### TITLE III OVERVIEW

**What is Title III?**

Title III is a grant program funded by the Department of Education as part of their Strengthening Institutions division. Dakota State University is now in the third year of this five-year grant program. The following programs are a part of the new Academic Support department on campus.

- Professional Advising
- Writing Center/Writing Center Online
- Supplemental Instruction

Under the direction of Grant Director Dr. Judy Dittman the following are program goals:

### WRITING CENTER

- Learning Assistants provided services to 214 students while 121 students utilized the WC more than once.
- Appointments in 2017-2018: 735
- The number of attended appointments increased from 345 in fall to 390 in spring. (13% increase)
- 76% of students who were referred and utilized the WC completed their course with a grade of C or higher.

### SUPPLEMENTAL

- 76% of students who attended SI completed their course with a C or higher.
- Students who utilized SI had a 24% higher success rate than those students who did not.
- Students who attended SI earned almost a letter grade higher than those who didn't attend SI.

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By January 2018, 90% of the arts & sciences on-campus students participating in individualized advising re-enrolled the subsequent semester (fall-to-spring), which is 2 percentage points higher than the university’s persistence rate (88%).

- 100% of the respondents who completed the advising survey agreed or strongly agreed that the advisor provided a caring, open atmosphere.
- 91% of the respondents agreed or strongly agreed the advisor was available when I need assistance.
- 91% of the respondents agreed or strongly agreed the advisor provides accurate information about requirements, prerequisites, etc.
**NEW STAFF MEMBERS**

Kristen Uilk M.S., joined the staff at the end of July. She has close to 15 years of service in higher education and serves as the Activity Director/ Learning Support Specialist for the Title III grant. Kristen supervises for the Writing Center, Supplemental Instruction, Peer Advisors and the Professional Advising Coaches.

Lisa Hardie began her duties in August. She and her family moved to the area from Arkansas where she served in the K-12 school system for 18 years. Lisa is a Professional Academic Advising Coach working with students in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Penny Johnson M.S., joined the Title III staff the beginning of August. Penny also worked in the K-12 school system for 12 years. Penny is a Professional Academic Advising Coach working with students in the Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences.

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**ACADEMIC SUPPORT FALL 2018**

**The Writing Center is open!**

There are four Learning Assistants serving on-campus and online students. The center is located in Beadle Hall 112 and students schedule their appointments through Starfish.

Check out our YOUTUBE channel for more resources - search for Academic Support at Dakota State

**Supplemental Instruction (SI)**

Supplemental Instruction is being offered for three courses for both on-campus and online DSU students.

Courses include:

- General Biology - BIOL 151
- College Algebra - MATH 102
- Discrete Math - MATH 201