

Together Realizing Individual Opportunities

The American Dream

Ben Tobias, Program Director

Let me start by laying an inconvenient truth on you...you will not be an American Idol. Nor will you be Beyonce, Peyton Manning, Mia Hamm, Tiger Woods or LeBron James. You have a better chance at winning the lottery than you do of being these, or any, celebrities. They may have achieved the American Dream, but neither you, nor I, will be them.

I really don't like starting my words with such negative remarks, but the truth can be hard at times.

Now, what can you be? How can you achieve in a manner that is accessible for everyone; where no one (not even Simon) will stand in your way? Education. It's the great equalizer. It's available to any and all who want to take it. Achieving the American Dream in the manner that the above celebrities did takes skill and a whole lot of luck. There is no luck involved in education. Work hard, and you will be rewarded. Period.

I love that concept...hard work will be rewarded. My high school swim coach used to use the term GIGO...Garbage In, Garbage Out. You get what you put into it. I think that's awesome. That's the message we try to emulate in TRiO...you get out what you put in.

So, the American Dream is out there for us to take. But, for those of us who can't sing like Beyonce, or throw like Peyton, or jump like LeBron, we have to rely on our brains to take us places. And the good news is that we all have brains! How we use them is an individual choice that even Simon can't criticize.

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TRiO Scholarship
Information will be available in March for the TRiO Scholarship for the 2007-2008 Academic School Year.



TUTORING in the CAL Lab
Please go to the following link for the latest Tutoring Schedule. The schedule will also be posted in the TRiO lab.
http://www.starkstate.edu/academics/files/CAL_Tutor_Fall06.pdf



Contact Information Change?

Has your address, phone, or email changed? Notify Liz Jacob at the front desk in TRiO B230 of these changes. This will ensure you are aware of activities and other information that influence your participation in TRiO.

Happy Valentines Day!

TRIO Peer Mentors

Kamille Austin

Les Brown

Maureen Cain

Dee Mack

Dean McAbier

Jill McDonald

Stephanie McKnight

Denise Messier

Eve Morgan

Shervi Nisly

Ken Richardson

Michelle Watkins

Rachael Wheeler

Jason Zink

What are TRIO Peer Mentors?

Peer mentors are students assisting peers to foster a relationship through shared experiences and expertise. They build and promote personal and academic growth with new TRIO students.

Duties of a Peer Mentor

- Welcome newcomers and take personal interest in their development
- Share your knowledge, skills, and experience with other students
- Provide leadership and encouragement toward academic success
- Build trust and foster a friendship

Peer Mentoring Qualifications

- Be a current TRIO participant in good standing
- Have a cumulative GPA above 3.0
- Be a TRIO student for at least one semester

NEW! TRiO Volunteer Tutor Program

Subjects Available for Tutoring:

Microsoft Office

E-mail

Internet

Educational Technology ECE126

Infants & Toddlers ECE124

Curriculum Design & Instruction ECE122

General Psychology PSY121

Child Development PSY125

College Writing III ENG105

College Composition ENG124

College Writing II ENG103

Technical Comprehension IDS101, IDS102

Psychological Aspects of Physical Therapy PSY222

Life Span Development OTA223

Medical Terminology BIO125

Intro to A & P BIO101

Are you interested in volunteering to tutor other TRiO students?

Are you a TRiO student in need of tutoring?

We now have a new program where TRiO students tutor other TRiO students. If you are interested in tutoring please stop by B230 to fill out the volunteer tutor application. You must have received an A or B in the courses you choose to tutor. If you are in need of tutoring please contact Liz at extension 4172 or stop by B230.



Students Tiffany Harris and Barb Esway study together in the TRiO lab.

Minority Student Awareness Committee

By Murray L. Hooten III

TRIO's NEW **Minority Student Awareness Committee**, headed by Murray L. Hooten III, is off to a great start! One of our major responsibilities is to help heighten the awareness of TRIO's programs and services to our minority students in our program. We are also working to increase the participation level of our minority students in TRIO as well. In an effort to execute our goals, we have had two Advisory Board meetings where we have discussed topics ranging from the creation and operation of M.S.A.C. to our students' needs in TRIO.

The Advisory Board Members of M.S.A.C. are:

Kamille Austin- Pre-Medical Coding

Mina Williams- Pre-Medical Assisting

Turquoise Montgomery- Pre-Physical Therapy

Joshua Jackson- Pre-Physical Therapy

Larry Campbell- Pre-Dental Hygiene

James Long, Jr- Human & Social Services

In our recent meeting this past Wednesday, January 31st, M.S.A.C. board members and I reviewed our newly created M.S.A.C. Constitution (which details our organization and establishes rules for M.S.A.C.). We also discussed M.S.A.C. Officer Duties. There will be four Officers in M.S.A.C. which will consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and M.S.A.C. Delegate. Our election process has taken place and final decisions will be announced at our next Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, February 14th. We also finalized preparations for Regent Anthony Houston's visit for next **Friday, February 9th**. M.S.A.C. Advisory Board will be in attendance.

Coming Soon!

M.S.A.C. will be open to the TRIO-student community coming soon! Currently, the focus is on solidifying officers for our Advisory Board. Once this process is complete, the Board will begin to move forward in creating programs and holding open meetings for our TRIO students to attend.



Murray L. Hooten III
Retention Specialist
M.S.A.C. Coordinator/Advisor

Welcome New TRiO Students!

NEW!

Jacqueline Bowen
 Sabrina Brinson
 Larry Campbell
 Lonnie Johnson
 Dawn Mizak
 Debora Roberts
 Christy Shumm

TRiO Library

The TRiO library is located in B230 in the computer lab. As books come in we will email our students to let them know what is available. If you are interested in checking out a book please see Liz Jacob at the front desk. Please feel free to donate any old text books, dictionaries, thesaurus, or any other books that TRiO students could read. With your help the new library will be a success!



Happy Birthday!

SSCT Dean's List
 Student must be full time
 with a 3.5 for the semester.

Kristen Batche
Tonya Betz
Danielle Bowen
Leslie Brown
Koretta Broyles
Lindsay Frazier
Ariel Grigas
Arah Looney
Dean McAbier
Jill McDonald
Joshua McGaughey
Stephanie Melby
Eve Morgan
Billie Richardson
Rachael Wheeler
Jason Zink

Greg Archer	1/28	Christy Martinez	3/4
Pam Bennett	1/26	Melanie Mayle	1/10
Jackie Bowen	1/2	Trena McNeal	2/1
Sabrina Brinson	2/2	Sherri Nisly	3/23
Carol Carter	3/17	Joanne Parsons	2/18
Erin Chambers	1/6	Carlynn Patterson	1/28
Clarence Cleveland	1/18	Todd Post	3/6
Deanna DeMuesy	1/1	Amanda Richardson	1/11
Dennis Emerick	1/27	Cecil Rudolph	3/15
Lisa Farrell	1/19	Tara Satterfield	2/19
Bill Fields	3/24	Ben Shull	3/1
De'Meese Gordon	1/9	Amara Snell	2/13
Ariel Grigas	1/10	Nicole Tanner	1/30
Paula Hankison	3/7	Phenicia Thomas	1/9
Marcianne Hawkins	2/15	Quentin Thomas	2/5
Emily Haynam	2/17	Joe Toe	2/2
Michelle Kamp	3/13	Michele Vogt	3/3
Danielle Ledsome	1/28	Ashley Ward	1/16
Alicia Lemasters	2/18	Joel White	3/24
Dee Mack	3/25	Mina Williams	1/22
Desiree Marshall	1/20	Sara Yingling	3/7