Greetings TRiO Family!

I am honored and excited to step in as TRiO’s Interim Director, following the departure of former Director Sandy Jordan who recently started in her new position at Skagit Valley Community College.

What excites me most about this position is the opportunity to represent the voice and values of the TRiO Family at WWCC's administrative meetings. My top 3 StrengthsQuest results are Input, Responsibility, and Relator, and I look forward to utilizing those abilities in this role as an advocate on your behalf.

If you have ideas, stories, or concerns that you would like to see represented at the administrative level, please share your input with your TRiO Advisor or contact me directly at Nicole.Mccauley@wwcc.edu or 509-527-4279. Your voice matters, and the TRiO team is passionate about advocating and collaborating to maximize your experience and success here at WWCC.

I will serve in this interim role until the end of June, and will continue my responsibilities and availability as a TRiO advisor in the meantime. Although I moved my office to Room 133L, my contact details have remained the same. Our team anticipates posting a job announcement for the permanent TRiO Director position later this spring.

Thank you for the continued privilege of getting to partner with you on your journey toward reaching your academic and career goals. TRiO works!

-Nicole McCauley

TRiO Family Night
Tuesday, April 5, 4:00—6:00 pm
WWCC Student Activity Center Area
(2nd floor, Building D)

Open to all TRiO students and their family members. We will be serving soup, salad and bread. There is a sign up sheet on the TRiO counter, please sign up if you plan to attend. Guests are encouraged to bring a potluck item to share. Please join us for a fun evening with your fellow TRiO members, staff, and families.
How to Earn TRiO Bucks

- Go on a TRiO campus visit
- Attend guest speaker presentations
- Attend SOCC conference in April
- Complete online skills workshops
- Attend Year-end TRiO event
- Donate current editions of textbooks to the TRiO lending library
- Attend TRiO advertised cultural enrichment activities
- Attend TRiO family nights and bring potluck item

Summer Financial Aid

If you plan to attend WWCC summer quarter, the Summer Quarter 2016 WWCC Financial Aid Request form must be completed and returned to the Financial Aid Office no later than June 1.

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR FAFSA FOR FALL 2016 YET?

The March 1 priority deadline has passed! If you need help filling out the form see your TRiO advisor now!

Campus Visits

- Central Washington (Ellensburg) - April 21
- Eastern Washington U (Cheney) - April 28
- Evergreen State College (Olympia) - May 10-11*
- U of Washington (Seattle) - May 10-11*
- Walla Walla U (College Place) - May date TBA
- Walla Walla U (Forensic Science students only) - May 3
- WSU (Pullman) - April 15
- WSU Tri-Cities - spring date TBA
- Whitman College (Walla Walla) - early May date TBA

*overnight campus visit.

How do I sign up? The interest sheet are on the TRiO counter in the black notebook. Preference will be given to students who have not visited the campus previously with TRiO. Additional requirements can be found in the counter notebook.

Requirements: If you plan to go on a visit, you are required to meet with your TRiO advisor to review our campus visit expectations. Students are only required to attend this 20 minute information session once.

Spring Workshops/Skill Sessions available online in the TRiO Community in Canvas

Topics:

- Preventing Identity Theft
- Tools for the Undecided
- Ted Talks  Laugh, Learn & Listen
- Tips for Test Anxiety

Strengths Seminar Sessions

- Discovering & Responding to Strengths in Job Ads
- Using Strengths-Based Language in Interviews & Cover Letters
- The Talent Connection
- A Fresh Perspective - Reframing

Financial Literacy Sessions

- Dealing with Debt
- Preventing Identity Theft
- Scholarship Resources
- Budgeting
- Credit: Everything You Need to Know
All TRiO students can access the TRiO Community (TC) on Canvas. The TC provides a variety of online resources for you, including:

- **TRiO orientation assessments** For those who joined TRiO this year.

- **Events calendar** Click on the “calendar” link at the top of the course page to see dates for upcoming campus visits, cultural enrichment outings, etc. for Walla Walla and Clarkston campuses.

- **Skills workshops** Each session is organized into its own module.

- **Tracking of monthly appointments with TRiO advisors** See assignment listing.

- **Tracking of 10 TRiO Take-Aways**

Although the TC will appear alongside your other academic classes in Canvas, it is not for credit; it is simply a digital home for TRiO-related content and resources.

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If you are interested in either of these fields, sign up to attend at the TRiO counter. The sessions will include panels of people currently working in these fields. They will talk about their careers, education, and experiences. The session will last one hour followed by a Q & A 30-minute session for students to ask questions. **If you are interested in either of these areas, we strongly encourage you to attend!**
TRiO Students Shine in Operetta

The photo at left is from the recent performance of *Lifted an Original Operetta*, performed March 15-16 in the WWCC China Pavilion. Three TRiO members were among the students performing at this Operetta.

Help us Showcase You!
TRiO hopes to start showcasing TRiO students participating in community engagement. Remember, community engagement is one of the 10 TRiO Take-Aways (see page 5 of this newsletter for more details).
If you have a photo to share in a future newsletter, please send it to debra.fortney@wwcc.edu
Be sure to include a description with the photo.

TRiO Annual Year-End Event
June 10
4:00-7:00
WWCC Back Dining Room

Attention Vets! Walla Walla WorkSource will be holding a “Vet Access” every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 11:00-2:00 for any priority of Service Veteran (1 day of active service other than training + any discharge other than dishonorable). The goal is to help veterans connect with resources such as Veteran’s benefits, housing, transportation, medical assistance, counseling services, etc.

Dental services for Vets AMVETS will be assisting Dr. Laizure and his team to provide free limited dental services to Vets on Thursday, March 31 (exams, cleaning, extractions and fillings only). If demand exceeds capacity, a second date will be set. Contact Dr. Laizure’s office at 509.525.4833 for an appointment.

Visit Whitman’s Sheehan Gallery with TRIO
Watch for this spring date! John Hibbitts will be taking interested students to the Sheehan Gallery. Come along and enjoy an hour at the gallery and listen to John’s take on the art on exhibit.

Read this if spring is your last quarter at WWCC
If spring is your last quarter at WWCC, please complete your TRiO exit interview with your TRiO advisor in May. The TRiO exit interview form is on the TRiO counter; please have it completed prior to your exit interview. Please schedule the exit interview for a May date during the last week in April.
TRiO Tutoring

Monday—Thursday, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Sundays, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

The application process for tutoring:

1. Stop by the TRiO desk to express the need for tutoring. Debbie will schedule you to meet with Nicole McCauley for a 15 minute appointment.
2. Nicole will discuss your academic needs with you and give you a tutor request form if applicable.
3. You will take the form to the instructor for their signature, and then return it to Debbie.
4. The form will then be forwarded to Melissa Queen in the TLC for placement. Once placed, you will sign up on-line for tutoring sessions.

If evening or Sunday tutoring does not fit into your schedule, you will be referred to the Tutor and Learning Center (TLC on 2nd floor of Building D) for tutoring assistance.

The 10 TRiO Take-Aways

1. Identify your strengths.
2. Develop well-being skills in 5 areas.
3. Identify future major and career.
4. Participate in community engagement opportunities.
5. Attend campus visits.
6. Complete transfer school applications.
7. Complete FAFSA by priority deadline.
8. Collect letters of recommendation.
9. Complete scholarship applications.
10. Complete a résumé.

The 10 TRiO Take-Aways is a list of 10 programmatic outcomes being measured for new TRiO participants who joined during or after the Fall 2015 quarter.

Students will be required to show continued progress toward reaching these take-aways before graduating from WWCC.

This is an ongoing expectation and requirement of TRiO participation.
**Graduating after spring or summer quarters?**

It’s time to apply for graduation. The application is online at the WWCC website. The Warrior’s Locker will start ordering graduation gowns in early April. If you are not planning to participate in the ceremony on June 11, you still must apply to receive your diploma in the mail. No application—no diploma or gown! The gown packages are provided to the student at no cost. Packages contain gown, cap and tassel.

**What if your degree will not be complete by the end of summer quarter?** You can still walk in graduation if you have ten credits or fewer to complete in order to graduate, AND are planning to complete those credits at WWCC fall quarter (as long as you send your transfer transcript back to WWCC).

**Free TRiO Courses**

- Long Term Financial Planning (CE 114)
- Personal & Family Budgeting (CE 115)
- College Costs, Financing & Procedures (CE 116)

To enroll in any of the courses, obtain an entry code number from TRiO. These are tuition-free courses offered to TRiO students only. They are offered every quarter and are great for credit recovery.