

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- The TRiO FESP office, located at 2215 Sangren, is now staffed!
- Students must submit their FAFSA and CoEHD scholarship information by March 1!
- Students are encouraged to attend the March 17th TRiO FESP Open House from 11:30—2:30!

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Fall 2011: Priority Registration Requirements

Priority registration is one of the many perks of belonging to the TRiO Future Educator Success Program (FESP) at Western Michigan University.

Priority registration at the University allows students to get into their required courses quickly, eliminating the stress of worrying whether a course is going to fill up and wreak havoc on your course schedule.

In February, all current TRiO FESP students received an email with a list of requirements they need to complete in order to receive priority registration. Students who did not receive this email should stop by the TRiO FESP office in 2215 Sangren to request a copy of the email!

As a reminder, in order to be eligible for priority registration for the Fall 2011 semester, which

opens on March 8th, students need to complete the following:

1. Complete and submit their FAFSA and CoEHD scholarship applications by March 1, 2011 (BEFORE Spring Break).
2. Complete the following assessments:

• Learning Styles: <http://www.vark-learn.com/english/page.asp?p=questionnaire>

• Jump\$tart Financial Literacy Quiz: <http://www.savingadvice.com/tools/quizzes/jumpstart-financial-literacy.html>

• Student Success: http://college.cengage.com/downing_assessment/jsp/questions1-8.jsp?customizer=pre

3. Meet with a CoEHD advisor in 2504 Sangren IF you have not met with them yet this term.

4. Meet with a TRiO FESP staff member in 2215 Sangren to complete your FESP enrollment. Students should bring copies of the following with them to the meeting:

- FAFSA submission confirmation
- Copy of the CoEHD scholarship application
- Assessment results

Additionally, students are encouraged to stop by the TRiO FESP office with any questions or concerns they might have about receiving priority registration. The new TRiO FESP office is conveniently located in 2215 Sangren Hall.

TRiO FESP Open House

Students, faculty and staff will have the opportunity to explore the new TRiO FESP offices on Thursday, March 17 from 11:30 AM—2:30PM.

The new TRiO FESP offices are located in 2215 Sangren, in the College of Education and Human

Development (CoEHD), just down the hall from the Teacher Certification Offices.

The St. Patrick's Day inauguration of the new office promises to be a great time with refreshments, snacks, and lots of useful information!

Students should note that the Open House is a excellent opportunity to connect with the new TRiO FESP Advisors before the end of the school year.

Applications and information about becoming a TRiO FESP student will also be available.



TRiO FESP students will be able to take advantage of free peer mentoring services.

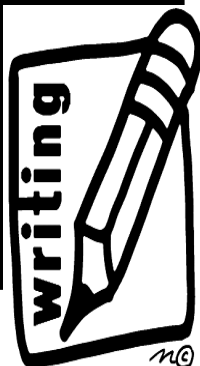
Writing Center Hours:

1343 Ellsworth Hall (by appointment)

- Monday—Wednesday
10am—8pm
- Thursday 10am—5pm
- Friday 12(noon)—3pm

3rd Floor Waldo Library
(no appointment)

- Sunday 5pm—8pm



What Does TRiO Offer?

So you've been accepted as a student in the new TRiO FESP program. For Summer I and II you've received priority registration and you're working towards completing what you need for priority registration in the Fall.

What else does TRiO FESP have to offer you?

That is a question that many new TRiO FESP students may be asking themselves—and we have the answer! The TRiO Future Educator Success

Program has a plethora of great services coming soon. These upcoming services include:

- Peer mentoring services
- Academic tutoring
- Priority registration
- Lower student to advisor ratios (less wait time!)
- Upcoming student skills sessions
- On and off campus events and activities!

- And more!

Students who are enrolled in TRiO FESP will have access to a wide range of services specifically designed to assist with the successful navigation of the systems on campus.

Consider the TRiO FESP office to be your one-stop-shop for all things academic!

If your TRiO FESP advisor doesn't know the answer to your question, they are here to help you locate it on campus.

TRiO FESP Profile of the Month



In February 2011, Roxie Swank joined the TRiO FESP staff as the new Office Coordinator!

Prior to working in the College of Education and Human Development, Roxie was employed as a Graduate Assistant with the WMU Alumni Association.

In addition to working at Western Michigan University, Roxie is also a student here at WMU. She is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Public Administration.

When not working or attending classes at WMU, Roxie enjoys baking, painting, pottery and karaoke. Additionally, she enjoys traveling and watching movies.

Students in the TRiO FESP program can contact Roxie at (269) 387-3500 or via email at r5morris@wmich.edu with any TRiO FESP questions or to schedule an appointment with a TRiO FESP advisor!

WMU Resource of the Month

The February 2011 WMU Resource of the Month is the Writing Center, located in 1343 Ellsworth Hall.

The Writing Center is specifically designed to help WMU students improve their overall writing skills by helping students learn *how* to learn. During each 50 minute session,

writing center staff will help students:

- Assess writing needs
- Determine the most important meaning-making needs
- Devise a plan to help writers make improvements

It is important to understand that the staff at the Writing Center will NOT write papers for students, but will help students improve their own writing skills.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, visit <http://www.wmich.edu/casp/writingcenter/index.html>



Study Tip of the Month



One of the most important, and often difficult, skills for a college student is taking notes during class.

Often, your notes become your study guide for tests and quizzes, so it is important that they are neat, organized and readable. Here are some tips for taking good notes:

- **Go to class prepared:** Make sure you have materials to take notes and that you have prepared for class (do the reading, etc.).
- **Improve your listening skills:** Concentrate on concentrating! Don't try to multi-task during a lecture because you may miss important information.
- **Develop a note taking method that works for you**
- **Pay close attention to content:** Always write down definitions, examples or information that is repeated or highlighted by your instructor.
- **Review and edit your notes:** Within 24 hours of class, go through your notes to check for content and make sure you understand all abbreviations.

Find this information helpful? Find more information and links to resources online: <http://jertz.setonhill.edu/writing/academic/notes-tips.htm>

“Ideas won’t keep; something must be done about them.”

Alfred North Whitehead (1861)

Spring 2011: Student Incentive Program

Here in the Western Michigan University TRiO Future Educator Success Program, we recognize that one of our greatest resources for spreading the word about TRiO is YOU—the students currently involved in TRiO FESP.

To that end, we are asking your help in getting the word out about our great programming! Through the Spring 2011 semester, we will be offering a tiered incentive program.

How do you become involved in this program? That's simple - recommend friends who will qualify for TRiO FESP services and, if they are ACCEPTED to the program, reap your rewards!

WHO Qualifies?

In order to qualify for the TRiO Future Educator Success Program, students must be currently enrolled in a teaching major in the College of Education and Human Development.

Additionally, they must meet at least one of the following requirements:

- Be a first generation college student
- Demonstrate financial need
- Have a documented disability (through WMU Disability Services for Students)



It is important to note that not all students who apply to the program will be accepted due to various grant guidelines.

HOW to apply?

Students can apply to the TRiO

FESP by filling out an application (available in the TRiO FESP office in 2215 Sangren Hall). Applications can also be requested via email.

HOW do I get incentives?

To get credit for recommending a student to the TRiO FESP, ask your friend to write your name on the bottom of their application. We will notify you if any students are accepted to the program (although we will not disclose that student's name).

WHAT can I earn?

For each accepted student recommendation to the TRiO FESP, you can earn different incentives. Incentives may include lanyards, chapstick, t-shirts, sweatshirts, water bottles, totes or other great TRiO merchandise!

Make sure to stop by our offices and pick up some applications and information today – this incentive won't last forever!


Important Dates

February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	 14	15 Summer I & II Priority Registration Opens	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Spirit Day—No Classes Early Childhood Internship deadline for Sul/Sull	26
27	28 Spring Break					

Additional Notes: Students need to submit their FAFSA information and CoEHD Scholarship information by March 1st, 2011!! TRiO FESP students are also encouraged to recommend friends to TRiO FESP!

March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 FAFSA/CoEHD Scholarship Info Due Spring Break	2 Spring Break	3 Spring Break	4 Regular registration deadline for April MTTC Spring Break	5
6	7	8 Fall 2011 Priority Registration Opens	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17  11:30—2:30	18 Fall 2011 Internship Applications Due	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Fall 2011 ECH Applications Due	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Additional Notes: Students are encouraged to drop by the TRiO FESP Open House on St. Patrick's Day! Friends or other guests are welcome! Additionally, WMU Scholarship Applications are due on April 1, 2011.