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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 625 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.

Visit www.cccti.edu for more information on TRIO at CCC&TI.

For further information on TRIO programs, please visit www.ed.gov.

TRIO Visits AMP and Appalachian State University!

**By: Dalton Kaylor,
7th grade, Hudson Middle**

On October 29, I joined other TRIO/ETS members on a visit to AMP and Appalachian State University. When we first arrived at AMP, we were introduced to Mr. Yash Mahajan, who is the owner's son. Mr. Mahajan told us about how AMP came to Lenoir. AMP manufactures electronic devices. On our tour we saw pieces being constructed. We also saw a demonstration of the Smart Exit Sign, which can show where smoke or gas may be. Our last stop was in the board room, where we saw where all the brainstorming takes place. We said our good-byes and were off to Appalachian State University. Upon arrival at ASU, home of the Mountaineers, we went to the bookstore. There you can buy anything from pencils, books, to ASU clothing. After leaving the bookstore we met up with a TRIO staff member, Cathia Silvers, to talk about the TRIO program at ASU. We also spoke to Tim Brown, TRIO/ETS graduate, to hear his take on

college life. Once we left the TRIO building we ate lunch where we observed just how fast-paced ASU really is during class hours. When we finished with lunch, we split up into groups to tour the campus with TRIO/ETS alumni and ASU TRIO students, Steven White and Adam Fox. We visited dorms, classrooms, and many more interesting places. We ended our trip on an exciting note when we visited the football field which serves as home to 3peat NCAA champions.



TRIO/ETS students at AMP



TRIO/ETS students with TRIO/ETS alumni Adam Fox at Appalachian State University

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TRIO/ETS Induction Ceremony,

November 13, 2007

By: 6th graders, GMS

Reva Bolick: It was so great. We learned more about TRIO/ETS.

Madison Cook: It was fun. I had a great time and it was great to get up on stage and have such a good time.

Holly Miller: It explained more about the program.



TRIO/ETS new inductees from Gamewell Middle School, with Mr. Hindman, Principal, Ms. Vickie Sproul, Assistant Principal, and Melissa Hambright, TRIO/ETS Specialist

TRIO/ETS Annual Luncheon

November 29, 2007

School officials, board members, community and college leaders gathered recently for Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's annual TRIO/ETS luncheon, held on November 29, at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. Now five years old, the program serves 625 students. Two TRIO/ETS seniors, who participated in the 2007 *TRIO Youth Leadership League* program, spoke about their college plans. Lauren Livingston noted that she hopes to attend UNC-Chapel Hill or NC State University in fall 2008. Vontenea Williams stated her top college

choice to be Winston-Salem State University, a campus she visited first with TRIO/ETS in summer 2007.



Participants included TRIO/ETS Specialist/Counselor Mitzi Triplett (left), Vontenea Williams of South Caldwell High School, Lauren Livingston of Hibriten High School, and TRIO/ETS Specialists Melissa Hambright and Heather Duncan

TRIO/ETS 6th Graders Visit the Catawba Science Center and Lenoir-Rhyne College!

By: James Brown

6th grader, Granite Falls Middle

My experience at Lenoir-Rhyne College was a very educational trip. There are many other colleges out there, but this one was unique. Miranda Annas gave us a tour. She had been in TRIO/ETS before she went to college. She told us she was majoring in being a flight nurse. That's when a nurse is on a helicopter!

Lenoir-Rhyne is a fun college! The students at Lenoir-Rhyne are very nice and inviting. The tour guides were smart and funny. There are many good things about Lenoir-Rhyne, but one sticks out, the teachers. They are so motivational, and I'm sure all of them teach well.

The first thing I thought about the cafeteria was it looked like a restaurant! Also, if you are hungry after eating hours you can go to the Bear's Lair. It is something like McDonalds, Lenoir-Rhyne style.

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FAFSA Day



Miranda Annas and James Brown, center, with other GFMS students



TRIO/ETS 6th graders at Catawba Science Center



TRIO/ETS students at Lenoir-Rhyne

On February 9th, CCC&TI hosted FAFSA Day in partnership with CFNC. The event is always free to the public and is held each year during February. Students and parents from the community received assistance completing the FAFSA from CCC&TI's financial aid department, Transition Advisors, and TRIO/ETS Specialists. FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It is the form 12th graders complete to see if they are eligible for grants and loans. All TRIO/ETS students are required to complete the FAFSA when they are seniors, so that they can know what financial aid is available to them to pay for college. The FAFSA can be an intimidating form, but TRIO/ETS Specialists are always available to help with it. For more information about the FAFSA or other forms of financial aid, call or email your TRIO/ETS Specialist.



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DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

February 28, TRIO Day, 5-7, CCC&TI gym

April 19, UNC Charlotte, High School Students

OPEN HOUSE, (Sign up for summer trips)

April 22, 3:30-7:00,

April 23, Early Release Day, 1:00-5:00

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