A Word from Our Program Director ~ Ben Tobias

My thoughts on spring:

1. Daffodils
2. Baseball starts
3. Cleaning out flower beds
4. Planting vegetables
5. Getting to know your neighbors again
6. Birds in the morning
7. Evening chill
8. Golf
9. Digging out shorts and flip-flops
10. Washing the car
11. Opening windows
12. Cleaning the house
13. Strolling through Rice’s Nursery
14. Walking in the park
15. Mowing the lawn
16. THE END OF THE SEMESTER

It’s in sight. Everyone can take a deep breath…

..until the Summer Semester starts.

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant. If we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

~ Anne Bradstreet

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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
Alissa Kerr

Alissa is in her first semester at Stark State majoring in Accounting, Corporate Option. She graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School in Kent in 2007.

Alissa resides in Uniontown with her fiancé, Dustin, and their two year old son, Nicholas. She enjoys spending time with her family and sews, quilts, and bakes in her spare time. In fact, she has turned her hobbies into extra cash by selling her quilts and decorated cakes to family and friends.

Alissa feels setting goals with her Retention Specialist, Murray Hooten III, helps to keep her on track. She appreciates the quiet atmosphere and the immediate accessibility of the Retention Specialist’s office if she needs assistance while studying or writing a paper.

Murray states, “Alissa is a diligent student with a bright personality who wants to be successful. She spends a lot of time in TRiO studying and writing papers, which suggests that she has a healthy work ethic. I really believe Alissa will be a successful student here at Stark State.”

TRiO Alum

Anthony Long-Graduated 2007
Associate Degree Interactive Media

Anthony is completing his junior year at Youngstown State University, majoring in Information Technology with a concentration in Multimedia Technology.

“There is a completely different feel at a four-year college,” Anthony says. He adds that besides campus size, Stark State personnel and students are more close-knit than at Youngstown State. He has a lot of opportunity to network with instructors with experience in their field. They also offer insight about what career path is good for a particular individual. In addition, classes are completely different.

While at Stark State, Anthony worked with Retention Specialist, Murray L. Hooten III. “The TRiO experience has greatly contributed to my success at YSU. TRiO identified my strengths and learning style and encouraged me to apply those to my study habits. TRiO connected me to great people who were willing to help me find answers about SSCT and YSU.”

Anthony’s advice to TRiO students is to continue to use the resources TRiO has to offer. “If you have questions, don’t hesitate to ask. Always push yourself to go higher in whatever you do. Give it all you’ve got and give it your best.”
New TRiO Students

Tonya Danzy
Tricia Durham
LaFarma Everett
Myrriah Galletta
Chris Harkovitch
Melanie Herr
Charles Jenkins
Tracy Jordan

Amy Lauffer
Ed Morton
Ruth Nwizu
Angel Ward

Appointment Etiquette

BE ON TIME! If you are going to be more than 15 minutes late, please call the TRiO office at 330-494-6170 ext.4172 to re-schedule. Other tips for appointments include: turn off cell phone, be prepared by bringing relevant materials, and respect your advisor and their time.

How’s the CRAIC Party

The “How’s the Craic” party was held on Friday, March 7th, despite the horrendous weather. Twenty brave souls began bringing food in at 8:00 a.m., and by noon, there were many wonderful dishes being shared by all. Unfortunately, as the weather continued to worsen, the school was closed and everyone had to go home. We’re already looking forward to our next TRiO get together!

CRAIC (origin) - Scottish English, “news, gossip,” which influences a common Irish expression “How’s the craic?” meaning “how are you?” or “have you any news?”

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

Raeann Archual - Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education
Nicole Goins - Associate Degree in Human and Social Services
Ariel Grigas—Associate Degree in Accounting, Corporate Option
Emily Haynam – Associate Degree in Administrative Information Technology
Deanna Henderson - Associate Degree in Technical Studies
Arah Looney– Associate Degree in Medical Assisting
Danielle Martin - Associate Degree in Human and Social Services
Robert Martin -HVAC Technology
Amanda Maynard—Associate Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology
Ben Shull -Associate Degree in Human and Social Services

Student Success Stories

Congratulations to Janet Coats for being accepted into the Nursing Program! And Phi Theta Kappa!

Congratulations to Brandi Chiavaroli for her induction into Phi Theta Kappa!

Jason Zink will be starting the Respiratory Therapy Program in the Fall! Way to go!

Congratulations to Victoria Schiavone for her induction into Phi Theta Kappa!

Congratulations to Patty Woodside for her acceptance into Phi Theta Kappa!

Ben Shull will be transferring to Akron University to pursue a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work. Good Luck, Ben!

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

2lbs. shredded (thawed) hash browns
2c. sharp cheddar cheese
1c. sour cream
1 stick melted butter
1 can cream of chicken soup

Mix together and put into 13x9 pan. Bake @ 350 for 1 1/4 hrs

Optional: Top with 2c crushed corn flakes and drizzle 1/4c melted butter over top.

Taco Soup (Janet)

1lb. ground beef
1 can tomato paste
1 envelope taco seasoning
3 cups water
1 can black beans or corn (or both)
1/4 onion
1T. vinegar
1t. chili powder
1c. quick rice

Brown beef, drain, then add diced onion and simmer until onions are brown, stirring constantly. Add all ingredients, except rice. Heat until almost boiling. Add rice. Simmer until rice is cooked. Serve with sour cream, cheddar cheese, and tortilla chips.