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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.

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Big Things are Happening With the TRIO/SSS Alumni Group

By Shannon Withers

As many people already know, our TRIO/SSS students have been an active part of CCC&TI since 1993. A new group started in September 2004. The group of which I am speaking of is called the TRIO/SSS Alumni Group. Their mission is “To capture energy and talent of TRIO/SSS students—past, current, and future.” Edgar Foster, Nicole Fogle, Larkin Kassuba, Lisa Stout, Rick Taylor, and Vickie Cannon were all founding members of the group. Since its beginning in 2004, the group has been hard at work. In 2005 the group announced its first ever TRIO/SSS Alumni Reunion in which the group sent letters to 1,000 people, including past and current TRIO/SSS students so that they could attend and be involved in the new things ahead. The first reunion was held on April 30th, 2005 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center from noon until 3pm. At the reunion, the names of the first ever TRIO/SSS Alumni Scholarship recipients were announced. The next TRIO/SSS Alumni Reunion will be held on April 29th, 2006 at noon in room E-120. Once again the winner(s) of the TRIO/SSS Alumni Scholarship will be announced, so I encourage everyone to participate.

The TRIO/SSS Alumni Scholarship was established in 2005 by the TRIO/SSS Alumni Group. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance on a yearly basis to at least one current TRIO/SSS participant to continue his/her education at CCC&TI. The money can be used for books, childcare, tuition, school supplies, transportation to and from school, or any other student need. Once again the scholarship has been made available. The money for the scholarship comes from contributors from CCC&TI and in the community. One contributor is Gloria Roberts (The Jewelry Lady). She got together a TRIO/SSS fundraiser through Premier Designs Jewelry. Some ladies from TRIO/SSS and others held jewelry parties and they received free jewelry. Twenty percent of the sales from these jewelry parties went towards the scholarship. How exciting that is to know! The scholarship is open to all TRIO/SSS students who meet the

criteria noted on the application. We do have a contribution box in the back of the TRIO/SSS suite if anyone wants to contribute.

The TRIO/SSS Alumni Group has done some amazing things for our benefit, so if you get the chance to attend the reunion, please do so.



Promoting the Early Childhood Club

By Dora Bowlin

I wish to thank the TRIO/SSS organization for allowing me to use the TRIO Tribune to carry the word about the Early Childhood Club. I know a few of the Early Childhood Club members are also TRIO/SSS members. The news for this issue will begin with the \$317.00 donation made to the Lenoir Shelter Home in December from the Spaghetti Dinner. With the beginning of the New Year the club officers have started decorating the bulletin board outside Mrs. Stephanie Shockley's office. We will try to feature at least one book each month.

For February our special guest was Terry Brown, Smart Start's Behavior Management Specialist. The guest speaker for March will be Carla Patterson, Executive Director of Smart Start. During April the guest speaker will be Melissa Arrington, the Support for Inclusion Coordinator. The winners of the Smart Start conference

For our Spanish-Speaking Students...

TRIO sigue ofreciendo el "bien venido" a varios puntos de vista, expresados en varios idiomas. Si a Ud. le gustaría presentar algún asunto global o de otra cultura, por favor, indíquelo a Kelly Harrison o a Shannon Withers, los líderes del grupo de TRIO Tribune.

TRIO continues to offer a "welcome" to various points of view, expressed in various languages. If you would like to present a topic pertaining to the global environment or to another culture, please indicate so to Kelly Harrison or Shannon Withers, the co-leaders of the TRIO Tribune Group

scholarships were Marie Wood, Julie Robbins and Nicki Jenkins.

April 2nd through April 8th is the Week of the Young Child. To finish the week, the Caldwell County Smart Start event called Walk Smart for Smart Start will take place on Saturday, April 8th, 2006. Please sign up and Walk Smart for Smart Start. A portion of the money will be put into the transportation fund for the recruitment specialist and some will be added to the club social expenses. Teacher's Express on Cahah Mountain Rd. is giving a 10% discount on purchases made by club members until April 29th. All students in the Early Childhood program are welcome to join. Membership is free. The meeting is held the last Monday of every month at 5:30 P.M. in room A210 of A-Building. Come to the meetings and meet people, share ideas, and have fun!

Editors Note: Shellie Bobbitt, Dora Bowlin, and others are TRIO/SSS students in the Early Childhood Education program.

Landscape Gardening Takes “Best of Show” Award at the Southern Estates Spring Garden Show

By Jon Gragg

The TRIO/SSS program at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute is proud to announce that Lacie Bentley, Priscilla Icenhour, Robert Townsend, Reama Pearson, and Jon Gragg, all of whom are TRIO/SSS students, participated in the Southern Estates Spring Garden Show. These students, among other students in the Landscape Gardening program, made it possible for us to win “Best of Show.” Without Lacie Bentley’s position at Hawks Ridge Nursery we may have never found the plant material needed. Once much of the plant material was located and transported to the greenhouse of CCC&TI, Priscilla Icenhour helped to maintain the plant material’s beauty by pruning, watering, regulating greenhouse temperature, and so on.

Robert Townsend led the construction group in prefabricating all material that could possibly be prefabricated prior to the show. Reama Pearson assisted in much of the construction of the prefabricated material. Each of the participants played major roles in the organization and construction of their exhibit in the garden show. Of the TRIO/SSS students in the Landscape Gardening program, Jon Gragg and Lacie Bentley helped most with the design of the exhibit. Many of these TRIO/SSS students either worked or work for the Grounds Keeping Department at CCC&TI with Donna Leonard. As many of you may already know Donna Leonard is a TRIO/SSS alumna. What follows is a portion of the survey for the theme concerning hurricane Katrina that the Landscape Gardening TRIO/SSS students submitted to the garden show for approval.

Tribute to the Gulf Coast: Victims and Survivors of Katrina

Step inside the gates and explore this hidden courtyard garden designed and constructed by the students of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. Allow the serenity of the pond to remind you of Mother Nature’s power and ability to heal. Get lost in the memorizing flow of the slow rippling water flowing into the pool of fish, reminding us that there is hope for all in crisis. Florida anises’ fragrant smell lavishes your senses in a sweet blast of honey. Bamboo encloses our fragrantly aromatic, hidden garden. The flow of color and sweet scents make the yellow azalea the perfect choice for paying our respect to those lost due to the devastation of Katrina. Hyacinths, tulips, and daffodils are in fabulous bloom, sharing their beauty and fragrance for all to see. Our garden is designed to mimic traditional homes which once stood in the Gulf Coast beautiful and elegant.

Caldwell County Gains Two High Schools

By Dora Bowlin

Caldwell County Schools and Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute are implementing two new programs. Kimberly Turk, Vice President of the College Transfer Program, reports that these new high schools will be independent of CCC&TI and the other county high schools. These two new programs will begin in the fall of 2006, and be fully contained on campus. Both high schools will be recognized by the state as separate and official high schools. The students who will attend either of these two new high schools will have their own student government, choose their school colors and mascot, and determine their own clubs and activities. The students attending these high schools will be fully mentored by their counselors and instructors. The principals of the high schools

and parents of the students are expected to support and encourage the students and work with the schools' personnel. Since these schools will be recognized by the state as high schools the tuition is free, including books required for courses.

The first high school to mention is the Caldwell Early College. This is a five year program that incorporates college classes with high school curricula allowing students to complete two years of college when they graduate. These students will be selected from applications and be committed to attending a university. The selection of students who will attend this high school will be made from all academic and economic levels. Should the student decide not to finish the program there is a certain point in the tenth grade that the student may go to their home high school to graduate.

The other high school is Caldwell County Career Center High School. This high school is for the student wishing to attend CCC&TI. The chosen fields for this high school will consist of Construction Technologies, Bio-Medical/Health Sciences, and Information Technologies. The Dual Enrollment and Huskins Programs already available on the CCC&TI campus will be retained and any other student who wishes to participate in these programs can do so. Changes will be made with these programs in the fall of 2006 in that the students will be attending the full school day on campus instead of half the day. These students also have their college classes funded by the state.

Students that belong to TRIO/ETS will be able to have their counselors and mentors available to them as well as the high school's support team.



Ms. Robin Cornett Goes the Extra Mile

By Kelly Harrison

One of the best things about being a student at CCC&TI is being around the wonderful, helpful, and knowledgeable faculty and staff. A student couldn't really ask for anything more. Oftentimes it is quite difficult to choose whom among our excellent faculty and staff to write about in the TRIO Tribune. After thoughtful consideration, Ms. Robin Cornett was chosen to be featured in the present newsletter issue.

Ms. Robin Cornett was born in Millers Creek, NC, a small community in Wilkes County. She graduated from West Wilkes High School and soon thereafter decided to go to college. Ms. Cornett earned an A.A. degree in the College Transfer Program at Wilkes Community College and a B.S. degree in Human Services from Gardner-Webb University. She became registered in radiology after completing a hospital-based program at Wilkes Regional Medical Center. Ms. Cornett began working here at CCC&TI in August 2004. As the Clinical Coordinator of the Radiography program here at CCC&TI, Ms. Cornett's job duties include teaching radiography classes and keeping office hours to meet the need of her students. This summer, Ms. Cornett hopes to begin a distance learning program offered at Western Piedmont Community College via Western Carolina University for an M.A. degree in Education. Ms. Cornett is a member of the North Carolina Society of Radiologic Technologists (NCSRT), the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), the Blue Ridge Society of Radiologic Technologists (BRSRT), and the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT). She served as Vice President of the NCSRT. There is no doubt Ms. Cornett is driven for success!

Ms. Cornett and her family moved to Lenoir in April 2005. She has been married to

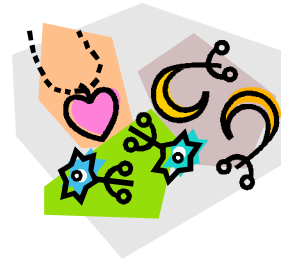
her husband Greg for 15 years and has a thirteen year-old daughter named Morgan. Ms. Cornett's hobbies include exercising, playing the piano, making crafts, doing needlepoint, and knitting. She also regularly attends Lower Creek Baptist Church and also does mission work as a member of Baptist Young Women. When asked what she loves most about working here at CCC&TI she replied, "It's a great place to work. Everyone here is friendly and it's fun to work with the students." What can anyone say about Ms. Cornett? She goes the extra mile!

Bridging the Gap: From TRIO/ETS to TRIO/SSS

By Jessica McWhite

In high school I never realized that I would have the opportunity to go to college. I had never even thought about it until my junior year at South Caldwell High School. Teachers, counselors, family, and friends were all asking me what I wanted to do with my life and what I wanted to accomplish. I could not answer these questions alone. My counselor in TRIO/ETS suggested TRIO/SSS. TRIO/SSS helps younger students think about college and leads them in the right direction. I experienced so much throughout this program. I traveled to different colleges to experience college life, gaining knowledge, and meeting people who could answer my burning questions. As an upcoming senior I became aware of possible career choices and different opportunities. Mitzi, my TRIO/ETS counselor, helped me to understand that it was ok to be undecided and unsure about my final career choice. After high school I decided to become a teacher so I could give back to my community. I soon joined TRIO/SSS, a program which helps students in college "get their foot in the door." I soon made plenty of new friends and classmates, which was easier to do thanks to being a member of the TRIO/ETS program. TRIO/SSS just

continued where TRIO/ETS and Mitzi had left off. Throughout TRIO/SSS I have acquired several benefits. For instance, tutoring helps me get a better perspective on the subjects I am studying. TRIO/SSS also leads people towards their chosen careers through career counseling. TRIO/ETS was like a brainchild of TRIO/SSS, giving me the experience and knowledge to obtain a college degree and a brighter future. Both experiences have taught me to never give up on my dreams and to continue my goals no matter what!



Gloria Roberts, the Jewelry Lady, Donates 20% to TRIO/SSS

By Janie Bostic

Everyone at TRIO/SSS would like to thank Gloria Roberts for the fundraiser that she has started to benefit the TRIO/SSS program. Gloria goes to the homes of some truly fabulous ladies in TRIO/SSS and shows Premier Designs Jewelry. The ladies invite a few friends over to see the jewelry, laugh, and have a fantastic time. The ladies who are gracious enough to host a party receive free jewelry and 20% of all the sales is donated to the TRIO/SSS program. Gloria says, "I'm just so glad to be able to give a little something back to TRIO/SSS! I am a firm believer in the program! The TRIO/SSS program has made all the difference in my life and I would have never gotten through college without them!" We would also like to thank Alice Lentz for setting up the fundraiser and Nellie McClung, Lacie Bentley, Dora Bowlin, and Trina Curtiss for hosting a party. Their generosity enabled

Gloria to donate \$109.60 to the TRIO/SSS program. If you'd like to have fun, get free jewelry, and help the TRIO/SSS program at the same time, we'll be continuing the fundraiser for next year's scholarships and hope to have 10 times as much to donate to TRIO/SSS! Contact Gloria the Jewelry Lady at 828-962-3100 or email her at blingblingparty@yahoo.com.

Group Activities and Updates

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

As you know, TRIO/SSS has created seven service groups in which students can participate to bolster their resumes and applications while giving back to the CCC&TI community. Below, the activities of each service group are updated.

TRIO/SSS Alumni Group:
Group members assist in maintaining contact with TRIO/SSS alumni and planning alumni related events. Plans for the 2005-2006 school year include a spring TRIO Reunion. Nicole Fogle is the group leader.

TRIO Tribune Team:
These students create and relate news of interest to TRIO/SSS students by organizing a bi-monthly newsletter. Kelly Harrison and Shannon Withers are the group co-leaders.

Orientation and Mentoring Team:
This team consists of TRIO/SSS students who orient TRIO/ETS students. Members will also assist the Caldwell County Public School System and TRIO/ETS staff by

mentoring TRIO/ETS students in the public schools and assisting with duties concerning the TRIO/ETS Induction Ceremony.
 Group leaders are Jodi Kaylor, Asia Honor, and Geraldine Maldonado.

Service Corps:
These team members organize and assist in the deployment of TRIO/SSS student resources across campus.
 The group leader is Katie Clift.

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 JoAnn Moore.

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

Technology Group:
This group comprises current TRIO/SSS students who provide technological support to other TRIO/SSS groups and TRIO/SSS staff, maintain BFA laptops, design workshops, and maintain the TRIO website on the CCC&TI homepage.
 Jesse Stumbo is the group leader.

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