**STAR Student Coalition**

The STAR program has a student organization!!

Would you like to be a member of a student group that is focused on supporting your peers in the campus-community?

The goal of the STAR Student Coalition is to mobilize SSU students to understand and respond to severe lack of resources and homelessness among their peers.

**Values**: Respect for individuals, maintaining the dignity of the person, empathy, brother’s keeper, respect for support, work and healthy help seeking behaviors.

Advisor—J. Awe

Co-Advisor—Stephanie Sneed

**NEW MEMBERS**

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**Donate**

Your commitment to helping disconnected young adults in our colleges to weather the crises in their lives is appreciated by those who help them; but most importantly, by those who benefit from our services.

For a current list of student needs, please call 912.358.3129
History
In 2011 STAR program was developed as a response to the increasing basic needs of students who aged out of foster care. Leslie Walker, MSW (former counselor) was a former DFCS worker and she quickly associated certain issues with students who had aged out of foster care and were now college students. In response to her concern about these recurring issues among a number of students, J. Awe (her supervisor) asked her to develop a programmatic response. She coined the program name - S.T.A. R. and Awe developed the first proposal to support the idea that Walker had posited. The first efforts began with a pantry (supported by the campus community), a partnership for scholarships and care packages by the NSORO foundation and the students meeting for group sessions.

Star Mission Statement
To empower and support higher education outcomes for students who have aged out of foster care and those who are homeless; through the use of campus-community networks and resources.

Program Outcomes
Registered students that adequately utilize the services should be able to:
- Increase their connectivity to essential campus-community resources.
- Develop a personal responsibility plan and learn how to be self-advocates.
- Improve their help-seeking behaviors, and recognize that asking for help is a sign of strength.

How we Help
STAR Student Coalition
Pantry
Closet
Case Management
Coaching
Laptop scholarship Competition
Adopt a Student
Home for the Holidays
Celebration Club
Emergency Shelter and Community
Referrals

Advisory Council
The Advisory Council is made up of student consumers of the STAR services, student coalition members, staff, faculty and community members who work in related fields.
The role of the STAR Advisory Council is to:
1. Set mission, strategic goals, guidelines and policy
2. Raise funds and provide resources
3. Represent the program to the public

Awards
Peach of a Program Award 2011-2012—GCPA—Georgia College Personnel Association
Clinical Program of the Year Award 2014—GCCA- Georgia College Counseling Association.