

TRiO SSS Newsletter

Fall 2013

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Director's Corner

For many of you, I say WELCOME TO UIW! For others, I say WELCOME BACK!

Whether you are returning or a brand new TRiO participant, I am wishing you a successful and productive fall semester. There is so much to do and see on campus that I hope you will take advantage of all that the Cardinal Experience has to offer.

As a TRiO participant, you will have access to tutoring, mentoring, advising, financial information, and much, much

more. Our focus remains the same—YOUR ACADEMIC SUCCESS! The TRiO staff has prepared a fall calendar of events that is full of workshops, social activities, and opportunities to give back to the community. Please take a look at what we have scheduled and mark your calendars. If you don't have one, we can get you that, too.

Most of all, we want to make sure that you have support and resources that you need to complete your degree. Please make sure to set your tutoring or advising appointments as

soon as possible. Your TRiO family is looking forward to seeing you!

All the Best,

Wynette Keller, Director of
TRiO SSS



TRiO SSS Staff

What's your TRiO Story?

TRiO SSS participants and Yesenia Caloca, SSS Program Leader, had the opportunity to share their TRiO story this past July.

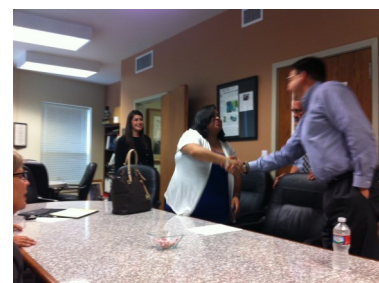
Blanca Mercado and Jairo Rodriguez met with the Congressman Pete Gallego and President Agnese to provide first-hand information about the needs of students in higher education. Students were selected from the Texas 23rd congressional district, where Congressman Gallego currently serves.

All of the students had stories that shared a common thread. **TRiO was their biggest support system.**

Ms. Mercado shared how she worked 40 hours per week, while a full-time student at UIW. She graduated with her B.A. in Psychology this past May. TRiO services helped her to manage her time, get tutoring, and gain exposure to graduate programs. She plans to attend graduate school in the near future.

Mr. Rodriguez expressed the importance of individualized tutoring and access to a computer lab for printing that TRiO provided. As a commuter, it was especially important to have a communal space where he could study and participate in workshops.

Ms. Caloca, the newest member of the TRiO staff, was an active member. She graduated with her B.A. in Communication Arts. TRiO continues to make a difference in her life. "Being a first-generation student, TRiO created an environment of opportunities to succeed and achieve my goals."



Congressman Pete Gallego welcomes TRiO participants.

W E L C O M E

Summer Bridge 2013

TRiO Student Support Services welcomed a new cohort of freshmen participants on July 29th, during the Summer Bridge Program.

The goal of the Summer Bridge Program is to build strong academic and personal connections amongst the TRiO participants. Students are introduced to TRiO services and have the opportunity to meet their peer mentors.

Participants were given tips and tools to ensure a successful fall semester.

Representatives from the Student Success Department participated in a “Meet and Greet” activity that allowed students to learn more about what support services are available to them.

Also in preparation for the fall, students went on a classroom scavenger hunt.

Mentors facilitated group activities while getting a chance to interact with their mentees.

Summer Bridge 2013 wrapped up with an evening of dining on the River Walk.



TRiO Students Make History



CCL members pose in front of a mural on the east side of town.

Five sophomore TRiO students were inaugurated in the first Cardinal Community Leaders program sponsored by the new Center for Civic Leadership.

Students involved in CCL will volunteer with a variety of organizations across the east side of San Antonio.

Alix Peña, finance major, describes TRiO SSS as her main source of inspiration for joining CCL.

“Your place of education, or just where you live, doesn’t define who you are. Some are less fortunate, and that’s

where you need to give a helping hand. That’s what Incarnate Word has taught us. Even if you don’t come from much, you give what you can.”

Congratulations to:

Marissa Carreon

Anjli Patel

Alix Peña

John Sanchez

Bianca Ybarra

Upcoming TRiO Workshops

Date	Workshop	Learn How To	Location	Time
August 20th	Getting Organized/ Time Management	Prioritize, organize, and accomplish!	TRiO Lab	1-2 pm
August 28th	Goal Setting	Why are goals important?	TRiO Lab	1-2 pm
September 5th	Time Management	Balance school, work, and life!	TRiO Lab	1-2 pm
September 24th	Scholarship Search	What money is out there for me?	TRiO Lab	11 am-12 pm
October 2nd	Financial Aid 101	Special Rep. from Financial Aid will be there to answer your questions!	TRiO Lab	1:30 pm
October 22nd	Time Management	Balance school, work, and life!	TRiO Lab	11 am– 12 pm
October 25th	Prepping for Grad School	What’s the next big step?	TRiO Lab	11 am– 12 pm
November 6th	Scholarship Search	What money is out there for me?	TRiO Lab	1-2 pm
November 12th	Test Taking Strategies	I want to get an A!	TRiO Lab	11 am—12 pm

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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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