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The TRiO Future Educator Success Program (FESP) is funded by the Department of Education and is designed to help eligible students excel at Western Michigan University and in their K-12 teaching careers. Through a variety of activities, services, and opportunities on campus and in the community, our caring, knowledgeable staff will provide information and resources to enhance student academic performance and cultivate financial literacy, career development, leadership development, and awareness of campus services and programming. TRiO FESP students also have access to TRiO FESP Central, a study area designated for TRiO FESP participants. TRiO FESP Central is fully equipped with computers, SAT resources, and additional study necessities.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR TRiO?
TRiO FESP is for College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) students at WMU who meet at least one or more of the eligibility criteria below:

- **TEACHER EDUCATION** - pursuing a teaching major in CEHD
- **FIRST GENERATION** - neither parent has completed a bachelors degree
- **INCOME ELIGIBILITY** - determined by federal taxable income guidelines
- **DISABILITIES** - disability status determined by WMU disability services

BENEFITS OF TRiO
- Individualized attention
- Quick, easy access to academic advising
- Priority registration
- Scholarships
- Financial literacy awareness
- Career guidance and exploration
- MTTC preparation
- Access to study lounge
- Graduate school exploration and planning
- Leadership and professional development opportunities

PEER MENTOR PROGRAM
The peer mentor program provides college transition services and support to first-year students currently enrolled in the TRiO Future Educator Success Program (FESP). Activities may include but are not limited to: individual meetings, group activities, attendance at on and off campus events which include educational, recreational, and cultural opportunities.

FALL ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE
TRiO FESP sponsors a fall gathering as an opportunity for participants to network with FESP peers, community supporters, local agencies, and Western Michigan University Staff to build relationships. TRiO FESP participants will be placed in the Kalamazoo area for their internships and the Open House is a setting in which students can begin building lasting relationships early on in their academic career at WMU.

TRIO CORD CEREMONY
Each semester we host a celebration ceremony for our FESP participants that are graduating. We understand that the journey through college is difficult and long and we want to reward them with a red and black cord to wear at commencement.

FALL/SPRING RETREAT
Every fall and spring we attend a camp outing with our TRiO FESP participants (new, transfer, and current students) as an opportunity to develop participant’s skills in team building, leadership, and communication.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES
Our goal is for participants to get exposed to as much experience as possible working with K-12 students so that they are prepared for their career after graduation. We work with organizations such as; Kalamazoo Nature Center, TRiO Upward Bound, Communities in Schools, Project X, and many more. We also hire TRiO FESP participants in our office, lab, and as tutors for their peers.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Successful scholarship searches require much time and effort, and FESP staff members assist students with identifying scholarship opportunities and completing qualified applications to submit. The TRiO FESP office offers $11,000 in Grant Aid to Pell-eligible freshman and sophomore participants. In addition, CEHD provides $35,000 in scholarships, and participants can also apply for the additional $350,000 in annual CEHD undergraduate scholarships and $30,000 in annual CEHD Study Abroad scholarships.