11:30-1:30pm

October 14, 2006— The Kansas City Repertory Theatre’s JITNEY by August Wilson, a “masterfully written, humorous, compact drama that is a masterpiece of portraying father-son relationships.”
Time: 3:00PM
Location: 4949 Cherry Street, KCMO (Behind UMKC)

October 20, 2006— College Tour: University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) - Cancelled/ Date TBA. See Kathy Courtney if still interested.

Last, but not Least... by Fern Payne

Anything is Possible
(author unknown)

If there was ever a time to dare,
to make a difference,
to embark on something worth doing,
IT IS NOW.
Not for any grand cause, necessarily...
but for something that tugs at your heart,
something that’s your inspiration,
something that’s your dream.
You owe it to yourself to make your days here count.
HAVE FUN.
DIG DEEP.
STRETCH.
DREAM BIG.

Know, though, that things worth doing seldom come easy. There will be good days.
And there will be bad days.
There will be times when you want to turn around,
pack it up, and call it quits.

Those times tell you that you are pushing yourself, that you are not afraid to learn by trying.
PERSIST.
Because with an idea, determination, and the right tools, you can do great things.
Let your instincts, your intellect, and your heart, guide you.
TRUST.
Believe in the incredible power of the human mind.
Of doing something that makes a difference.
Of working hard.
Of laughing and hoping.
Of lazy afternoons.
Of lasting friends.
Of all the things that will cross your path this year.
The start of something new brings the hope of something great, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.