

TRiO Student Support Services

When you succeed - We succeed!

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Meet Eva Renfro Instructional Specialist

Eva began working with the TRiO SSS Program in August of this year. She brings with her a love of math and science. She tutors students in MAT 150, higher level math, accounting, economics and statistics.

Eva is a recent graduate of Mid-Continent University where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.

She has worked for MCC as a math tutor for eight years including the years that she was a student at MCC working toward her Associate in Science. While attending MCC, Eva was selected to be on the 2007 All-Academic Team and won Outstanding Student for 2007.

She has been married for eight years to Mike Renfro and they reside in Mortons Gap. Eva has two cats, Fibby and Felix, attends First United Methodist where she serves as chair of the women's ministry, and sings on the Hope Alive praise team. She enjoys reading, quilting, hiking with her husband at state parks, and collecting and sharing useless information. For example, NASA uses the acronym EVA for extra-vehicular activity or a moonwalk..

If you stop by her office you are likely to smell apples and cinnamon, hear classical music playing, and hear her saying, "In the history of mankind, no one has ever died because of math. Stressing out about math, maybe, but



not math itself. She encourages her students to not be afraid of math but to overcome it by breaking it down into small manageable steps.

Welcome Eva!



Reminders

SSS Workshops:

Sept 12th Recharging Your Academic Batteries
Sept 18th Communicating with Your Professors
Oct 3rd SAP is Not About Trees-Financial Aid Topics

Oct 9th The Secret of Multi-Tasking
Oct 24th Financial Literacy-Becoming a Money Manager
Nov 6th Who Moved My Cheese-learn to manage change

October 1st Priority Registration begins.
October 4th-Taste of College Transfer Trip
Oct 14-19 Fall Break
Oct 21st Midterm Last day for a student, at their discretion, to withdraw from a class

MEET THE 2013-14 TUTORS

“Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.”

Vince Lombardi

Drop-in tutoring is available 7:30-4:30 Mon-Thur and 9-2 on Friday. If you need one-on-one tutoring, you must schedule with Kim. Tutors this semester are:

Amanda Adams is a Criminal Justice major. She helps with writing papers, communications and computers.

Marie Cline has a Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Management. She specializes in math up to MAT 150.

Aaron Cummins is pursuing a nursing degree with the goal of

becoming a Nurse Anesthetist. He can help with computer classes.

Sara Cummins is working toward a middle school education degree. Sarah helps with English, math, anatomy & physiology, Spanish and study skills.

Montadhar Jaber is working on an AA transfer degree and hopes to direct films. He helps with MAT 150 and computers.

Kevin Jones ultimately wants to obtain a degree in computers and teach IT. He can help with math and computers.

Joe Lussier is working on an AS transfer degree and hopes to transfer to UofL. Possible majors are engineering or computers. Joe helps with math.

Tara Moore is working on an AA transfer degree with a human services emphasis. She plans on obtaining a 4-year degree in social work. She helps with writing, computers, on-line classes, communications and study skills.

Paige Shelton is working on development of online resources and technology needs.

“The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven’t found it yet, keep looking. Don’t settle.” – Steve Jobs

Career Spotlight

Let FOCUS-2 Help Put you on the Career Path for You.

Principles of student success tell us that students who are self-aware are more likely to experience success. Likewise, choosing a career is an important life decision. FOCUS-2 can help with both self-awareness and career decisions. Using self-assessment questionnaires, interest inventories, and personality testing, Focus-2 is a free career planning and guidance

system that can help you map out career and educational goals and provides you with a complete picture of your interests, values, personality, skills, and leisure activities. The system searches its database to help you identify and analyze occupations and career paths that match your personal characteristics. The database contains information on nearly 1200

occupations and includes:

- A job overview
- Typical duties
- Education and skills needed
- Average earnings

Students who haven’t chosen a career path yet and even students who know the career they want, can benefit from taking the FOCUS-2.

Study Skills Tips-What’s Your Learning Style

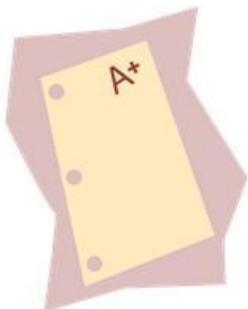
There are three basic types of learning styles. They are visual, auditory, and kinesthetic. An online Learning Style inventory you can take is located at <http://sunburst.usd.edu/~bwjames/tut/learning-style/index.html>.

Once submitted, the inventory will give you results and explain the three styles. Why is it im-

portant to know your learning styles? The site asks five questions to help you think about the learning styles and how they can help you be a successful student and learner. The questions are:

1. How could knowing your learning style be of benefit to you, personally?

2. How can it be helpful in your interactions with others?
3. How do you think this could help you in your studies?
4. How do you think this could help you in lectures?
5. How could this help you in note-taking?



Kentucky Wesleyan College

Kentucky Wesleyan College, in partnership with the United Methodist Church, fosters a liberal arts education that nourishes, stimulates and prepares future leaders intellectually, spiritually and physically to achieve success in life.

KWC is located in Owensboro, KY and offers 40 majors and 11 pre-professional curriculums. Student to faculty ratio is 15:1 and more than 88% of faculty have a Ph. D. or terminal degree. Freshman student profile is ACT =22, SAT=980 (Critical Reading and Math) and

GPA=3.2. The Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers compete in Division II athletics and are in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

95% of students receive some type of institutional aid and 50% receive PELL grants. NSF need-based scholarships are available to academically promising students pursuing a degree in a STEM discipline-Science, Technology, Engineering or Math.

Students have the opportunity to participate in faculty led

study abroad classes and study abroad programs. Other partnerships and affiliations include Harlaxton College in England, University of Nova Gorica, Hong Kong Baptist University and Palacky University in the Czech Republic. Please visit the KWC website at www.kwc.edu. **You can visit**

KWC on the Taste of College Transfer Trip on Oct 4th. Please sign-up in the lab if you are interested in attending this trip.



Financial Literacy Facts

Financial literacy is a requirement to participate in the TRIO Student Support Services program. All participants are required to do this workshop yearly. It is also a requirement to qualify for our Grant Aid.

Two Financial Literacy workshops will be presented this semester. The first one is on

Thursday, October 24th from 12:20 to 12:50 in C90 on the third floor of the John H Gray building.

The second one is on **Wednesday, November 20th** from 12:20 to 12:50 in C90. There is currently an online financial literacy workshop which can be accessed through the TRIO SSS

page on MCC's website. The following link will take you to the FIDC workshop. Be sure and print the certificate at the end to verify your work.

<http://69.0.254.19/wwMS/english/main.htm>

"Do not save what is left after spending, but spend what is left after saving." – Warren Buffett

SSS Scholarships/GRANT AID

If you are interested in applying for the SSS Scholarship for the spring semester, you must meet with your assigned advisor before midterm (Oct 21). Contact can be by phone, email, or stop by the office. Let us know how you are doing and update your information if needed.

You must complete a Computer literacy workshop before December 1, 2013.

Complete the scholarship application. The updated application will be emailed to all students by the end of October.

You MUST be making academic progress---in other words passing the majority of your classes.

You MUST be receiving a pell grant.

Links to other scholarship search sites:

https://www.kheaa.com/website/kheaa/adult_scholsearch?main=2

<http://kaar.me.com/kscholarships/search>



Student Government Association

MCC's Student Government Association is the voice of the student body. SGA members and officers provide representation and advocacy for all students on MCC campuses. SGA plans great student activities throughout the school year, including the Fall Fest, Halloween Costume Contest, Deck the Halls (with special guests from the North Pole), and the Spring Fling.

SGA also works in the community, participating in food drives, volunteering for local schools and for the Salvation Army. Being involved with SGA is a great way to meet new people, network, build your resume, and give back to your school and community. SGA meetings are held weekly during the 12:15-1:00 break. Our own Tara Moore is currently the SGA President.

For more information about SGA or to become involved please contact: Tara at tmoore0264@kctcs.edu, Brandi Edmiston, SGA Advisor: at brandi.edmiston@kctcs.edu or Vincent Wilson, SGA Advisor at vincent.wilson@kctcs.edu

SGA EVENTS: Wednesday, September 25th Fall Student Fest

Thursday, October 31st Halloween Costume Contest & MSA Chili Cook-off JHG Student Center



1-855-55GO-MCC (855-554-6622)



MCC Services and Departments

"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'm possible!"

Audrey Hepburn

Valerie Wolfe is the Disability Resources Coordinator at MCC. Disability Resource provides a wide variety of services based on individual needs. All students with a disability that might impact their education are encouraged to register for services. There is no deadline to register but it is helpful to meet with the Disability Resource Office early to prevent delays in services.

Disability Resources can:

- Make arrangements for accommodations
- Help with the application and registration process
- Serve as a home base to provide help when needed
- Act as a liaison with faculty, staff and administration
- Provide information regarding other services offered at MCC or by community and state agencies.

Related Links

[Transitioning to College](#)
[Garth Gamblin Scholarship Scholarships Opportunities](#)
[Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#)

Valerie is located in room 139A on the first floor of the John H. Gray building. You can contact her at 824-1708 or by email at valerie.wolfe@kctcs.edu.