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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



Representing TRiO SSS in the annual Light the Way Display Board Contest

Goodbye 2013, Hello 2014!

Springing Forward!

We hope you had a restful winter break and a joyous holiday season. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments in the fall semester. As we begin the spring semester, we are here to help you set goals and to propel you toward future success.

We said farewell and good luck to our former Program Counselor, Patty Medina, as she took on a new challenge in her career.

Keeping in line with our mission, we will continue to provide both academic and non-academic support to ensure your success at UIW. The dedicated staff of tutors, mentors, and office assistants are looking forward to seeing you and providing continued service.

The TRiO Lab is available from 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday thru Friday. Stop by the Lab to print your essay, meet your mentor, receive tutoring, or just to say hello to your TRiO friends.

Be sure to set your tutoring and advising appointments as soon as possible. Check out our schedule of workshops and cultural activities. Feel free to give us input on what activities you would like to see TRiO provide. Your opinion matters! We look forward to seeing you soon!

-Wynette Keller, Director of TRiO Student Support Services

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Mentor's Corner

How do you have a successful spring semester?

Getting your supplies ready, having a planner and actually using it, and printing out your syllabus before your first day of class.

-Bella Herbsleb

Always be ready for a challenge and never give up.

-Samantha Rivera

During stressful times, don't forget to go have fun at the school gym or take a nice walk on campus. It will reboot your mind!

-Yessenia Velazquez

Always start off the semester with a planner by your side! Buy it in the color and size that fits your personality. After assignments and projects start piling up, your planner will become your best friend.

-Adriana Gutierrez

Keep on going! If you've fallen, get back up and do the best you can. Keep up the good work! -Ben Carrington

Manage your time wisely and stay positive. Do what you love, and love what you do.

-Miguel Velez

Upcoming TRiO Workshops-January

| January 22 | UIW Resolutions | Get organized and ready to achieve your semester goals! | TRiO Lab @ 1:00 pm |
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| January 28 | Scholarship Search Workshop | What money is out there for me? Get a head start at looking for ways to fund your education! | TRiO Lab @ 11:00 am |
| January 29 | Career Services Workshop | Effective Interviewing- Ready to learn what interviewers are really looking for? Experts will present tips & strategies for effective interviewing. | Library Auditorium @ 6:00 pm |
| January 30 | Career Services Workshop | Resume Essentials- Covers everything you need to know to create a knock-out resume. Experts in the HR/Recruiting field show you how to get noticed. | Library Auditorium @ 12:00 pm |







GIVING BACK ONE CUP AT A TIME

Tutoring is available throughout the semester. Schedule an appointment in the Lab, or drop by. Subjects tutored include math, science, business, and morel

REMINDER!

*Check availability of tutors every



TRiO SSS and the Living Learning
Community partnered with SAMMinistries
in the annual "Cup Runneth Over" event to
help women and families in transition.

Throughout the semester, the UIW community donated coffee mugs, hotel toiletries, tea bags, and other items.

On December 4th, TRIO and Honors LLC communities gathered in Dubuis Lounge to assemble cup care packages.

A speaker from SAMMinistries spoke to the students about the importance of donating and the stereotypes of homelessness. Students assembled over 150 cup care packages.

A special donation was made by third grade students in Harmony Elementary
School located in the East Central ISD.

Important January Deadlines!

- January 11 ADCaP Spring Term I 2014 begins
- January 13 Spring Mini Term I (8 weeks) begins
- January 13 Graduate Spring Extended Begins
- January 13 Undergraduate Spring Classes Begin
- January 13 Late registration fee (\$50.0<mark>0) charged for Spring Undergraduate, Graduat</mark>e Extended, and Spring Mini I Terms
- January 16 Last day to add a class for ADCaP Spring I Term
- January 17 Last day to drop at 100% refund ADCaP Spring Term I
- January 17 Last day to apply for May 2014 graduation without \$150 Administrative fee
- January 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, No classes
- January 20 Spring Term I begins Virtual University classes meet

January 21 Spring Mini Term I Registration Deadlines

- Last day to register, add, change schedule
- Last day to register for independent study
- Last day to change from graded to pass/fail
- Last day to change from pass/fail to graded
- Last day to change from graded to audit
- Last day to change from audit to graded

January 21 Spring Mini Term I Financial Deadlines

- · Last day to make payment arrangements
- Last day for 100% Refund, Undergraduate and Graduate Extended Terms
- Last day to waive insurance
- Last day to submit information for Tuition Discounts

January 21 Undergraduate/Graduate Extended Registration Deadlines

- Last day to register, add, change schedule
- Last day to register for independent study
- Last day to change from graded to pass/fail
- Last day to change from pass/fail to graded
- · Last day to change from graded to audit
- Last day to change from audit to graded

January 21 Undergraduate/Graduate Extended Financial Deadlines

- Last day to make payment arrangements
- Last day for 100% Refund, Undergraduate and Graduate Extended Terms
- Last day to waive insurance
- Last day to submit information for Tuition Discounts

January 22 Last day to add a class for Spring I Term - Virtual University

January 22 Drop fees (\$25.00) charged for Spring Mini Term I, Undergraduate and Graduate Extended terms begin

January 24 Last day to drop at 100% refund - Virtual University

January 27 Registration opens for ADCaP Spring Term II

January 29 Registration opens for Spring II 2014 Term - Virtual University

Congrats, 2013 Cohort First Semester of college, CHECK!



How has TRiO helped you?

TRiO has really helped me transition into college by not only helping me make new friends, but by answering any questions I had. It is overall helpful.

-Jesus Lozano, Rehab Science

Tutoring, informing me about events, help with finding scholarships, and scheduling.

-Alexis Maher, Engineering Management

TRiO made me realize that asking for help is not a bad thing. It just means you know when to ask for help at a time when you are struggling at school work.

-Brenda Herring, Biochemistry

TRiO helped me in many ways, but primarily by answering all the questions I had...from registration to what classes I need and how to strategize and organize my priorities.

-Alejandro Flores, Business Administration

TRiO helped me to make sure I was staying on track and they were always there like family for support.

-Destinee Soto, Religious Studies

TRiO guided me in all the right paths to help my first semester run a lot smoother. The tutoring and the mentors were all so helpful. It was definitely a great way to start my first year.

-Mariel Gutierrez, Graphic Arts

Fall 2013 Recap



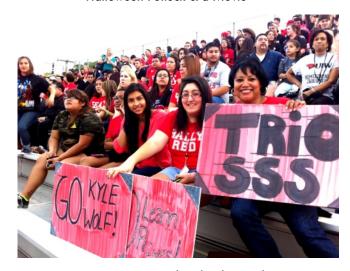
'Shine While you Dine' Etiquette Dinner



Halloween Potluck & a Movie



Picking up donations at Harmony Elementary School



Supporting our TRiO cheerleaders at the UIW Homecoming game



TRiO Staff Christmas potluck



Attending UIW theatre arts show, Winners

REMINDER!

Mentors are assigned to every firstyear TRiO student. They are active members in TRIO and are here to help YOU. Don't forget to check-in with them and let them know how your semester is going! Grab a coffee or lunch on campus! Remember, they were in your shoes...



What is TRiO SSS?

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

- Low-income
- First-generation college student
- Registered with Student Disability Services

need and qualify as:

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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