



## TRIO

Talent Search

Federally-funded TRIO comprises various programs, which, since 1965, have promoted opportunity in education.

TRIO/ETS, launched at CCC&TI in 2002, currently serves 600 middle-school and high-school students. Its mission is to get academically talented Caldwell County students enrolled in college.

TRIO/SSS has served 1000 participants at CCC&TI since its inception here in 1993. Its mission is to provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and serve to motivate students towards the successful completion of their post-secondary education.

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For further information on TRIO programs, please visit [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov).

### TRIO/ETS Attends The Russian-American Circus

By: Michael Kapetanis  
7<sup>th</sup> grade, HMS

On September 23rd, three TRIO/ETS participants from each school were chosen to attend the Russian-American Circus, held at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. These students were selected because they had participated more than anyone else in TRIO/ETS. I was one of those who had the chance to go. These amazing performers did tricks that one can only imagine. These performers were professionals from the ages of six to 36. They did their tricks in a very humorous way. It was wonderful. I was surprised that it was free for TRIO/ETS students-just one more reason for TRIO/ETS students to get involved!



### TRIO/ETS Induction Ceremony

By: Jessica Starnes  
6<sup>th</sup> grade, CES

I enjoyed the induction ceremony held on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 a lot. It was a great experience to see all the faces that are TRIO people and to meet everyone. TRIO has taught me so much about getting ready for college. There are many students that are beginning their first year in TRIO and many others that have been in TRIO for four years. I love TRIO very much!



Jessica Starnes, TRIO/ETS inductee



Ashley Rector, 2006 G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholar at the TRIO/ETS Induction Ceremony

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## TRIO/ETS Senior FAFSA night

By: Josh Johnson  
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What do you think would happen when a group of TRIO/ETS students, their parents, and the TRIO/ETS specialists get together? Financial Aid Night, December 7, 2006, where this conglomerate of college hopefuls and the people they trust most gather to learn how to pay for college. Among the topics discussed were scholarship information, why loans can be bad, and the almighty FAFSA. Before the proceedings, pizza and words of greeting were shared among all present. Afterwards, a few of the students and parents registered for their financial aid PIN numbers. Special thanks are due to Myra Sanders of CCC&TI's Financial Aid Department for donating her time to us.

## FAFSA Night

## TRIO/ETS Attends The Golden Dragon Acrobats of China performance

By: Kayla Staley  
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We had a wonderful time watching the Golden Dragon Acrobats of China on January 12, 2007, at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. They had oversized hamster wheels that they spun around in. There was a lady that balanced glasses on her nose, her hands, her feet, and her head. There was also a young man who climbed up a chair and continued to add chairs until there were so many chairs that he was almost touching the ceiling of the theatre. That was our night at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center watching the acrobats.



## TRIO/ETS Students at the Cobra Pit

By: Desmond Johnson  
6<sup>th</sup> grade, GMS



On February 8, 2007, TRIO/ETS students attended the CCC&TI vs. CVCC basketball game. The basketball game was fun because you could sit anywhere you wanted to on our side to support our team. You could bring someone if you wanted to, and it was no charge. At halftime you could go outside the gym and purchase food and drinks, and if you ran out of money you could go back to the TRIO/ETS office and get a snack. We were also able to have a badge made with our name and picture on it. We were able to sit with our friends and family while enjoying the game, and that's what made it fun and exciting.



TRIO/ETS students, friends, and family at the Cobra Pit!!



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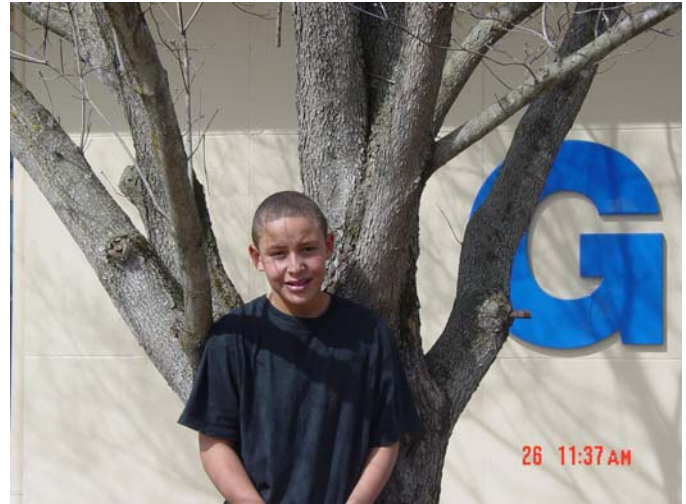
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**TRIO/ETS Alumni**  
**By: Heather Smith**  
**TRIO/SSS student**

Go Anywhere

I got started through TRIO/ETS after having won the "I Have a Dream Scholarship." TRIO/ETS is for the student wanting to go to college and who will be the 1<sup>st</sup> member of the family to obtain a college degree. Mitzi Fulbright was my counselor throughout high school. She was a big help and a friend in that she provided me with study tips, college information, scholarship information, and so much more. There were also several trips offered to area colleges. As I completed high school, I enrolled at CCC&TI and in TRIO/SSS. There are so many fun friends, clubs, and activities to interact with. Being a part of TRIO has helped me to succeed and have fun doing so while working towards my Associate in Arts degree.

fanatic. (Grady placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 125 division motor cross race in Conover a few weeks ago)



## Introducing Heather!

My name is Heather Duncan. I started working for TRIO/ETS in October 2006. Usually you will find me at William Lenoir Middle School, Hibriten High School, Caldwell County Early College, or Caldwell County Career Center High School. Before coming to TRIO/ETS, I taught Employable Skills and Computer classes through CCC&TI's Continuing Education Department. I am currently working on my masters to be a counselor. I have enjoyed getting to know everyone so far and look forward to seeing you all head on to college. Feel free to email ([hduncan@cccti.edu](mailto:hduncan@cccti.edu)) or call 726-2620 with any questions or concerns.



Heather Smith

## My TRIO/ETS experience

**By: Grady Moore**  
**7<sup>th</sup> grade, GMS**

I have been in TRIO/ETS since my sixth grade year at Gamewell Middle School. We learn about different colleges and visit college campuses. TRIO/ETS also makes sure our behavior stays within normal standards. If we mess up, they know. I would like to either attend NC State or Duke University. I would like to be a professional football player or a professional motor cross racer. I have already started my career as a motor cross



Heather Duncan TRIO/ETS Specialist

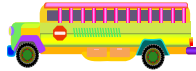
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## TRIO/ETS



### Spring 2007 trips/events

Feb 17	FAFSA Day	12 <sup>th</sup>
Mar 23	Gardner-Webb University	high school students
April 17	Diversity Day at Appalachian State University	HMS and HVES 8 <sup>th</sup>
April 24-25	TRIO Open House	
	summer trip sign-ups	all students



Congratulations to the Lady Cobras basketball team! The team is on its way to the NJCAA Division III Women's Basketball National Championship in Utica, New York. In the evening hours after TRIO/ETS days, TRIO/ETS administrative assistant Julie Parsons serves as associate head coach of the Lady Cobras!



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