

Perks

Get Connected!

- Social & Cultural Activities (attend plays, movies, festivals, music events, dances, art festivals & more)
- Group support to help adjust to SJSU and learn about campus resources
- Introductions to campus involvement
- Graduation and Awards Ceremony
- Spring Barbecue & Holiday Parties

Feeling Overwhelmed?

- Academic Survival Skills (Peer Advisors, in connection with Counseling Services, give insider tips on how to make it at SJSU)
- Assistance with selecting classes and General Education advising
- Student Advocacy (help resolving issues with teachers/staff/ friends)

Who qualifies?

Under federal guidelines, students qualify for ASPIRE services if they are a US citizen or legal resident and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Low-income
- First-generation in college (neither parent has a degree from an accredited four-year US university or college)
- Registered with the Disability Resource Center at SJSU

“The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it.”

- Jean-Baptiste Poquelin



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The ASPIRE Program

Who are we?

Academic Support Program for Increased Retention in Education (ASPIRE) is a project funded by the US Department of Education and is categorized under the Federal TRiO Programs as "Student Support Services" (SSS).

TRiO Programs were originally funded as an outgrowth of civil rights legislation during the 1960's and are designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. Programs serve and assist individuals who are low-income, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs.

Eligible students may receive additional grant aid if they are current ASPIRE participants who are in their first two years of postsecondary education and are receiving Federal Pell Grants.

What is our Goal?

The goal of ASPIRE is to increase retention and graduation rates of our participants. We do this by providing opportunities for academic development, assistance with basic college requirements, and motivating students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education.

Joining:

If you are interested in applying to the ASPIRE Program, or know someone who might be, visit the ASPIRE website and download and print the application.

If you cannot gain access to the online application, stop by the ASPIRE front desk in the Student Services Center for a printed copy.



Programs

First-Year Experience

First Year Experience (FYE) brings together first year students who are interested in helping create a fun and exciting community designed to increase personal and educational power. Students have the opportunity to come together to create a learning community that will be a home away from home.

Beyond the Baccalaureate

The ASPIRE Program is happy and ready to assist upper-division and transfer students with help with questions regarding graduate school, job, and career exploration through the Beyond the Baccalaureate Planning (BBP).

BBP Services

- Develop an Education Action Plan with career goal interest
- Monitor students' progress
- Make referrals to campus community and other resources including the McNair Scholars Program
- Offer or refer students to workshops on topics related to graduate school/career planning or to job fairs

“Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”

- Malcolm Forbes

Advising

Survival at SJSU requires more than academic skills: It requires motivation and a commitment to learning. Our advising staff provides support in clarifying goals and finding solutions to personal concerns. We help students obtain information about requirements, course selection, financial aid, career planning, and other resources. Our advising services also include:

- Major/Career Exploration
- Scheduling Classes
- Student Advocacy
- Scholarship Search
- Assistance with Resume Writing
- Support in finding solutions to personal concerns and academic problems
- Making appropriate referrals to other SJSU resources
- 1 hour one-on-one sessions with an advisor; three times per semester, or as needed, for all ASPIRE students

Peer Advising

The Peer Advising component is among the most significant pieces of the program. Peer Advisors are service-minded, upper-division and graduate students who play a key role in assisting ASPIRE students who are becoming acclimated to the campus and the demands of collegiate life.