

# TRIO TRIBUNE

For and By TRIO/SSS Students

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## TRIO

Federally-funded TRIO comprises various programs, which, since 1965, have promoted opportunity in education. TRIO/SSS has served over 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.

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.

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## Welcome from Watauga!

By Kim Moretz  
2009 TRIO Alumni Scholar

Welcome back, TRIO staff and members! On behalf of the TRIO staff and current members I would like to extend a warm welcome to you, our new TRIO members!

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Kim Moretz. I have been a student on the Watauga Campus of CCC&TI since August 2007. I have been a member of TRIO since then as well.

Just to tell you a little bit about me: I am 35 years old and the proud mom of Amber, a freshman this year at Ashe County High School, and Austin, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Blue Ridge Elementary School. I am married to a wonderful man named Jon. We moved to Creston last August on a farm that consists of two horses, three cats, five dogs, and fourteen chickens. Aside from the farm life we are vendors at the Ashe County Farmer's Market.

When I started at Caldwell I had no idea what TRIO was. I was lucky enough to become a member and become involved. TRIO has been a tremendous source of support and encouragement. In April, I was awarded the 2009 TRIO Alumni Scholarship, which has been an honor for me.

During the 2009-2010 I will be contributing to our TRIO Tribune, so

you will be hearing from me on a regular basis. If you have any questions, concerns, or anything you would like mentioned, please do not hesitate to contact me at [kmmoretz@students.cccti.edu](mailto:kmmoretz@students.cccti.edu).

My advice to you is to take advantage of TRIO; it is there to guide, support, and encourage you! Hope you have a good semester and I look forward to getting to know you all.

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.” ~ Henry David Thoreau

### *A TRIO-Family Success Story* By Shirley Miller

Brenda Dishmond Edge is my niece, and it is through Brenda that I learned of and enrolled in TRIO.

Brenda studied at CCC&TI years before I enrolled in classes here. She wanted to attend CCC&TI not only for herself, but for her sons. Her aim was to show them the value of an education and that it is never too late to learn and strive to make one's life better.

Brenda enrolled at CCC&TI in summer 2000, after being out of school for almost 20 years. A friend told her about TRIO, and she joined as soon as she could. She said, “The staff was so helpful and made it so much easier to handle everything I had on my plate.”

My niece is convinced that she would not have made the good grades in math she did had it not been for the tutoring available through TRIO. Brenda graduated with a degree in Paralegal in 2003 and is currently employed by a local attorney.

Brenda's two sons, Kevin and Kenneth, joined the military in fall 2003. Her eldest son, Kenneth Kiser, is now out

of the Air Force and enrolled at CCC&TI. Kenneth's wife, Veronica, is taking Continuing Ed classes. Her youngest son, Kevin, will soon be out of the Navy. Brenda's husband, Al Edge, is now in his second semester in the Automotive Systems Technology at CCC&TI.

Brenda's enthusiasm about TRIO persuaded me to explore enrolling when I began studies at CCC&TI. I am grateful to Brenda, and to TRIO.

### **TRIO Alumni Group Celebrates 5th Anniversary!**

At its annual planning session on September 14, the TRIO Alumni Group celebrated its 5th anniversary. Attending were **Dr. Edgar Foster**, who served as chair during the group's inaugural year, 2004-05, and such other TRIO alumni as **Stacy Styles, Bobbie Watson, Ivan Sain, Vickie Cannon, Melissa Eller, and Teresa Watson**. Also participating were the two 2009 TRIO Alumni Scholars--**Virginia Hendricks and Kimberly Moretz**. Development consultant **Barbara Currier**, who serves as TRIO Alumni Group advisor, traveled from Raleigh to facilitate the session.



## TRIO Alumna + TRIO Student Connect

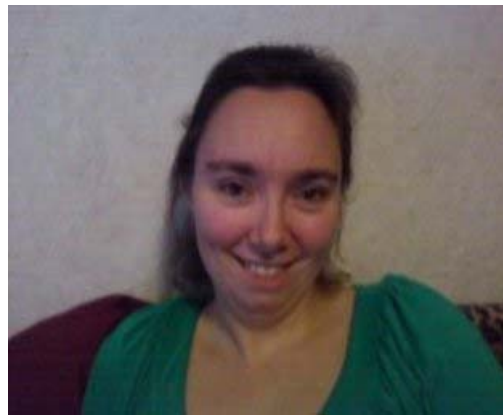
When TRIO student **Nelly Joseph** visited the Moses H. Cone Memorial Park & Flat Top Manor at Milepost 294.1 on the Blue Ridge Parkway in September, she had no idea whom she would see! TRIO alumna **Reama Pearson** (AAS, 2009, Landscape Gardening, CCC&TI), park ranger with the National Park Service, was on-duty during Nelly's visit and led the tour and information session. Photos below.



### My TRIO Work-Scholar Experience By Patricia Hodges

In spring 2008, I became a TRIO Work-Scholar for the Basic Skills Department on the Watauga Campus of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. This opportunity came at a very sad time in my life, and it gave me the lift I needed to continue with my studies. Being a TRIO Work-Scholar has given me better

organizational skills and taught me the importance of hard work and discipline. As with everything in life, time management is the key. With my graduation approaching it saddens me to think that my time as a TRIO Work-Scholar will end. I enjoy meeting new people and helping them on their journeys through life experiences. The faculty and students at Basic Skills have been a joy to work with. It has been an honor to be a TRIO Work-Scholar. I cannot thank TRIO and the Foundation of CCC&TI enough for giving me this opportunity. It has helped me grow as a student and a person.



*TRIO acknowledges with gratitude the support of the Foundation of CCC&TI in making possible the TRIO Work-Scholar program.*

### A Note from Charlotte By Charles Pritchard

**First, I would like to thank the TRIO staff for their support while I was a student going to CCC&TI. With their help, I gained the confidence and the resources I needed to continue my education at UNC-Charlotte as a mechanical engineering major. The G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholarship was only one of the many resources that**

**TRIO provides to students. In addition, their counseling and advising were very helpful. If anyone is eligible to apply to a TRIO program, I would highly recommend doing so. In addition, I believe that CCC&TI is a great place to start if you are planning to transfer to a four-year college in the state of North Carolina.**

[Editor's note: Mr. Pritchard was a TRIO/ETS participant during high-school and was named the 2005 G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholar. He participates in the TRIO/SSS program at UNC-Charlotte.]

## **TRIO Groups**

**What are those TRIO/SSS students doing now?! Helping, working, leading, creating, living, giving....**

### **Independent Women:**

This group comprises women who gather to discuss issues of interest and importance to them and to support one another.

### **TRIO Large Event Planning Team:**

This group is responsible for the coordination and organization of each TRIO deli, TRIO/SSS Awards Ceremony, and TRIO/ETS Open House and other large TRIO events.

The group leader is Haley Cole.

### **TRIO GlobeTROTTERS:**

This group comprises TRIO/SSS students with strong interests in increasing their awareness of diversity and global issues through TRIO, the CCC&TI Global Diversity Committee, and general campus activities. The TRIO GlobeTROTTERS group also includes those traveling with the "Heifer Honduras: TRIO Study + Service Tour" in May 2010.

### **TRIO Service Corps:**

These team members organize and assist in the deployment of TRIO/SSS student resources across campus.

The group co-leaders are Olivia Presnell and xxx.

### **TRIO Technology Group:**

This group comprises current TRIO/SSS students who provide technological support to other TRIO/SSS groups and TRIO/SSS staff, maintains BFA laptops, and assist in maintenance of the TRIO website on the CCC&TI homepage.

### **TRIO Alumni Group:**

Its mission is to capture the energy and talent of TRIO students--past, current, and future. In 2009-10 the TRIO Alumni Group has up-dated its strategic plan and refunded its TRIO Ariane Angley Assistance Fund. Further activities for 2009-10 will be the 6th annual TRIO Alumni Reunion and the awarding of the TRIO Alumni Scholarship.

### **TRIO Tribune Team:**

These students create and relate news of interest to TRIO/SSS students by organizing and producing the on-line newsletter. Shirley Miller is co-leader.

For more information on joining any of these groups, please stop by the TRIO Center in B-Annex or email a TRIO staff member or TRIO student.



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