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Nevada State College wins \$1.2 million federal grant to help first generation, low-income students

HENDERSON, Nevada – Nevada State College (NSC) has received a \$1.2 million federally funded grant for five years intended to help first-generation and low-income students through a program that provides tutors, peer mentors, “success coaches” and help with preparation for graduate school.

“This grant enables Nevada State College to really build a safety net of support for students, many of whom will be entering freshmen,” said Robin Smith, director of the TRIO-SSS program. “Nevada State College has a sharp focus on retention. As student enrollment grows, it becomes even more important to ensure we are providing all our students the resources they need to complete their college education.”

Dubbed TRIO-SSS for the three main elements of its student support services, the program has accepted 72 students since its launch earlier this spring. College officials say the program can accommodate up to 140 students.

To be eligible, students must be either a first-generation college student – meaning neither parent graduated with a bachelor’s degree from a four-year college or university – or a low-income student as defined by federal government guidelines. Students who have a documented disability may also be eligible.

About Nevada State College

Nevada State College, a four-year public institution, is a member of the Nevada System of Higher Education. NSC places a special emphasis on the advancement of a diverse and largely under-served student population. Located on a developing 500-acre campus in the foothills of Henderson, Nevada, the college was established in 2002 as a new tier in the state system between the research universities and the two-year colleges. In this role, the college emphasizes high-quality instruction, exemplary service, engaging learning experiences, and innovation as a means to more efficient, effective outcomes in all corners of the campus. Since 2002, Nevada State College has grown to offer more than 45 majors and minors, has received independent accreditation and has expanded its physical campus. Committed to fostering a personal learning environment, students are taught by faculty who serve as mentors and guides in classrooms with an average class size of only 26 students. Nevada State College serves approximately 3,500 students and has over 2,600 alumni, each representing a broad array of cultural and economic backgrounds. For more information, visit <http://nsc.edu>.

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