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**IMPORTANT DATES**

April 3: International Festival
April 13: WMU Education Career Fair
April 20: Lavender Ceremony
April 21: TRiO FESP Graduation Cord Ceremony
April 25-29: Final Exam Week
April 30: Semester Ends; Commencement

“Everyone teaches, everyone learns” - Unknown
The Education Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 in the WMU Bernhard Center East Ballroom, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This event is designed for K-12 education professionals to meet school district personnel and is free and open to the public. No pre-registration for students is required. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to network with local schools and make some connections!

Helpful hints to prepare for the event and a complete listing of educational institutions attending will be available prior to the fair. For more information, please visit the following website: www.wmich.edu/career
Each year, the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) hosts an annual Seminar on Relations with the U.S. Department of Education. TRiO FESP Staff and TRiO FESP student employees had the opportunity to meet with members of Congress, the Senate, and other professionals from the U.S. Department of Education. The students had the opportunity to not only thank them for their continued support, but also to share success stories on how TRiO FESP have impacted them.

It is important to show our appreciation and to continue to advocate for hundreds of low-income and first generation college students to matriculate and succeed in institutions of higher education. If you would like write a letter to your appropriate Congressman to talk about how TRiO FESP have impacted your academic success, please email mmyia.hughes@wmich.edu for additional details. Upon sending a letter to your Congressmen, you will receive a TRiO FESP t-shirt or TRiO FESP sweatshirt!
New Online Appointment System

To Schedule an Appointment

Go to website: wminch.edu/trio-future-educators

- On the left side select Advising.
- Click on the red appointment button in the middle of the page.

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A TRIO ADVISOR

- Choose your appointment type (Priority Registration Appointment or General Academic Advising Appointment)
- Choose from the list of Advisors listed or No Preference.
- Click Check Availability.
- Dates and times will appear. Choose an available date and time.
- If this is your first time you will need to register as new customer. Click proceed.
- The Make Appointment tab will appear and ask you to provide the following:
  - Your WIN
  - Birthdate

- Once information is provided it will state “Your appointment has been scheduled successfully” providing you with a confirmation number, the Advisor you will have contact with, location, date, and time.
Scholarship Opportunity #1:

If you are taking a Summer I course, the Summer I applications are now available. Students will have an opportunity to earn a WMU Institutional Grant that may be available for up to $2,500 (undergraduate) for full-time Summer I enrollment. Depending on your Summer I enrollment, the amount you receive may be adjusted. Funding availability is on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please visit the Financial Aid website at: http://wmich.edu/finaid/

Scholarship Opportunity #2:

Follow the link on the website below for more scholarship opportunities! This website posts scholarships with deadlines every month. Keep checking for updates!

http://jlvcollegecounseling.com/2016/02/26/scholarships-with-april-2016-deadlines/
An exciting Capitol Hill internship/semester in Washington, D.C. is available to one outstanding TRiO SSS or McNair student for the fall 2016 semester. The internship-scholarship covers tuition, fees, and housing for the semester program, which provides up to 18 credit hours. COE will also provide food, transportation and allowance as needed. Students are expected to transfer their financial aid wherever possible.

The deadline for the fall 2016 application is: Monday, April 25th, 2016.

For more information, please contact Holly Hexter at holly.hexter@coenet.us. Please check with a TRiO FESP Staff to see if credits can count towards your major.
My name is Marshell Cotton and I’m a senior at Western Michigan University. My major is Elementary Education with minors in math and science. Graduation is quickly approaching and I will be walking across the stage in fall 2016. My goal is to become a teacher, principal, and then a superintendent in a public school district. I’m very passionate when it comes to education, diversity, and making a positive impact on all kids, especially students in an urban area. In my free time I enjoy dancing, shopping, being with my family and friends, playing tennis, and singing my heart out- even if I’m not the greatest singer. I’m very involved on campus, I love working with other Broncos, and volunteering in the community. A few organizations I’m involved in are Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, You Beautiful Black Woman (YBBW), Leadcorp, and I’m a Student Ambassador. I’ve been a member of TRiO FESP since my freshman year and an employee for the past year. I have formed many relationships within the office and had the amazing opportunity to co-teach classes with M’Myia Hughes. The TRiO program has definitely helped me on my journey at Western and has truly taught me that “Everyone teaches and everyone learns”.

TRiO FESP Featured Employee: Marshell Cotton