

April 2017 FESP News

2017 Annual Policy Seminar- Washington, D.C:

Five TRiO FESP Participants had the opportunity to attend the 2017 Annual Policy Seminar with the TRiO FESP Staff where they advocated to Congress to support TRiO Programs nationwide and not to cut our budgets! TRiO programs are important to numerous of students and we will need continued support. If you see any of our TRiO Participants that went, thank them for their efforts. Also if you would like to be involved with keeping the TRiO programs, write a letter to congress telling them how TRiO has helped you! Drop your letters off in the TRiO FESP office and we will mail them off.



TRiO FESP Participants: Nicci Harris, Stephanie LePoudre, Brooklynn McLaughlin, Brandy Bouck, and Taylor Scholz
TRiO FESP Staff: Toni Latham (Program Services Coordinator) and Harmony Williams (Administrative Assistant II)

Important

Upcoming Dates:

4/18: TRiO Cord Ceremony

4/24-4/25: Finals Week
Grab Bags

4/24-4/28: Final Exam
Week

4/29: Commencement

National TRiO Day Dinner!

A day of celebration, reflection and action around increased access to higher education for disadvantaged students. This year we celebrated National TRiO Day by having a wonderful dinner in the Bernhard Center where we heard about experiences from our TRiO Graduates; Anthony Barnes and Shay Cobb. (Also featured in the Fall newsletters) They discussed graduate school, working in the school system, and the importance in networking. It was truly an amazing experience.

Summer Employment Opportunity with the TRiO Upward Bound Program:

Upward Bound is a program on Western Michigan University that works with High School students. They have asked us to do a 2-hour workshop activity on the topic of becoming future teachers. This will be held on July 10th and July 17th. You will meet with students between 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. You will be paid \$9.10/hr. If you are interested, please email Toni at toni.j.latham@wmich.edu by Friday, April 7, 2017 with your inquiry.

Student Success Conference

Join the College of Education and Human Development on Friday, April 14, 2017 from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at Lansing Community College. Learn about strategies for professionalism, effective communication, and teamwork skills in the workplace while also being able to listen to Dr. Paul Hernandez, a motivational speaker.

BUILDING BRIDGES
Student Success Conference
Connect/Support/Empower

A collaborative success conference for students to bridge the gap between academics and careers. Learn strategies for professionalism, effective communication and teamwork skills in the workplace.

Keynote speaker: Dr. Paul Hernandez

April 14 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Lansing Community College
Health and Human Services (HHS) Building, Garden Level
Reserve your seat at lcc.edu/bridges
Pre-registration required, space is limited.
Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Thank you Mentors for a great year!!

TRiO FESP Mentors,

Thank you for your hard work and dedication for committing yourself to the 2016-17 Peer Mentor Program. You have done amazing work with the first year students by leading by example and ensuring their needs and concerns were addressed. This program has proven that the work of peer interaction will likely increase involvement with TRiO FESP, increase academic integrity, and also adjusting accordingly to WMU's environment. Without your involvement, these could have been challenges to our first year students.

TRiO FESP Staff greatly appreciate all the FESP Mentors, and we hope that you will carry the skills and knowledge that was learned throughout your experience into your next journey.

Go Broncos!

2016-17 FYE Mentors: Brandy Bouck, Brooklynn McLaughlin, Lauralee Redmond, Marina Garber, Nicci Harris, Stephanie Lepoudre, and Taylor Scholz.



How to Help Save Our Earth:

April is commonly associated with Spring, which is true for Michigan. Also, Earth day is celebrated on April 22, 2017 and is a day recognized to supporting and learning about ways to keep our environment safe by minimizing waste and recycling.

What can you do to help save our Earth?

- When buying food, buy only what you need and not an excessive amount that will result into being thrown away.
- Grow your own food, it's good for you and good for the Earth. (Money Saving Tip!!)
- Recycle, Western Michigan University has numerous recycling bins, this should be easy!!!

Get knowledgeable about ways you can save the environment. Check out the Earth day link for tons of information: <http://www.earthday.org/>

Teacher Education Fair

Polish your resume, there is a career fair coming up for Education students and Alumni. The career fair will be on **Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 9:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.** in the East Ballroom of the Bernhard Center on Western Michigan Universities campus. Check out Career and Student Services for resume building.

<https://wmich.edu/career/educationcareerfair2017>

Summer Literacy Opportunity in Grand Rapids:

Grand Valley State University will have their Sound Reading Program sponsored by John and Nancy Kennedy foundation this year possibly starting in June. You will be working with elementary school-aged children and can earn up to \$1,500 for the Summer. This will be a Monday through Thursday job. Stay connected with us for more information to come!!!

Carpool may be an option.

PLC Team Building Trip:

We will be having another camping experience on Friday, May 12, 2017 from 8:00-5:00 p.m. at Pretty Lake Camp in Mattawan, MI. Transportation will be provided. This is a great opportunity for all of our new TRiO FESP Participants and current TRiO FESP participants to connect with each other and their staff members. Email Harmony at harmony.m.williams@wmich.edu if you are interested in joining us.

Important Notice for Summer:

Summer Vacation is approaching for most of you and we would like you to keep in mind that while Myia will not be here for most of the Summer because she is having that beautiful baby girl, Toni our new Program Services Coordinator will be here for any questions or concerns you may have. If you have not met her yet, Stop by!

Volunteering in Kalamazoo:

Looking for volunteer opportunities for the summer whether it's for gaining experience, hours needed for a class, or just for something to do. There are many places seeking volunteers. Check out the website below to see what opportunities are out there for you!

<http://volunteerkalamazoo.org/>