



OFFICE OF

Multicultural Student Success



WHO IS OMSS AND WHAT DO WE DO?

OMSS is a student success department dedicated to supporting first-generation college students, low-income college students and/or students of color. We offer empowerment programs that students can participate in for one year or for their entire time at DePaul.

Our programs look to support students at key moments in their college experience so they can be academically and socially successful. We work with students that are transitioning into college, either as freshmen or as transfers. We have dedicated offerings for men of color and women of color. We even have programs just for sophomores who are looking to make important choices about their career path.

In addition to programming, we are a first stop for students that are experiencing an emotional, academic, financial or social crisis and are looking for help managing these issues. OMSS is a key partner in DePaul University's advocacy network and works with other departments to support students in crisis.



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED WITH OMSS?

OMSS invites you to participate in one or more of our diverse empowerment programs. Are you transitioning to DePaul and looking to learn more about campus resources, meet some new friends, and become academically excellent? Or, have you taken care of these important transition steps and are now looking to develop your leadership skills and figure out your career path and plan? We have programs to address all of these crucial phases for a successful college experience.

To get involved, stop by or call the office, or email any OMSS professional staff member, and we can get you involved in the right programs to enhance your time at DePaul.



WHAT PROGRAMS DOES OMSS OFFER?

STARS: A peer to peer mentoring experience for freshmen and transfer students. A one-year mentoring program providing students with transformative learning experiences in the following areas: academic excellence, financial fitness, leadership development, emotional wellness and social networking. We provide engagement opportunities that promote increased affinity and community development.

PATHS: A career preparation program targeting sophomores that will prepare them for life after graduation.

MEN OF COLOR: An empowerment program for African-American, Latino, Asian-American and Native American men that focuses on academic excellence, networking and career preparation.

WOMEN EMPOWERED: A career and leadership development program for women of color geared o building a sense of community and enriching lives through opportunities and workshops that enable career development.

EXCEL: An academic success program that provides students with tutoring services and academic guidance.

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT: Offers a range of different financial resources for incoming and continuing students involved in OMSS programs.

SENIOR TRANSITIONS: A post-college preparation and transition program for graduating seniors designed to prepare students for life after DePaul University.

PARENT AND FAMILY OUTREACH & EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM: A program that works with families of first-year students of color and first-generation college students that empowers them to participate and be involved in their students' success.

WHAT OTHER SERVICES DOES OMSS PROVIDE?

There are several ways you can use our office beyond programming:

BOOK LOANS: Every academic quarter, DePaul students who bring a list of titles and authors with them to the front desk can check out free textbooks from OMSS' Book Loan Library.

Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

ON-CAMPUS JOBS: OMSS hires student workers and leaders. We have front desk positions, student internships, graduate assistantships and a variety of paid leadership opportunities. Please inquire on DePaul's Career Center website at studentemployment.depaul.edu.

ADVOCACY/CRISIS HELP: OMSS is a first stop for many DePaul students experiencing an emotional, academic, financial or social crisis and we can connect you to important advocacy resources on campus that provide the support you need.



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