Greetings AIMS Family!

April showers did bring May flowers! I see beautiful flowers everywhere this month! Also, in the famous word of Rafiki from the Lion King...“it is time! Time to begin our summer program! Our wonderful Bridge class ill be on campus in a few short weeks this month!

I hope that each of you had a wonderful school year and look forward to spending a few weeks with us this simmer! Good luck on your finals!

If you have any questions about the pre assignments you are currently working on, please contact us as soon as possible. You should have received a letter in the mail about move-in procedures along with a map of the resident hall location.

Please remind your parents that we will have a cook-out immediately following move-in for everyone! If you have not turned in your pick-up/drop-off form, please do so ASAP or make sure to bring it to move-in day.

Take care!

Doris
GREETINGS FROM ADMIN ASSISTANT

Hello Everyone!

It’s here....what?  Time for our Summer Program to begin.  In less than a month you will be on campus and enjoying the start of 2014 Summer Program.  If you have any paperwork for AIMS that you see laying around somewhere in your room, get it signed and mailed back in to us so that we can make sure that we have all of your paperwork for the summer that we need.

If you are going to have a car on campus this summer, you need to call me so I can send you a Vehicle Information Card.  If you picked one up at Orientation and still are planning to bring a car to campus, send in your card as soon as possible so I can get you a Parking Pass.

Have any questions please feel free to call me at 270-809-5429.

Take Care of yourself,

Gail Woolridge

COORDINATOR’S CORNER—AIMS I

Time definitely flies when you’re having fun! It’s hard to believe that in just a week our summer program will be up and in full swing with the Bridge Students arriving on campus and beginning their classes! It was so great to see so many of you at Orientation! So many new faces in addition to those that will be returning. Please take note of the deadline for pre-assignments (June 2, 2014) and be sure to mail them in prior to this date!

Hope that you all are rounding out your school year nicely and that your grades will reflect the hard work you have done throughout the school year. I hope AIMS will be an additional asset as you prepare for your next school year! As always, please send us any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Keene

COORDINATOR’S CORNER—AIMS II

Hello!

It’s hard to believe that Orientation has come and gone. It was nice meeting new students and seeing familiar faces, too. I hope you are all looking forward to the Summer 2014 Program! It is shaping up to be one of the best ones yet! That being said, please do not forget about your pre-summer assignments! They should be postmarked by June 2nd. Remember, turning assignments in after the due date disqualifies you from the end-of-summer trip! You don’t want that, I promise!

If you have any questions about any of the assignments please ask me. If you haven’t taken advanced math in school, don’t worry too much about the advanced math assignment (you must try though). Do some research online and give it your best shot!

If you all have any questions about anything at all, PLEASE do not hesitate to ask us. The AIMS staff is looking forward to our annual staff retreat at the end of the month in Eminence, MO! Here we will train the staff and just have a good time. This helps us all be the best we can be for YOU!

Talk to you soon!

Evan O’Neal
SAVE THE DATE

Health Sciences & Other Interesting Careers for Girls
FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2014
8:30am—3:45pm
Murray State University—Crisp Center, Paducah, KY

Conference Highlights

• Zumba Conference Kick-Off!
  Dress is casually comfortable as Leslie Shumpert gets the day started off with Zumba exercise for everyone!

• Special Guests include:
  Joanne Manager—JoanneLovesScience.com, Cogney Center—Hict of Science, and Holly Bloodworth—KY Teacher of the Year

• Special Interests:
  Grades 5-12 Biological and Health care Sciences Activities & Workshops
  Adults: Counselors, Educators and Industry Professionals

• Costs
  $30 Adult/$15 Students Lunch included

Paducah, KY offers a conference filled with fun, flare, and education!

The 2014 Kentucky Girls STEM Collaborative Conference Committee invites you and your female students to come take part in an extremely exciting and hands on experience! The Health Sciences and Other Interesting Careers for Girls Conference offers a plethora of educational ideas for educators as well as several exciting activities for girls in grades 5-12 who are interested in the STEM fields. Educators and students are encouraged to dress casually as we begin our day with Zumba and work our way through various activities related to the Health Sciences. Educators will have the opportunity to discuss current trends with leading professionals from both the classroom and the field. Students will have hands on activities including opportunities to archive their day by submitting photos to an Instagram site! Meet the women on top of this page! They are all special guests of this year’s conference!

Registration is now open on the following sites. Please note there are two URLs—one for adults and one for students:
http://www.ngcproject.org/kentucky-girls-stem-collaborative-conference-students

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http://www.murraystate.edu
http://www.uky.edu
http://www.lourdes.edu
Today our focus on preventing disease, illness and injury is just as apparent as our fight to diagnose and treat them. And as the youngest baby boomers celebrate their 50th birthdays this year, the need to employ qualified health care personnel to both prevent and treat medical conditions intensifies. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports we not only need to retain those workers already in the field, but also add a substantial number of new ones, with the most occupational growth expected among health care support jobs. That’s why for this year’s list of Best Health Care Jobs, we include usual suspects like nurses and physicians, but also a few unexpected picks like diagnostic medical sonographers and veterinary technicians. Read more on how we rank the best jobs.

1) **Dentist**
As Dr. Seuss once wrote, “Teeth are always in style.” Dentists surely think so. They make their living diagnosing and treating our teeth and gums, and counseling us on how to maintain good oral health. This profession is expected to add 23,300 new jobs up to the year 2022.

2) **Nurse Practitioner**
It’s a nurse practitioner’s array of capabilities, coupled with the fact they can work independently of physicians when treating patients, that makes our No. 2 Health Care Job an attractive career choice. The BLS predicts 37,100 new positions for these professionals between 2012 and 2022.

3) **Pharmacist**
Pharmacists mix technical, organizational and people skills in a customer service environment. Each day, more than 281,560 pharmacists dispense medicine and advice to patients at hospitals and retail chains. The profession is expected to grow 14.5 percent by 2022.

4) **Registered Nurse**
Nursing is an indispensable profession in health care; one where workers are almost always needed. This year is no different, as the BLS anticipates 19.4 percent employment growth in this field between 2012 and 2022.

5) **Physical Therapist**
A physical therapist’s job description might include helping a paralytic regain mobility or a cancer survivor renew his or her strength. The profession is expected to grow 36 percent by 2022.

6) **Physician**
Physicians are at the top of the health care food chain – it’s their responsibility to diagnose and treat patients, and instruct on proper diet, hygiene and disease prevention. Like other jobs in this industry, physicians will see abundant job growth. The BLS forecasts 123,300 new job openings for physicians from 2012 to 2022.

7) **Dental Hygienist**
In addition to cleaning teeth, dental hygienists educate patients on proper oral hygiene. Something else of note: They make yearly salaries of about $70,700, although most work part time. Expect 33.3 percent employment growth for this field from 2012 to 2022.

8) **Physician Assistant**
Working under the supervision of doctors, physician assistants interpret X-rays and blood tests, record patients’ progress, conduct routine exams and treat a range of ailments. When you couple growth projections for 33,300 new jobs with a razor-thin 1.2 percent unemployment rate – one of the lowest on our Best Jobs list overall – the job outlook for physician assistants is quite strong.

9) **Occupational Therapist**
Not all therapy involves evaluating clients reclining on Barcaloungers. Occupational therapists, for instance, help patients with physical, mental and developmental disabilities to assimilate in society. Its one of the occupations that’s especially on the rise, with 29 percent employment growth expected between 2012 and 2022.

10) **Phlebotomist**
Anyone who chooses this field has to be comfortable with blood, needles, databases, test tubes and blood vials. Top-notch people skills don’t hurt, either. The BLS forecasts growth of 27,100 new positions for this occupation between 2012 and 2022.
Dr. Sarr & Mr. Keene—Guest Presenters at 37th AEEE Conference in San Juan, PR

The Association for Equality and Excellence in Education hosted its 37th Annual Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico May 2, 2014—May 8, 2014. The conference theme was **Passion, Promise, and Possibility: Celebrating the TRiO Experience.** Members of the association included employees from TRiO Programs of New Jersey, New York, and San Juan. Participants from as far as San Francisco, CA, Las Vegas, NV, Texas, Missouri, and Kentucky were also in attendance. Dr. Doris Clark-Sarr and Mr. Stephen Keene were facilitators of a diversity workshop entitled *Enhancing Cultural Diversity and Encouraging Global Awareness.*

Attendees of the workshop were very pleased with the information exchanged and were excited to have an interactive experience in which they got to move around and also discuss and share diversity information with colleagues. Jeremy Kinsman, Assistant Director of the Upward Bound Program at Cornell University shared with the presenters that he was extremely pleased with the workshop and was very excited to learn how other programs handle cultural differences and diversity issues with their students and staff. “You handled very sensitive subject matter very elegantly and you were able to keep the group engaged and focused on what the students should take away from the TRiO Summer Programs,” said Kinsman in regards to the workshop.

The workshop had a strong focus on ways TRiO employees can assist its students and staff in dealing with stereotypes and issues that generally arise from unawareness whether it be race, culture, gender, sexuality, religion, etc. The workshop also gave practices and easy ideas that would assist programs in creating global awareness. Additionally, Dr. Sarr and Mr. Keene shared activities that promote cultural diversity and global awareness within the AIMS Program in which they both work. The Cultural Extravaganza was a highlight of the activities discussed and attendees were extremely impressed with the relationship and bond formed between the AIMS Program and Murray State University’s various international organizations.

Other highlights of the workshop included an icebreaker called Communication Struggle in which the participants could only communicate through actions and were not allowed to speak and also an icebreaker that had teams discuss and list stereotypes that are related to themselves as well as other populations.
"Project Planner Nights are just another way we can help our parents," says Denise Read. "So many of our parents want to help their children, but often they are unsure of what to do or they do not have the funds to support their projects. By providing this opportunity, we are working together as a team -- teachers and parents -- to provide success for the students."

A Title I resource teacher and parent involvement coordinator, Read organized the first Project Planner Night in response to teacher concerns about students failing to complete projects at Windsor Oaks Elementary School in Virginia Beach, Virginia. When she inquired about why the assignments were not done, students frequently replied that they didn't have the materials required at home.

"I suggested to the teachers that we provide the parents and students access to the materials needed for the projects," Read told Education World. "I polled the teachers and got a list of craft materials they felt would be good to have on hand and that would give students a good start on their projects.

Read also provided a flyer for the teachers to send home with the project assignment that announced the Project Planner Night.

On the evening of the event, Read assisted teachers with laying out materials, compiling a list of useful Web sites, welcoming parents and students, and answering questions. Participants gathered in the cafeteria where they examined a table with several sample projects from previous years along with the grading rubric.

"Students and parents could see what an 'A' project looked like and what a 'C' project looked like," stated Read. "There was a long table covered with craft supplies, and the parents and students could select materials to start working on the project. Several of the third grade teachers were on hand to answer questions, to give suggestions, and to clarify the directions."

Work began immediately. Read believes that having the sample projects provided ideas and focus for the families. The computer lab was available for those who needed to do research, and students were permitted to print relevant pictures and information.

"Parents were very appreciative. Not only did they appreciate the supply of materials, but they appreciated the opportunity to ask questions, to get clarification, and also to have some quality one-on-one time to work with their children," Read observed.

Working in the group setting also allowed students to exchange ideas with peers. Read noted a sense of relief on the faces of parents as they left the event.

"More Project Planner Nights are definitely planned," reported Read. "I would like to be able to provide this opportunity for all projects that are assigned. If I had my way, I would offer the Project Planner Night two nights to accommodate more working parents' schedules or possibly expand the timeframe to allow the parents a chance to make it to the event."

A Project Planner Night requires an initial investment in basic craft supplies such as construction paper, scissors, craft glue, chenille stems, and clay. A well-organized storage system helps the event run smoothly and enables organizers to quickly determine what materials need to be restocked.

"Have basic craft materials on hand and ready," Read advises. "Then when a grade level wants to host a project night, all you need to do is pick up any additional project specific materials that may be needed."
SALUTE TO OUR BRIDGE STUDENTS

AIMS is pleased to announce the following students as Bridge Participants for the summer of 2014:
Darreia Esters of Fulton County High School
Trisha Stinson of Paducah Tilghman High School (West Kentucky Middle College)
Ariel Vines of Big Sandy High School

These 3 women will begin summer courses at Murray State University on Tuesday, May 27, 2014. They will move into the dorm on May 26, 2014.

The AIMS Program Central Staff is very pleased with their accomplishments and looks forward to seeing them serve as leaders throughout this summer. We would also like to congratulate them as well as all our AIMS graduates as they begin a new chapter in their educational careers!
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SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

April
9th  Honor Roll Cultural Outing
12th  ACT Test Date
19th  AIMS Orientation 251 Blackburn Science Bldg

May
26th—29th  AIMS Staff Retreat  Eminence, MO

26th  Bridge Move In Day 2:00pm
27th  Bridge Classes Begin

June
2nd  AIMS Pre-Assignments Due Date
3rd—5th  Bridge Surprise Trip
6th—8th  Bridge Weekend
8th  Undergraduate Move-In Day & Cook-Out 2:00pm
9th  Undergraduate Classes Begin
11th  AIMS Testing & Carnival
14th  ACT Test Date

18th  Venture River Day & Bridge Graduation
20th—22nd  Bridge St. Louis Trip
25th  Discovery Park of America & Cultural Outing (TBA)
27th  Closing Symposium & Move-Out Day
28th—July 2nd  End Of Year Trip (TBA)