

"Everyone teaches, everyone learns" - Unknown

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TRiO FESP staff will be out of the office Friday, December 23, 2016 through Monday, January 2, 2017 for winter break. Staff will be back in the office for normal business hours on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 8am.

"The real failure is the one from which we learn nothing."

-John Powell

"If you don't have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over?"

-John Wooden



TRiO
Future Educator Success Program



Upcoming Important Dates



Dec 1st: Last day to apply for Spring 2017
Graduation

Dec 12th-16th: Final Exam Week

Dec 16th: MI-CAPP Scholarship
Submissions due to the TRiO FESP Office

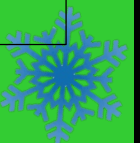
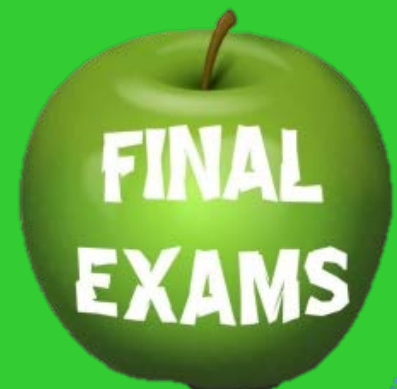
Dec 17th: Fall 2016 Commencement

Dec 23rd – Jan 3rd: Winter Break: WMU
Closed



Final Exam Week Stress Reliever

Come in on December 12 and 13, 2016 between 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for a finals week grab bag.



A MESSAGE FROM A TRiO FESP GRADUATE



Joe Hanson

Graduated: Spring 2016

Bachelor of Arts

Major: General University Studies

History Concentration

Place of Employment:

Executive Assistant at The Gilmore Car Museum

Hickory Corners, Michigan

Why do I love my job....?

I enjoy working at this job, because I'm using the skills that I have learned while working in TRiO FESP. We have 400+ cars on display, and you honestly find something new you have never seen walking around our 90-acre campus. I love my coworkers they are a joy to work with and be around each morning. I'm on schedule which is honestly really nice, so each day I do something different and it helps me keep on track of projects or other items that my boss or the Executive Director needs me to do. One of the examples of why I love what I do, is I process all of our memberships coming in, and recently we had our 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Museum and I got to see and meet some of the members that I talked to on the phone and it's nice to match a face to the voice. Honestly the best job I could have gotten and I'm very lucky to get a job in the field I studied in.



Remember to go to class, keep up with readings and assignments and please make appointments with the TRiO Staff. THEY ARE THERE TO HELP YOU SUCCEED! I wish you ALL the best of luck. I will miss seeing all of you guys coming into the office. Bronco and TRiO for life!!!!



MY EXPERIENCE:

Well I was a part of TRiO for 6 years while I was at WMU. I was also a student employee for that period of time and I miss it dearly. I have had so many wonderful experiences while in TRiO. For example, going to Washington D.C. to lobby for TRiO and meeting with Senator's Upton and Stabenow to show them how TRiO works. The ladies in TRiO have done nothing but help me to succeed and they have. I cannot express my gratitude for Marcy, M'Myia, Katrina, Harmony, and Roxie's help while I was still working there. Changing my major from Secondary Education: Social Studies and History to just History with minors in Anthropology and Geography a year and a half before I was supposed to graduate. These ladies supported my decision and I honestly could not be happier. In TRiO we are a family, TRiO will never go away from my life.

ADVICE FOR TRiO PARTICIPANTS:

To all my students that I mentored in M'Myia's and Marcy's FYE, I'm so very proud of each and every one of you. You all will do fine throughout your college career and I cannot wait to see where life takes each of you. To the rest of the TRiO participants, reach for the stars because there is life after TRiO and WMU. Take every advantage Western has to offer as well as TRiO. Participate in events this is a great way to meet other TRiO FESP students as well as other students around Western.





TRiO Specific Scholarship

MI-CAPP Scholarships



This scholarship is for any TRiO FESP student who has been enrolled in TRiO FESP for at least 1 calendar year as of the time of application submission.

TRiO Grant Aid: TRiO FESP students who will have freshman or sophomore status during Spring 2017 or Summer I 2017 and have a Pell Grant for the 2016-17 academic year.

How to Apply: Applications can be found on their website: <http://www.micapp.org/scholarships.htm>

How to apply: Starting **November 7, 2016** applications can be picked up in the TRiO FESP office or you can request an electronic copy by emailing: mmyia.hughes@wmich.edu.
Freshman in FYE will be completing this in class.

Application Due Date: DECEMBER 16th, 2016 to the TRiO FESP Office

MI-CAPP is offering two different scholarships (up to 14 awards):

The Endowment Scholarship and the Study Abroad Scholarship

These scholarship applications require students to work closely with a TRiO FESP staff member to complete the application packet and provide nomination. You will need to schedule an appointment with Myia or Roxie at least **two weeks prior to the due date**. We want our students to have the best possible application packet and to ensure this, we need to work together.

Application due date for NON-FYE participants: **December 31, 2016**



Scholarship Opportunities

CEHD Scholarships: <http://wmich.edu/education/scholarships/undergraduate>

Submissions for the 2017-18 Academic year **open November 1, 2016 and close January 15th, 2017.**

To be considered you must have submitted your FASFA (Federal Student Aid) application. Please check out the website for additional details about ALL of the CEHD available scholarships.

WMU Endowed Scholarships: <http://wmich.edu/finaid/scholarships-grants/endowments>

Currently open for submissions and will close **February 15, 2017.**

Criteria and amounts vary by scholarship. Please check out the website for additional details.

Other Scholarship Opportunities:

The following websites vary in criteria, amounts, and requirements. Please talk to your TRiO FESP advisor if you need assistance.

Kalamazoo Community Foundation: <http://www.kalfound.org/Scholarships/Scholarships/tabid/229/Default.aspx>

JLV College Scholarships: <https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/resources/scholarships-lists/>



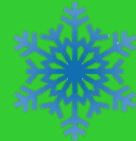


Now Hiring! Spring 2017 Tutors

TRiO FESP offers tutoring to those participants who believe they need some additional help that WMU can't provide for them at this time. We encourage you to check out the Bronco Study Zone for tutoring or to reach out to our office if you need assistance with your classes. Our goal is to always help you be the best you can be.

We are looking for interested tutors for the Spring 2017 semester for the following classes:

- Math 1090, 1100, 1500, 1510, or 2650
- HIST 2100, 2110, or 3020
- ECON 1000
- ED 2500 or 2900
- PHYS 1040 or 1800
- BIOS 1700
- GEOG 1900
- CHEM 2800
- GEOS 2900
- PRE/ACT Writing



Tutors should have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA and should have earned a BA or higher in the course they are interested in tutoring. If you are interested in tutoring for the PRE/ACT Writing you must have passed either test with the minimum requirements to enter your upper level courses.

Email harmony.m.williams@wmich.edu if you are interested or have any additional questions regarding our tutoring services or employment opportunities.



Job Opportunities

For Graduating Participants:

Position: Elementary School Teacher

Location: Woodward School for Technology and Research

<http://www.kalamazoopublicschools.com/departments/humanresources/HRIInks/openpositions.aspx>

Position: English High School Teacher

Location: Kalamazoo Central High School

<http://www.kalamazoopublicschools.com/departments/humanresources/HRIInks/openpositions.aspx>

Position: Elementary School/ Early Childhood Teacher

Location: Loy Norrix Childcare Center

<http://www.kalamazoopublicschools.com/departments/humanresources/HRIInks/openpositions.aspx>

Position: Special Education Teacher

Location: Parchment/ North Elementary

<https://www.applitrack.com/kalamazoo/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=elementary+school+teaching>

Position: Spanish Middle School Teacher

Location: Northeast Middle School (NEMS)

<https://www.applitrack.com/kalamazoo/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=middle+school+teaching>

For Current Participants:

Most department and retail stores are still currently hiring seasonal employees.

Target

Crossroads Mall

Hardware Stores

Kohl's

Grocery Stores

Macy's

Check out BroncoJobs for more job opportunities as well.

Job Shadowing:

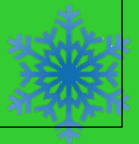
Reach out to professionals in your field of study and ask if they will allow you to gain exposure by working alongside of them for a day or two.

This will help you see how the information you have learned is applied in the real world. It will also help you to determine if the career path you are on is the right one.

Quick tips for job seekers:

Helpful tips and ideas for job seekers:

- **Attend job fairs:** This is a great opportunity to get your foot in the door for a place you are considering to apply to. Let them get to know you personally and professionally. So dress to impress, you may get the job on site.
- **Have a “solid” resume:** Resumes are a glimpse of you and what you have experienced. This needs to be well polished and written. Utilize campus resources to help with your resume critique. You can always schedule an appointment to perfect your resume using Career and Student Services in Ellsworth Hall.
- **“Desired qualifications”:** some job descriptions have a list of desired qualifications and minimum qualifications. Just because they desire it doesn’t mean they will not hire you. Apply anyways and show them that you are well suited for the position. Keep in mind that you will be in competition with anyone who does meet the desired qualifications but that doesn’t make them more qualified.
- **Advice:** if you have an interview and you have already received a response from the human resources department that they are “interested in someone else” reach out and ask them how you did in the interview and if they have any suggestions on how you could improve your technique for the next job.
- **Employment placing agencies:** might be useful to look into if you are searching for temporary employment or flexible work. Possibly during Christmas break or Summer vacation.
- **Volunteering:** This is a great opportunity to gain work experience and skills for your resume.



Final Exam Study Tips:

Download and use study apps- there are many apps that you can use to help you study, even on the go. They will help you create flash cards or help with solving problems. One Example is: Chegg.com

Tune out social media- Social media is a big distraction. You can select the “no notifications” options on your cell phone to stop from receiving distracting sounds as well as apps that will help block social media sites on your computer for a period of time, so that you can study. Examples: Cold Turkey or Self Control.

Chew gum: study shows that chewing gum will help you stay focus.

Change your study space: changing your space will force your brain to reform memories every time.

You can check out more studying tips on the following websites:

<http://www.fastweb.com/student-life/articles/secret-study-hacks>

https://www.buzzfeed.com/melissaharrison/16-simple-studying-hacks-to-help-you-ace-your-next-exam?utm_term=.viXrJeoLk#.vbWVdGJlq



Please make sure you are getting enough rest before the exam and eating a well-balanced meal.

Goodbye Roxie!



Hello TRiO FESP Students,

It is with mixed emotions that I am letting you know that I will be leaving TRiO FESP. It has been a joy getting to know you all and you have taught me so much about life, the world, and myself. I will be starting my next adventure as a stay at home mom with these future Broncos! Stop by before December 19th to say goodbye.

Best Wishes!

Roxie



Temporary Office Changes..



Office Changes:

With Roxie leaving, we will be short staffed in the office until we are able to hire someone in that position. However, there are things you can do to help us, so that we can help give you the best service possible. Some of those things include:



- **Be on-time for your appointment.**
- **Let us know ahead of time if you will not make it to your appointment or if you will be late.**
- **Check and see if the office staff can assist in answering your questions. (The front desk staff or Harmony)**

We also encourage you to email our primary email address coehd_fesp@wmich.edu or call the front desk 269-387-3500 with questions or concerns and based on the question we will then forward your email or call to either Myia, Harmony, or Laura (from the CEHD advising office) based on your specific needs. This will help ensure a quick response.

December Awareness Month

National Impaired Driving prevention month-

According to the NCADD about 40 million people either are driving drunk or under the influence of drugs.

Things you can do to prevent driving impaired:



- Always appoint someone as your designated driver for the night.
- Or call a taxi, Drive Safe Kalamazoo, or Uber as another method of transportation if needed.
- Drink responsibly

Keep in mind that when you choose to drive while impaired, you're not only putting your life at risk but the risk of everyone else's life on the road as well.

Drive safe Kalamazoo- Is an organization dedicated to providing a SAFE ride home for Western Michigan University students. If you are in need of a safe ride home call 269-345-0DSK. This is a WMU RSO and you are more than welcome to volunteer with them as well and assist in providing others with SAFE transportation.

<https://www.ncadd.org/>

<http://www.drivesafekalamazoo.com/index/>