“We support both low-income students and first-generation students”
Happy New Year and welcome to the Student Enrichment Services (SES) Newsletter! We hope you had a great winter break and a fantastic fall quarter. We’re reaching out because we want to be sure you are aware of who we are and how we can support your experiences as students coming from low-income and/or first-generation backgrounds at Northwestern. In this issue, you’ll find a snapshot of our fall quarter highlights. You’ll also receive another SES Newsletter at the end of winter quarter and a final publication in spring. We want you to know that SES is here for you and we encourage you to reach out. Welcome back to campus and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

**OUR MISSION**

Student Enrichment Services works with students from low-income and/or first-generation backgrounds to enhance their academic support, personal development and professional growth.

**“WE ARE HERE” CAMPAIGN**

Watch [“We Are Here.”](#) This new video features your classmates, staff and administrators, and provides a glimpse into the experience of low-income and/or first-generation students at Northwestern.
MEET THE TEAM

KOURTNEY COCKRELL
is the director of Student Enrichment Services. Kourtney identifies as a Black, Jewish, and first-generation college student and graduated from the University of Michigan. Kourtney is passionate about making Northwestern a more welcoming campus for students coming from low-income and/or first-generation backgrounds. She loves talking politics and considers herself a connoisseur of old school hip hop.

CORY FERRER
is an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, who splits his time between Student Enrichment Services and the office of Leadership and Community Engagement within Campus Life. As an undergrad at the University of Michigan, he identified as a low-income transfer student. He loves backpacking, reading, and trying new foods.

TIMOTHY MAYS
is a graduate assistant pursuing a Master’s in Higher Education at Loyola University. He is passionate about his work with the SES Peer Mentor program. As someone who identifies as Black, low income and first generation, he attributes much of his success to the quality mentorship he’s received. Tim hails from the San Francisco Bay Area, and hopes to impact students in a positive, purposeful and pragmatic way.

CHRISTINE Mendoza
is our administrative assistant. She works hard to keep all the wheels turning, and splits her time between SES and the office of Student Conduct. She loves all genres of music and played clarinet in marching band. Christine identifies as a first generation student.

Where can you find us?

You can find our offices in Scott Hall on the Lower Level, right across from the Arch! We’re in rooms 045 and 046.

Meet the SES Advocacy Committee

The SES Student Advocacy Committee Board is made up of 10 students who identify as low-income and/or first-generation as well as students who are interested in supporting the experience of these students at Northwestern. Board members are passionate about making Northwestern a more inclusive community for all students, and particularly the 14% of our students coming from low-income backgrounds. Feel to reach out to these students with questions or concerns.

Office Hours

Questions about Student Enrichment Services or the support we offer? Schedule an appointment with SES director Kourtney Cockrell. If you have an urgent request, don’t hesitate to reach out.
IT’S TIME TO RE-APPLY FOR FAFSA!
Be sure to re-apply for FAFSA as soon as you can, particularly if you are an Illinois Resident. All students must re-apply for FAFSA in order to receive your federal financial aid award for next year 2016-2017.

Illinois residents qualify for the special MAP Grant (Illinois Monetary Award Program) and early applications are STRONGLY encouraged. If you need assistance in completing your FAFSA, contact the Financial Aid office. For more information, visit the First-Time & Renewal Application Instructions.

SES RESOURCE PORTAL
Wondering how to pay for study abroad? Think you’ll need help with your physics homework? Our Portal offers awesome campus resources, from personal wellness to career support and beyond.

LAPTOP LOANER PROGRAM
Need to borrow a laptop? We’ve got you covered. SES has a limited amount of laptops available to loan on a short-term basis. Schedule an appointment and learn more about our program.

WINTER GEAR
Chicago can get pretty cold, particularly if you’re coming from a warm region. That’s why we have coats, hats, gloves and scarves available for low-income students who need them. All of our gear is brand new, courtesy of the Athletic Department and the Northwestern Bookstore. Learn more at the SES website.

KNIGHT EMERGENCY FUND
The Knight Family Foundation Emergency Fund is intended to support students with unexpected costs associated with a student emergency, including illness, travel associated with a death or illness of a family member, property damage and theft, and the need for temporary housing.

KATZ ENRICHMENT FUND
The Katz fund for student enrichment and activities ensures that students from all economic backgrounds can participate fully in the college experience. Pell-eligible students can apply for financial support to cover the costs of enrichment opportunities and campus activities such as student org dues, Fraternity and Sorority life, expenses associated with traveling internationally and more. The Katz Fund is expected to officially launch by the end of this academic year – stay tuned!

APPLY TODAY!
NORTHWESTERN CAREER ADVANCEMENT CAREER DEVELOPMENT FUND
Through the Career Development Fund, undergraduate students with financial need can apply to receive funding to support travel to internship, job, and graduate school interviews, professional career events and the purchase of professional attire. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the academic year. More information and an application can be found at this NCA Career Development Fund Website.
The SES Peer Mentor Program is underway! The SES Peer Mentor program is a year-long mentorship program that connects first-year students with trained upperclassmen mentors. Through one-on-one meetings, social events and workshops, students learn how to successfully navigate the Northwestern experience while developing strong relationships that will continue throughout their four years and beyond.

We've got a great group of first-year students working with four of our trained Peer Mentors. Meet our mentors here:

**THELMA GODSLAW**
Thelma is the current president of the African Student Association and majors in Sociology with a minor in Global Health Studies. She wants to let students know that their university years are a time of self-reflection and learning, to understand who they are and how their life experiences have shaped them so that they can use that knowledge to guide and propel them.

**LOREN AYALA**
Loren is a third year McCormick student and is very grateful to be a Quest Scholar and a Gates Millennium Scholarship recipient. As a Latina majoring in Civil and Environmental Engineering, Loren supports initiatives to increase the involvement and success of underrepresented students in STEM fields.

**JASON GARCIA**
As a counselor for the Freshman Urban Program, Jason has experience guiding freshmen through a new landscape and challenging their preconceptions with sensitivity. He has been a member of the Quest Scholars Network Executive Board for two years, and attributes much of his success to the mentorship he received in high school.

**ABBY ISSARRARAS**
Abby has been a cabin counselor, a life skills coach, and has engaged deeply in community service with orgs like Special Olympics and Jumpstart. She is a QuestBridge Match Scholar majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders & Psychology, and joined our mentorship program to be “a resource and welcome person to the crazy land that is college.”
Fall Quarter 2015 Highlights

Quest Scholars Ice Cream Social
SES partnered with Northwestern’s Quest Scholars Network during Wildcat Welcome to welcome incoming freshmen from low-income and/or first-generation backgrounds. More than 70 new students showed up to meet over ice cream and connect with new friends.

SES Workshop: Resources to Receipts
More than 60 students connected with key staff and administrators to learn about financial and academic resources on campus. The University Library, Office of Academic Residential Initiatives, and Undergraduate Financial Aid participated.

Northwestern in Chicago
Check out photos from Northwestern in Chicago, our new, bilingual (English and Spanish) event that gave admitted students and their families a welcoming space to learn about the Northwestern student experience.

Ryan Dinner
This annual fall dinner welcomed the new class of Ryan Scholars with guest speakers and interactive activities.

Upcoming Events
Stay tuned for events during winter quarter. In collaboration with our SES Student Advocacy Committee, we’ll be focusing on financial wellness programming, career development workshops, and opportunities to build community!