

SPRING 2015

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Newsletter

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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

WELCOME BACK!



Cup Runneth Over 2014

Message from the Director

Happy 2015!

TRiO Student Support Services wishes you a Happy New Year and hopes you returned to campus with a renewed sense of purpose and excitement!

At the end of the last semester, we said goodbye to some of our most amazing TRiO students. We wished them well as they walked across the stage during graduation. We know their hard work paid off...and we know yours will also! You can count on it— and we are here to help.

There will be new faces to welcome you into the TRiO Lab, so please stop by

to say hello, introduce yourself, or sign up for a service.

As always, we will be planning workshops, on and off campus activities, and providing tutoring and counseling.

Join us in the Lab to help you prepare for your spring semester. We will be having workshops and activities over:

- ▶ Time Management & Goal Setting
- ▶ Graduate School Exploration
- ▶ FAFSA Application Assistance
- ▶ Scholarship Search
- ▶ "Know Your Neighborhood" series

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You are always welcome and we look forward to seeing you!

Blessings,

Wynette Keller
Director-TRiO Student Support Services



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TRiO Student Support Services is a grant program, federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education, designed to serve 200 students from 2010-2015.

TRiO Delivers Holiday Cheers

On November 18th, TRiO Student Support Services and the Living Learning Community gathered in Dubuis Lounge to assemble cup care packages at the annual "Cup Runneth Over" community service project.

Donations were collected throughout the fall semester, making it possible to assemble 260 cup care packages, surpassing our number from last year! Items donated included coffee mugs, bags of hot chocolate and tea, and hotel toiletries.

David Espinoza, administrative assistant in the Ettling Center for Civic Leadership, provided students with insight into the meaning of volunteerism and social justice. Students also received community service hours for volunteering.

The donations benefitted the women and families in transition at the San Antonio Metropolitan Ministry, Inc. (SAMMinistries), whose mission is helping the homeless and those at risk become self-sufficient.

Special donations were made by the UIW C.A.R.E. organization, Harmony Elementary School in the East Central ISD, and Professor Suzan Roy's Introduction to Theology and Ethics classes.

TRiO plans to continue "Cup Runneth Over" in the fall 2015 semester and collaborate with SAMMinistries. Donations will be accepted all year long, and can be dropped off in the Administration Building, Room 225.



Students work as a team to assemble the cup care packages.



Senior Campaign

Calling all TRiO Seniors!

Senior Review with Ms. De Hoyos will include:

- ☒ Degree Audit Application
- ☒ Completion of Community Service Hours
- ☒ Final semester registration to ensure registration for all remaining, required courses
- ☒ Required Exit Interview during the intended final semester of course work
- ☒ Graduate School Exploration

Set your appointments for Senior Review as soon as possible.
Call 210- 805-5812.

ADVISING & TUTORING

You will be receiving a call/text from the TRiO Lab to schedule your advising and tutoring appointments for the Spring 2015 semester.

We have tutors available in Math, Science, English, and Business.* Check tutoring availability every semester!*



One Step Closer



Sophomore TRiO students, Carolyn Bush-Mendez and Jennifer Peacock, start their first semester at the Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing and Health Professions this spring.

Carolyn and Jennifer began their rigorous academic journey in the fall of 2013. Both students knew they wanted to help others, and decided to pursue nursing degrees. They encounter new challenges within the school of health professions.

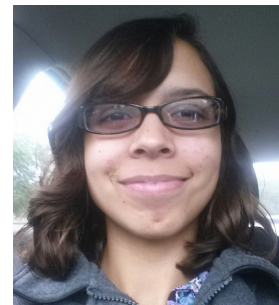
Jennifer's biggest obstacle has been preparing for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS V) entrance exam, and the stress this brought on. "TRiO has helped me by encouraging me to do my best."

As for Carolyn, keeping up with deadlines tested her time management and goal setting skills.

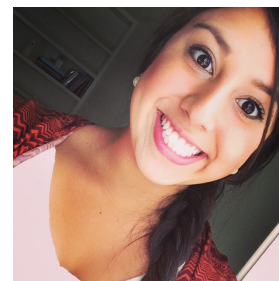
She attended informative TRiO workshops and received a planner to manage deadlines and assignments.

"Knowing that TRiO is there supporting you and that there will always be an ear to listen and a guiding hand when I'm not sure what to do next is enough for me not to give up, despite challenges."

Jennifer advises future nursing students to "utilize all of the resources TRiO has to offer and to never be afraid to ask for help." "Test scores do not reflect your self-value. You can do anything you put your mind to," advises Carolyn.



Carolyn Busch-Mendez



Jennifer Peacock



REMINDERS FOR THE SPRING...

- ☐ Schedule your TRiO Advising & Tutoring appointments
- ☐ Sign up for TRiO Activities & Workshops
- ☐ Enroll in a payment plan with the Business Office
- ☐ Visit the Office of Financial Assistance for questions about your UIW Award Letter
- ☐ Submit your FAFSA application (UIW FAFSA school code is 003578)
- ☐ Graduating Seniors: Apply for May, August, or December graduation
- ☐ Check your Cardinal email regularly
- ☐ Write down important academic deadlines in your planner (last day to register, add, or change your schedule, etc.)
- ☐ Visit the UIW Registrar website to download the current Academic Calendar & Deadlines: <http://www.uiw.edu/registrar/deadlines.html>.

Professional School Prep Books

Need to prepare to take an entrance exam? Interested in graduate studies?

2015 Prep Books available for the:

- ☒ GRE
- ☒ LSAT
- ☒ PCAT
- ☒ MCAT

For more information, contact Ms. De Hoyos @ (210) 805-5812.

Congratulations!



TRiO member, Dominique Hunter, won Homecoming Queen!

Photo courtesy of the Logos



What is TRiO SSS?

Student Support Services

The Federal TRiO Programs (TRiO) are outreach and student service programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

We provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and motivate students towards the successful completion of their postsecondary

education and future academic goals.

The goal of SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of our participants.

Who we serve:

UIW students who have academic need and qualify as:

- Low-income
- First-generation college student
- Registered with Student Disability Services

Our Services include:

- Academic tutoring
- Academic advising
- Financial Aid workshops
- Financial Literacy Education
- Graduate School Exploration
- Guidance and campus referrals
- Mentoring Program
- Community Service Opportunities
- Academic and Cultural Events



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