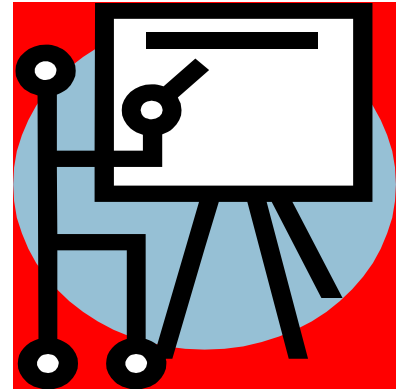


October 2013

Special Points of Interest:

- Priority Registration Reminder
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- TRiO FESP Fall Picnic



"Everyone teaches, everyone learns" - unknown

Priority Registration Reminder

TRiO FESP Students are eligible to EARN Priority Registration
(a major benefit of being a TRiO FESP Participant!)

If you have not yet met with M'Myia or Marcy during Fall Semester, we encourage you to contact the TRiO FESP Office today and schedule your Fall advising appointment so we can assist you with meeting the priority registration requirements and to discuss your Spring 2014 schedule.

You must have your appointment and all requirements met by October 8, 2013 so that you can register on October 15, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

You can now view Spring
2014 courses in Go WMU!

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UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Opportunity # 1: Boys and Girls Club of Kalamazoo

TRiO FESP is collaborating with the Boys and Girls Club of Kalamazoo to create an experiential learning opportunity for TRiO FESP Students and to provide additional academic support and guidance to Boys and Girls Club Members. This partnership is being funded in part by a grant provided by the Greg Jennings Foundation.

This partnership will involve having TRiO FESP Students volunteer 2-4 hours per week at the Boys and Girls Club during the K-12 academic year to provide one-one assistance to young people in grades K-12, assist Club Staff with mapping out the Club's programming with the Michigan Department of Education Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE'S) and the High School Content Expectations (HSCE's) and/or the new Common Core Standards.

FESP Students who participate in the academic year volunteering will be offered Summer Employment to continue working with a select group of middle school students to prevent the "Summer Slide" or break in their education over the summer months.

Activities will include academic support, mentoring, encouraging a college going culture, career guidance and exploration, community service and more! This is an exclusive opportunity for select TRiO FESP Students that will allow them to better understand the MDE's teaching expectations, gain experience and exposure working with youth, and to obtain guided practice and instruction as well as earn references and network.

The volunteer hours will be offered in the late afternoon and early evening and FESP Student schedules will be accommodated. The Boys and Girls Club is located on the Metro Transit Bus line and if FESP Students would like to volunteer as pairs or small groups, we will do our best to accommodate these requests !

If you are interested in being considered for this opportunity, please email Marcy at: marcy.peake@wmich.edu before October 31, 2013

Opportunity # 2: Great Lakes Peace Jam Mentoring

PeaceJam is an international education program that brings young people together with Nobel Peace Prize winners to inspire them to address the world's greatest problems. The goal of PeaceJam is to inspire a new generation of leaders who will transform themselves, their communities and the world.

Volunteers ages 18-28 years old work in pairs as mentors to high school students during a one day conference (known as the PeaceJam Slam) where they will co-facilitate powerful discussions, activities and games. Mentors will also participate in conference activities exploring social justice issues alongside students and guide youth participants through workshops that further develop their knowledge and skills.

The PeaceJam Slam will take place on November 2, 2013 and it is the annual kick-off event for high school PeaceJam Clubs from the 4-state Great Lakes region.

Mentor time obligations include:

Mandatory training: Thursday, October 24 from 5-9 p.m. on WMU's Campus and on Friday, November 1 from 2-7 p.m. at Lakeview High School (carpool rides to be arranged)

PeaceJam Slam Event: Saturday, November 2 from 7:45 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

This is another GREAT opportunity to work with youth, explore current events and generate solutions, build references and network!

If you are interested in applying, you must apply BEFORE OCTOBER 14, 2013.

For more information, contact: glpeacejam@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES

October 8—All requirements met for TRiO FESP Priority Registration

October 15—Priority Registration begins at 8 a.m.

October 23—Last day to receive a 25% refund for a complete withdraw

November 3-6—No FESP Advisors available

November 4—Last day to withdraw

November 15 and 22—TRiO FESP to Camp Eberhart

November 27—Thanksgiving recess starts at noon

Learning Opportunities

Starr Commonwealth is a residential agency that aims to create a safe and positive environment for young people to grow. As a residential agency, providing educational opportunities for the young people they serve, is part of their programming. In addition to teaching in traditional school settings, future and current teachers may want to explore teaching in residential and/or court-placed environments such as juvenile home facilities for adjudicated youth.

Every year, Starr Commonwealth celebrates its annual Founders Day and has special celebrity guest speakers, free meals, tours of the facility and most of all, an opportunity to interact with the young residents.

This year, Founder's Day is on Sunday, October 6th at 2:00 p.m. at the main campus in Albion, Michigan with guests: Actress Holly Robinson Peete, Former NFL Star Rodney Peete and a performance by former American Idol Matt Giraud. For more information: www.starr.org/foundersday



It is that time of year again for teambuilding and leadership events at the YMCA's Camp Eberhart! Please join fellow TRiO FESP Students & Staff for a day of leadership development activities such as: rock-wall climbing, high ropes course, horseback riding, and more! This opportunity is FREE to TRiO FESP Students and we are offering two dates this year! Contact our office to sign-up today!



Friday, November 15 or Friday, November 22—please sign up for ONE Day only

We will leave WMU's Campus at 8:30 a.m. and return by 5 p.m. on each day

The TRiO FESP Advisors and Graduate Assistant will be out of the office starting November 3 and will return November 7 so please plan accordingly so you can have all of your questions and concerns answered before we leave.

During this week, the office will be open M-F from 8 a.m.—5 p.m. and the computer lab will be open Tuesday and Thursday until 7 p.m.

TRiO FESP Fall Open House Picnic

TRiO FESP would like to thank our students, guests and donors for making our TRiO FESP Annual Fall Open House Picnic a success! We were delighted to bring together students, staff, faculty, local educators and community agency directors and staff to discuss current and future trends in education, TRiO FESP services and opportunities, and local volunteer and employment opportunities!



Above: Students listening to Kalamazoo Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice and CoEHD Dean Dr. Ming Li.



Above: Ervin Armstrong talking with TRiO FESP Students about volunteering at New Genesis, Inc.
Below: TRiO FESP Students enjoying a bite to eat!

Thank you to Special Guests:
Dr. Ming Li and CoEHD Dean's Office Staff
Dr. Michael Rice, KPS Superintendent
Sheila Dorsey, KPS Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources
Ervin Armstrong, Director of New Genesis, Inc.
Sidney Ellis, Director of the Black Arts and Cultural Center
Persia Mohseni, Prevention Works!
Dr. Gary Bischof and FCS Faculty & Staff
Laura Ciccantell and CoEHD Advising Staff
Scott Centilli and ETS Staff
ODI and MCC Staff



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