

Together Realizing Individual Opportunities

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A Word from Our Program Director ~ Ben Tobias

Though we're well into the fall semester, it's not too late to say "welcome back!" We have so many new and exciting things happening in TRiO. We're in our fourth year now. Some of you have been with us all along; some have graduated and transferred; and many of you are brand new students. We're excited to have all of you...old and new TRiO students alike.

We've made some interesting changes to the program this year. First off is our Facebook page. It's a great way to communicate with each other, as well as keep up-to-date on the latest happenings and events with the program. Murray is administering the page, so if you have any good ideas on what to put on it, let him know.

We've also created both an on-line and hard copy calendar to keep everyone informed of what's going on in a particular month...including birthdays! Take a look at the calendar and wish your fellow TRiO students a happy birthday. I'm sure they would love to hear that!

There's a new phone line for TRiO...330-305-6602. This will take some getting used to...especially for our TRiO "old timers". The old number still works, but try to use the new one when you call in.

Last, but not least, we're going to feature more college information this year, since many of our TRiO students are getting ready to graduate and move on to four-year schools. Take some time to look over the literature, and be sure to attend the college visitation days that the TRiO staff sets up. Keep an eye on that calendar for when a college you may be interested in comes to visit.

Keep working hard. Keep your eye on that prize...a diploma. Many TRiO students have persisted and are now graduates. I guarantee you that each and every one of them are as proud as they've ever been. And we're proud for them.

Again, welcome back!
Ben

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Congratulations to the TRiO Scholarship Recipients!

Adora Alexander-500.00
Audra Barthelmeh-500.00
Aleta Bridges-500.00
Cheryl Cluck-500.00
Janet Coats-200.00
Emmanuel Cosme-500.00
Barb Esway-500.00
Sherri Hooten-350.00
Jill McDonald-500.00
Sheila McGhee-200.00
Deb Nelson-200.00
Angela Ruscitti-500.00
Jason Zink-500.00



New !



Online Calendar

Go to the Stark State website <http://www.starkstate.edu/>. Click on “T” for TRiO

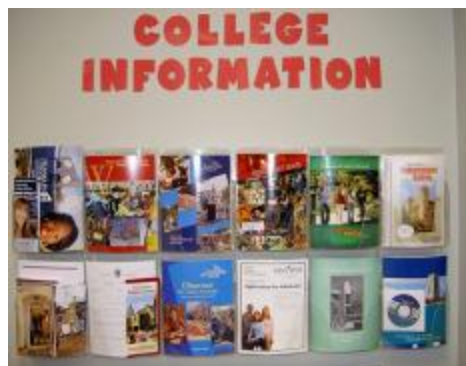


Student Worker

Please welcome Summer McDonald to the TRiO staff
Stop by and say Hi!

Direct Phone Line

330-305-6602



College Literature

Take some time to investigate our four year college display. Many have agreements with Stark State allowing credits to transfer.

Facebook Page

Happy Halloween TRiO Students!



Networking is an important part of our lives and in recent years, some companies have created ways to make this process much easier. Founded in February 2004, Facebook created a social networking utility that helps people communicate more efficiently with their friends, family and coworkers. The company develops technologies that facilitate the sharing of information through the social graph, the digital mapping of people's real-world social connections. TRiO has joined this technology-driven generation as well! We have established a Facebook page to communicate with current TRiO students and recruit prospective students for our program. Anyone can sign up for Facebook and interact with the people they know in a trusted environment. Facebook is the second most-trafficked site in the world, running thousands of databases and has a development platform that enables companies and engineers to deeply integrate with the Facebook website and gain access to millions of users through the social graph for possible employment opportunities. Yes, that's right! **Employers use Facebook as a way to identify potential employees, so it's important to remember when you are building your page and are marketing yourself, build a Facebook page that is appropriate and resembles who you are.** Facebook is a part of millions of people's lives all around the world providing unparalleled distribution potential for applications and the opportunity to build a business that is highly relevant to people's lives. Facebook has led the industry in giving people tools to control the information they share and with whom they choose to share it. If you have a Facebook page, request us to be a friend. If you don't have a Facebook page, you can find us by searching “**Trio Stark State**” on the Facebook front page.



New TRiO Students

Ed Berg	Information Technology
Ashley Bianchi	Legal Assisting Technology
Rodney Bushe III	Electrical Engineering Technology
Lisa Duplain	Medical Assisting
Carlos Elder	Business Management Technology
India Evans	Early Childhood Education
Alicia Fisher	Associate Degree in Science
Nick Forchione	Computer Programming/ Database Technology
Andrew Gulley	Business Management technology
Heidi Kuntz	Physical Therapy Assistant Technology
Tiffany Lane	Medical Assisting
Mara Larson	Nursing
Tony Maple	Human and Social Service Technology
Melissa McDaniel	Medical Assisting
Summer McDonald	Business Management Technology
Stacey Steadman	Nursing
Kenneth Stroud	Nursing
Renee Toth	Nursing
Christa Troyer	Nursing
Janine Victor	Nursing

Upcoming College Representative Visits

In Room B230

Franklin University

November 6, 2008

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Walsh University

November 19, 2008

11:00-1:00 p.m.



Please let us know if your phone number, Email or address changes so we can update our records.

Available One on One Workshops

- College Success and Time Management
- How To Study
- Test Taking Skills
- Reading Strategies
- How To Communicate
- Overcoming Procrastination

Call and make an appointment with your Retention Specialist.

New Student

Renee Toth

Renee lives in Akron with her husband and three children, ages 6, 4, and 18 months. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, anything and everything outdoors, and playing with her children. She attended The University of Akron after graduation from high school, married, and worked as a legal analyst until her first daughter was born. She enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom until spring '08 when she started at Stark State.

Renee's second child inspired her to return to college to become a Registered Nurse. Renee spent a lot of time sitting through surgeries and long hospital stays with her son, who was born with several health challenges. She developed a desire to work in the health technology field and use to use her knowledge as a mother of a special needs' child. She wants to help others and possibly teach in the field as well.

Renee learned about the TRiO program from her professor and several other students in Sociology class during summer semester. Fellow students informed her about how TRiO had helped them in a variety of ways, including discovering their own learning styles and other student support programs available at Stark State. Renee felt TRiO was something she could really use.

"Renee is a great addition to the TRiO program. Not only is she a hard-working student, she's an excellent example of someone successfully overcoming her obstacles," stated Ben Tobias, Program Director.



Returning Student

De'Meese Gordon

De'Meese lives in Canton with her three sons, ages 10, 6 and 2. In her spare time, she enjoys bowling, roller skating and spending time with her boys.

De'Meese started Stark State in 2004 to pursue a nursing degree. In 2006, a difficult pregnancy kept her from attending classes and she was forced to leave school. Upon her return in 2008, De'Meese chose to switch her major to Accounting, Health Option. De'Meese is thriving in her new major earning a 4.0 during the summer semester.

De'Meese contends her struggles have made her stronger both mentally and physically. She has a new resolve to continue her education and serve as a role model for her three sons. De'Meese admitted her retention specialist, Cyndie Bertram's, constant contact helped her through her struggles and encouraged her to return to school.

De'Meese said "I was forced to make a decision when Cyndie made it clear that if I did not participate in the TRiO program, I would be terminated. I decided if I wanted to better myself, I needed to be here."

Cyndie said, "I kept in contact with De'Meese during the time she was out because I felt she had the potential to succeed and complete her degree. I'm glad she's back and doing well in her program!"





Congratulations Graduates

Charles Collie II–Associate Degree Human and Social Services

Linda Sanders-Associate Degree in Nursing

Jason Zink–Associate Degree Medical Instrumentation Sterilization

Dean’s List Spring 2008

Raeann Archual	Joshua Jackson
Denise Burgert	Charles Jenkins
Maureen Cain	James Long
Brandy Chiavaroli	Dorothy Mack
Janet Coats	Christy Martinez
Charles Collie	Donna Murphy
Nicole Goins	Sherri Nisly
Ariel Grigas	Tori Schiavone
Emily Haynam	Kathie Stewart
Deanna Henderson	Jason Zink

Dean’s List Summer 2008

Denise Burgert	James Long
Maureen Cain	Debra Nelson
Nicole Goins	Tori Schiavone
De’Meese Gordon	Jason Zink

Student Success Stories



Denise Burgert has transferred to The University of Akron to pursue a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work.



Congratulations to Sherri Nisly for becoming a Student Ambassador!

If you would like to share a success story, please stop by B230 and see Robin Hinton at the front desk.



Great Lakes Science Center

Pictures from the TRiO visit to Great Lakes Science Center on May 13, 2008.



TRiO Student Saves Lives

Jason Zink has been a TRiO participant for two years while maintaining his Coast Guard duties part-time at Lake Erie on the weekends. On August 23, a boat reported to 911 it was taking on water. Boatswain Mate Second Class, Jason Zink, was dispatched from Coast Guard Station Marblehead to save two adults and one child. All were recovered from the water alive and well. When asked about his heroic feat, Jason replied, "it's just part of my job."

