TRiO Year End Celebration June 10

Annual TRiO Event
Friday, June 10, 4:00-7:00
WWCC Back Dining Room

Taco bar, rice, beans and beverages provided by TRiO. We are asking students to volunteer to bring other food items to include with the meal.

Activities:
- Showcase of WWCC talent (live music)
- Awards ceremony
- Door prizes
- Spend your TRiO Bucks
- Games for the kids

Let’s get together and have some fun! Celebrate the end of the school year!

Fun for the entire family! Open to all TRiO students; bring your children, spouse, and /or significant others with you. Please sign up at the TRiO counter if you plan to attend by June 6. Remember, this event is where you spend the TRiO Bucks you have been collecting.

WANTED! Talented students to perform at the TRiO event on June 10. We are hoping to showcase the talent of WWCC students. Performances will not be judged. We are looking for people to sing a song or two, play an instrument, read a poem, juggle, stand up comedy, dance, etc. Sign up at the TRiO desk if you want to participate by June 3. The students who plan to perform, are encouraged to attend an organizational meeting on Tuesday, June 7 at 2:00 in conference room 181. Please help us make this a fun part of the June 10 event.

Why you should take the five minutes to read this newsletter: Learn about what is going on in TRiO! We print details about campus visits, workshop/skill sessions, cultural enrichment activities, career focus sessions, important deadlines, etc. throughout the school year in the monthly newsletter. Be in the know, information is the key to success!
How to Earn TRiO Bucks

- Complete online skills workshops
- Go on a campus visit
- Attend Year-end TRiO event June 10
- Bring potluck item for June 10 TRiO event
- Donate current editions of textbooks to the TRiO lending library

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!

Workshops/Skill Sessions online 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

TRiO Community on Canvas
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.

TRiO Newsletter

Stop by the TRiO office and vote for your favorite instructor. Also nominate a TRiO student for a positive recognition award. The award winners will be announced at the June 10 TRiO event.

TRiO office closures
The office will be closed May 20 and 23. Nicole, John, Rosa, and Darel will all be out of the office on May 24. Debbie, the program secretary, will be in the office.
Students of Color Conference

Below is part of what one of the student attendees had to say about the conference.

Diverse Students United by Brayan Rodriguez

“The Students of Color Conference is just what it’s named, but not what it describes. People laughing, smiling and socializing. Black, White, Brown, it does not matter. At this conference the only color that matters is red, the red that runs through our heart and veins. Not only does it look the same, but it acts the same way no matter the color of your skin. The SOC Conference is not only a bonding experience, but it is also an experience that everyone should have the chance to have....”

TRiO Club News  Meetings: Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30, Room 260

This year has been an exciting one for TRiO Club as new members and veterans came together to create opportunities for leadership and to support the student body at WWCC. Through hard work, creativity and honestly a lot of fun, TRiO Club members were able to complete fundraisers and support on campus events including Christmas Ornament Caroling, Valentine’s Day Teddy Bear Raffle and extreme candy rose creation, and support of the Cinco de Mayo kick off to name just a few. Perhaps most importantly TRiO Club members and leaders have demonstrated great openness and collaboration, welcoming interested parties and soon to be club members into discussions and planning processes.

This year, as we finish planning the TRiO end of year celebration and TRiO Club retreat we say goodbye to two leaders who have demonstrated great enthusiasm and responsibility. Our Club President, Jackie Martinez will be graduating in pursuit of her bachelors in electrical engineering. Our Vice President, Lupita Chavez will also be graduating, pursuing her degree in biology. Much thanks to both for their tremendous service, time and talent. They have both grown as leaders and set the bar high for TRiO Club.

In the coming year TRiO Club will continue exploring leadership opportunities, working to make WWCC a better place for their fellow students, and laughing, having fun and sharing creative ideas. If this sounds like an opportunity you are interested in, or would just like to swing by to say “hello,” inquire at the TRiO front desk or drop by one of our weekly club meetings. And remember, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” -Margaret Mead

Darel Harwell, TRiO Advisor

Having fun at the Students of Color Conference!

Help us Showcase You!

TRiO wants to showcase students participating in community engagement. Community engagement is one of the 10 TRiO Take-Aways. **There is a notebook on the TRiO counter with upcoming volunteer opportunities.**

Be sure to let your TRiO advisor know if you are participating in community engagement. Send us a photo of you engaging in the community to share in a future newsletter.

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.**

How are you coming with your 10 Take-Aways?

Concerns Alert about Campus Visits

Some numbers we would like to share with our students.

**The Evergreen State College**—5 students signed up. 3 students cancelled—one only 4 days before the visit. We had to cancel because it is not fiscally responsible to make the trip with such a small group.

**University of Washington**—18 students signed up. 10 students cancelled—2 of those cancellations were only 4 days before the visit, and 1 was on the day of the visit! Only 5 students ended up going on this visit!

**Portland State University**—4 students were on the final list to go—1 was a no show on the day of the visit!

We seem to have a pattern developing of students not taking their role seriously when they sign up for one of these visits. Immediately upon signing up for a visit, students should check with their employer about taking the time off. A lot of work goes into putting one of these visits together. Students are reminded about the visit a week prior to the event. **There should be NO CANCELLATIONS except for emergencies.**

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**Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math**

*Article by Anna Marie Shuster, STEM student*

April 25-28 we presented a Women in STEM program with great success! Incredible speakers ranging from a microbiologist to a board member of the Blue Mountain Land Trust came to share their wisdom. The turnouts for every speaker varied from 5-15 students, allowing for intimate conversations with invited speakers.

Shout out to TRiO, Ruth Russo, Juli Sachs, Dean Kaplan, Beth Meyer, Mia Garcia, Melissa Thiessen, Michelle Schmode, and John Hibbitts for making our goals a reality. The program lasted only a week, but the lessons and personal advice from role models in the community will last a lifetime.

If you didn’t get the chance to make this year’s Women in STEM program, we hope to continue this on a yearly basis with the help of other students looking to go into STEM fields. If you would like to learn more about the STEM program please contact John Hibbitts, in the TRiO office, at 527-4310.

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**Whitman’s Sheehan Gallery**

*Tuesday, May 17, 1:30-3:00*

Come along with John Hibbitts and enjoy an hour at the gallery and listen to John’s take on the art on exhibit. Sign up to go at the TRiO counter!

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**Last quarter at WWCC?**

If spring is your last quarter at WWCC, please complete your TRiO exit interview with your TRiO advisor this month. The TRiO exit interview form is on the TRiO counter; please have it completed prior to your exit interview. Please schedule this 30 minute appointment now if this applies to you.
TRiO Tutoring

Hours: M & W 11:30-12:30  
T & TH 5:30-8:30

Need a tutor? Here is the application process for requesting one:

- Stop by the TRiO desk to express your need for tutoring. Debbie will schedule you to meet with Nicole McCauley for a 15 minute appointment.

- Nicole will discuss your academic needs with you and give you a tutor request form if applicable.

- You will take the form to the instructor for their signature, and then return it to Debbie.

- The form will then be forwarded to Melissa Queen in the TLC for placement with a tutor. Once placed, you will sign up on-line for tutoring sessions.

TRiO Visited WSU Pullman in April

This term a group of six sleepy WWCC TRiO students and one over-caffeinated TRiO advisor embarked on a campus tour to WSU Pullman. As a group and as individuals, we explored majors ranging from psychology and criminal justice to marketing. Taking part in an admissions information session and campus tour, we learned about tuition, majors, the history and culture of WSU as well as about a group of captive grizzly bears who hang out on campus. We worked on our “Cougar Calves,” hiking the long hills of the Pullman campus, making pit-stops at Bailey-Brayton Field, grabbing lunch at the CUB, and stopping in at the bookstore to grab sweatshirts and other mementos. We met up with enthusiastic friends who have already transferred to WSU and learned about their experiences on campus.

After a long, informative, and enjoyable day of exploration, six WWCC TRiO students put on their headphones, curled up and drifted off to sleep, dreaming about their futures after transferring, rocked gently to sleep by the driving of one under-caffeinated TRiO advisor.

Young Alice

I’m tumbling down the rabbit hole
Don’t ask me where I go
I’m mad you see
Apparently
The Hatter once told me so
As the drink me
 Shrinks me
Eat me builds me up
The rabbit’s late
For an important date
The tea inside my cup
Grows cold
The Cheshire Cat seems to mock me
Says that I’m too old
“What are you doing in Wonderland?
Get out while you can!”
For while appealing to a young girl
It’s no place for a woman
The roses stain red with blood
How did I not see before?
My mind no longer innocent
I see the horror and gore
What was once my escape
My one place of release
Is now my prison
I’m trapped within
The mind of young Alice

Written by Emma Renshaw, Trio Student
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 mid quarter credit recovery.