



### A Word From Our Program Director

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! So much has happened since we last published a newsletter. First and foremost, Liz Jacob left TRiO. Liz loved her job and enjoyed working with all of you, but having her second son made her want to stay home more often and that's great for her. In her place is Robin Hinton. Robin has already made herself a valuable member of TRiO, and many of you have taken the time to welcome her to our program and school.

We've had numerous graduates and several transfer students move on from TRiO, and that's the ultimate goal. It's such a pleasure to watch you reach your goals and succeed in the classroom and in life. If we at TRiO have had anything to do with that, it makes us proud.

There are a lot of new faces in TRiO and many more will be joining soon. I love it when current TRiO students welcome new ones with smiling faces. It reminds me that we're all in this together.

That sums it up, in essence...we're all in this together. We're more than happy to provide all the academic support you need to succeed and, conversely, your success helps remind us why we love what we do. It's a great, symbiotic relationship.

So welcome back to school and get ready for a great spring semester. There's a lot of work to do, but, together, we'll make it through.

~Ben Tobias

Consider the postage stamp: its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing til it gets there. ~ Josh Billings



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### TRiO Scholarship Information

Scholarships are available for the Fall '08 semester. Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible: be a TRiO member in good standing, have a 2.4 GPA, demonstrate financial need, be eligible for federal Pell Grants and be enrolled for the Fall '08 semester. Scholarships are available for half-time, three quarter time and full-time students. Please pick up an application from Robin in room B230 or online @ starkstate.edu

# Student Profiles

## Jason Zink

Jason Zink is starting his fourth semester at Stark State. He currently resides in Alliance with his wife, Amy, and his two year old son, Lucas. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family and going to local establishments at the Lake Erie Islands to listen to folk singers and bands.

After serving in the Coast Guard for eight years, Jason decided to pursue a college education. While still participating in the Coast Guard as a reserve on the weekends, Jason is working toward a degree in the Medical Instrumentation Sterilization Program, with a graduation date of summer '08 and hopes to start the Respiratory Therapy program in the fall. As a member of Phi-Theta Kappa International Society, Jason takes his studies very seriously.

Jason feels the TRiO program has been a tremendous support! Jason acknowledged that the seminars on study habits, time management, and math testing skills have helped him a great deal. He gained additional inspiration from TRiO's guest speaker, Anthony Houston. Jason admitted Houston's talk made him think "if this man can accomplish all these things, I can do this too."

## Audra Barthelmeh

Audra Barthelmeh is in her third year of studies pursuing a Respiratory Therapy degree. She graduated from Dover High School in 2005 where she was active in tennis and 4-H club.

Family is very important to Audra. Her parents are supportive with her schoolwork and often quiz her on course materials. Audra also has a sister who attends Stark State. One of her most memorable events concerning family occurred when she and her mother graduated the same year; Audra from high school, and her mother from Kent State with a nursing degree. In her spare time, she enjoys working out, spending time with family, and sitting for children, pets and homes. Occasionally, she likes to go shopping or out to eat with friends.

Audra absolutely loves being a TRiO member. She enjoys the quiet, friendly, relaxing atmosphere and spends most of her time there to study and do homework. She likes going to the TRiO seminars because "she always learns something from them." The seminars have helped her to study and manage her time better. Audra admits she has had some ups and downs with her studies, but is quick to say, "Cyndie", her retention specialist, "is always there helping and encouraging me." Besides Cyndie, Audra attributes her success to thinking positively, working hard, and never giving up.

**"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved."**

**William Jennings Bryant**

## New TRiO Students

Sheila McGhee	Michael Robbins
Amanda Mullins	Kathryn Smucker
Debra Nelson	Penny Stahl
Aleta Bridges	Andrea Thomas
Cheryl Cluck	Brice Tinlin
Emmanuel Cosme	Brittani Tucker
Willie Daniels	Shane Turckes
LaFarra Daniels	Carol Biggums
Sandra Everett	Kevin Townsend
Carmen Garner	
Sherri Hooten	
Shannon Jackson	
Tanya Jamison	
Kevin Jordan	
Robert Martin	



## Why Meet Your Advisor?

To develop a plan, to learn school requirements, to add or drop courses, to discuss academic problems, and to plan for graduation.

## New Administrative Assistant

### Robin Hinton

Robin, a Canton native, joined the TRiO staff in November. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree from Malone College in Business. Before coming to Stark State, she worked for several social services agencies, including Trillium and the Alzheimer's Association. As a lifelong volunteer, Robin has a deep passion for educating and supporting others.

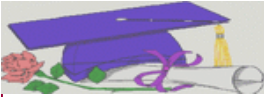
Robin enjoys spending time with family, which includes her husband, Jeff; daughter, Natalie; and son, Matthew. Dining out is one of their favorite activities. Robin likes to exercise, read and ride four-wheelers in her spare time.

Robin is thrilled to be part of the TRiO program and looks forward to getting to know the students and help in any way she can. Stop in and say hi!

Are you **creative**?  
Do you like to use  
the computer? Do  
you have a **quirky,**  
**funny side?**

If so, we are looking for someone to create a comic strip for

# Student Success Stories



## Congratulations Graduates!

Paula Dille-Franks - Associate Degree in Human and Social Services

Laura Griffin-White—Associate Degree in Management Information Systems

Anthony Long—Associate Degree in Interactive Media

Danielle Bowen—Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education

Congratulations to Michele Vogt who was recently nominated and elected as the 2007 -08 Student Government President!

*Congratulations Sherri Nisly! You earned an overall grade of an 'A' in Children with Physical Exceptionalities. Way to go:) Gale Ross*

### Dean's List-Fall '07

Raeann Archual  
Danielle Bowen  
Janet Coats  
Paula Dille-Franks  
Sandra Everett  
Ariel Grigas  
Tanya Jamison  
Kristen Kerr  
Anthony Long  
Arah Looney  
Denise Messier  
Donna Murphy  
Sherri Nisly  
Paula Patterson  
Muriel Slaughter  
Mina Williams  
Patricia Woodside  
Jason Zink



Congratulations to Jason Zink for his acceptance into Phi Theta Kappa!

Congratulations to Denise Messier for her 4.0 semester. Good luck in starting your Occupational Therapy Assistant program in January!

**If you would like to share a success story, please stop by B230 and see Robin Hinton**