What is SSOS?

Student Service Operation for Success (SSOS) is funded by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education Asian American and Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI). The program was established to promote educational support for students who are historically underserved in higher education. Project SSOS was established in 2011 in cooperation with the Academic Support programs at Cal State East Bay to provide support services for students of Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage.

SSOS provides a full range of academic support services, counseling and cultural activities to promote success for Asian American and Pacific Islander students in college and career readiness at California State University, East Bay.

The program's services include academic support to increase successful outcomes, foster personal development, enhance social networking, and to create paths for students to reach graduation and realize their career goals. Additionally, the project will collect AAPI disaggregated (individual) data to provide a greater understanding of this unique student population.

What does SSOS offer?

Student Service Operation for Success (SSOS) provides an array of services and opportunities to help its members succeed in school. Some of the benefits of participating in the program include:

- Mentoring
- Academic Tutoring
- Asian and Pacific Islander cultural events
- Asian and Pacific American Experience Cluster
- SSOS-APIFSA Scholarship and student conference scholarship
- Leadership Class
- Student Club Sponsorship
- Academic Lecture Series, Workshops and more.

I-Perfect 10

Students who meet the requirements are eligible to be selected into the I-Perfect 10 Award program. This award program electronically tracks IP-10 students' achievements and participation in SSOS activities, events, workshops and more. Students who accumulate 10 points through participating in SSOS activities will receive a $100 award stipend.
Education Summit 2014

by Erik Pinlac

California State University East Bay hosted the 2014 Education summit on Saturday March 8th. This event targets first generation minority students including but not limited to African American, Latino, Asian, Native American, and Pacific Islander students and their families.

This summit included keynote speakers, informative sessions and the opportunity to highlight community resources that these future college students can take advantage of. SSOS co-sponsored the event and was present during the resource fair with a table and a handful of mentors to greet the next generation of students. Along with that SSOS also provided translators to help the non-English speaking attendees.

SSOS staff and mentors also hosted workshops to highlight how SSOS helps AAPI Students matriculate through the university and another session that highlights what prospective students should expect while studying at the university.

SSOS Academic Tutoring

by Kolyne De Jesus

Jessica Guo

Math: 800, 900, 950, 1130, 1300, 1810
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Office Hours: Tuesdays 12pm - 2pm
Thursdays 12pm - 2pm and by appointment

Keosotra Veng

Econ: 2301, 2302, 3107, 3551, 4400, 4895 (Or any undergraduate sections if requested)
Office Hours: By appointment only

Kolyne De Jesus

Stats: 1000
Office Hours: Mondays 1pm - 3pm
Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm and by appointment

My Huynh

Math: 800, 900, 950, 1130, 1300, 1304, 3121, 3122, 3331
Office Hours: Tuesday 2pm - 5pm
Thursday 2pm - 5pm and by appointment

John Chau

Chem: 1000, 1100, 1101, 1103, 1103, 1601, 1602, 1605, 2200, 2301, 3011, 3301, 3302, 3303, 3400, 4411, 4412, 4413
Office Hours: By appointment only

Taishi Yamagata

Japanese
Office Hours: By appointment only

Did you know that SSOS offers free tutoring? You can ask for one by simply contacting your SSOS mentor or by setting up an appointment in the SSOS office!
SSOS took part in APAHE by hosting a workshop pertaining to objectives, goals, and overall functions of the SSOS program. Presenters included our very own mentors: Camille Toroba, Shivneel Sen, James Ta’ai, Siolotoi Ti and also lead by My-Lan Huynh. Below are some photos captured from last year’s conference.

Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE)

by Siolotoi Ti

Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) is an annual conference held in San Francisco geared mainly towards Asian Pacific Americans who are faculty, staff, and professionals in higher education. The three-day event consists of keynote speakers, workshops held by different college/university campuses, panelists of college presidents of Asian-descent, presentations by representatives from the White House, and plenty of networking opportunities.

Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education was founded in 1987 as a forum for students, faculty, staff, and professionals in higher education to discuss and generate dialogues on issues that were affecting Asian Pacific Americans at the time. Such issues included the "model minority myth" which implies that all Asians are intelligent and successful individuals particularly in school settings and therefore do not need encouragement to reach success. While the concept might seem positive at a glance, it fails to address the mere fact that not all Asian groups are the same in addition to failing to acknowledge that Asian Pacific Americans experience life struggles (low SES, education, cultural issues, etc.) common to other minority group.

On June 23, 2000, APAHE became a national organization as it began to address API issues nationally.

The annual three day conference, which takes place in San Francisco provides opportunities for API professionals, students and politicians to discuss an array of issues affecting the API community.

Furthermore, networking, networking, and more networking will occur in the duration of the conference. Below are some photos from last year’s APAHE conference in which our very own SSOS mentors took part in it as presenters showcasing the SSOS program and how it has helped and will continue to help API students at Cal State East Bay.
Culture Corner: Fiji

by Shivneel Sen

“Bula” is the traditional greeting of Fiji.

Tapa and Masi are traditional apparel. It is made from the bar cloth.

The traditional meal in Fiji is Lovo. It is cooked in an underground oven that consists of hot stones. The food is wrapped in coconut leaves and put on top of the hot stones. After which, the coconut leaves and banana leaves are used to cover the pit of hot stones and food. Usually natives put taro, cassava, yam, chicken, pork, fish, and raorao (made of coconut milk and taro leaves) in the pit.

Yaqona also known as kava is the traditional Fijian drink. It is a root. It is usually prepared in a big bowl called the Tanoa, and served in a bilo (which is made from the coconut shell).

There is an Island in Fiji named Beqa. People from Beqa have the power to walk on hot stones.
Alumni Corner:
Ada Chan

I graduated from East Bay in Winter 2013 with a B.S. in Health Sciences. While I was in college, I worked for the SSOS program on campus as a peer mentor. SSOS played an important role in my college years because it provided me with a community of peers that had similar goals as my own. Being in an environment where my peers viewed education as importantly as I did encouraged me to continuously strive to succeed rather than meeting the bare minimum. In addition, SSOS provided me with many opportunities to network with successful individuals that promoted the importance of higher education.

Since I graduated a year ago, I spent a lot of time figuring out what I wanted to do career wise. I continued with the part-time job I already had as a tutor for the AVID program at a local high school and found another part time job as an assistant for a realtor. Though I am grateful to have my part-time jobs, they were nothing related to what I studied in college. So, after careful deliberation, I decided to return to continue my education and applied for Graduate school and I am happy to say that I will be returning to CSU East Bay in Spring 2014 to pursue my Master’s Degree in Health Care Administration.

Events and Programs

Coming Soon!

Please see our mid month revision for our updated list of events and programs
SSOS IP-10 Award Recipients: Winter ‘14

Rai’Nani Banks
Martin Bui
Cassandra Cabotaje
Karyl Calamiong
Siu Hei Chim
Delwin Chow
Roxanne Chung
Kelly Dang
Saleha Farhad
Joseph Garrido
Karishma Goundar
Helen Hoang
Joshua Laroco
Aiah Tadas
Maria Ventanilla
Criselda Ventura
Minh Vo
Allison Vu

Students who accumulate 10 points through participating in SSOS activities, events, workshops, etc. are eligible for a $100 award stipend per quarter.

For more information about S.S.O.S,
Be sure to visit our website below or scan our QR code
http://www20.csueastbay.edu/academic/academic-support/ssos-aanapisi/

A DAY IN SSOS...

Tutoring
Kolyne De Jesus and John Chau, in a tutoring session. SSOS encourages students to ask for help if they need it. We provide students with tutors upon requests.

Meetings
Cindy Lieu, Minh Ly, Erik Pinlac and Siolotoi Ti, in a committee meeting. Apart from mentor-mentee meetings, mentors meet with each other to plan events and activities for the mentees.

Fun Events
Siolotoi Ti, Shivneel Sen, and Shuaib Amin are enjoying the SSOS Karaoke Night. SSOS isn’t all about meetings and academics! We hold fun events every quarter for mentees to relax and get to know each other as well as meet other mentors.

This newsletter was brought to you by the Newsletter committee:
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