

TRIO TRIBUNE

For and By TRIO/SSS Students

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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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Cerebral Palsy: A Personal Perspective by Keith E. Young

I am by no means an expert on my condition. I desire only to speak on behalf of those whom cerebral palsy has robbed of the ability to effectively communicate, or are too young to do so. When there is a child in class who has cerebral palsy, it's very easy to develop tunnel vision. If I enter a room, most everyone who looks my way will notice the way I walk. In fact, many only need to hear me as I approach to realize there is something different about me. However, few if anyone will notice anything different about my hands or my eyes. They can't know the frustration I feel because I have trouble double-clicking a mouse; no one will be aware of the fact that my eyes jerk when I read, causing me to lose my place.

Here is my message to teachers. It is your obligation as a teacher to assist all your students in reaching their full potential. Many of us will come to you well aware that there are things we cannot do; please help us discover what we can do. Here are personal experiences to illustrate my point.

When I was a young child, I fell constantly. My grandparents were always rushing to pick me up; later I

was taught a method that allowed me to get up on my own. It was heart-wrenching for my grandparents to stand idly by as I struggled to my feet. Often they opted to help me and in so doing hindered my progress toward a more independent life. Second, the school system where I lived did little in the area of either presenting me with academic challenges or encouraging a college education. I believed a high-school diploma was the best I could achieve.

I am now a 47 year-old college student at CCC&TI, and with the help and guidance of the staff, the loving support of my wife, and lots of hard work on my part, I have made the Honors List twice and the Dean's List once.

Whether a person's goals are a college education, getting up off the ground without assistance, or simply learning that getting a spoonful of mashed potatoes will help get the peas from the plate to his or her mouth, it takes patience and persistence on the part of the affected individual and his or her teacher. Most everyone needs goals in life, regardless of his or her limitations.

Sadly, there are some individuals who, due to the severity of their affliction, are condemned to lifelong imprisonment in a dysfunctional body. However, their mental capacity may in no way be diminished. Most anyone who would come in contact with British theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking would probably assume he is mentally challenged, when in fact his

intelligence is on par with that of Albert Einstein.

When and if you encounter such individuals, please afford them the same consideration and respect shown to anyone else.

Editor's note: Mr. Young has participated in TRIO/SSS since April 2007. Federal legislation identifies TRIO/SSS participants as first-generation college students, students with intense financial need, and/or students with disabilities. CCC&TI offers Disability Services. Information at www.cccti.edu



TRIO/SSS student Keith Young

Going the Extra Mile by Shirley Miller

CCC&TI's Jennifer Fisher is one who definitely goes the extra mile. Jennifer Fisher is an instructor for Math 060, 070, and 171. She is a people-person and is genuinely interested in others. She loves teaching and interacting with her students. I was blessed to be in Mrs. Fisher's Math 070 class, and her enthusiasm for what she was teaching was evident. Her bright smile, her caring for her students, and

her willingness to help when someone needed it are greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Fisher is married to Davis Fisher, who is a page-designer for the Hickory Daily Record. They are both Hibriten graduates. She is from a large family with four sisters. Her parents live in Caldwell, but her sisters are scattered: China, Greensboro, and Caldwell County in North Carolina.

Jennifer Fisher loves dogs, and her dog, Lucas, is "King of the House." Lucas loves walking with Jennifer and her husband. In her spare time, Jennifer likes trying her hand at new recipes, and she enjoys learning about new technology.

Mrs. Fisher taught before at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, from 2001 to 2004. She was married to Davis in August 2003. They moved to the North Carolina coast and were there for three and a half years. While at the coast, Mrs. Fisher thought that she and her husband would spend a lot of time at the beach, but they did not go as frequently as they thought they would. They did enjoy walking on the waterfront.

The Fishers decided to move back to family and lifelong friends.

Mrs. Fisher said she missed the mountains. She began teaching Math at CCC&TI again. Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute is fortunate to have Mrs. Fisher as math instructor. She is an asset to the college. I am grateful they decided to move back and count it a privilege to have had her for Math 070!

TRIO VICKIE T. ALLRED BOOK NOOK

by Hayley Cole and Daniel Allred

Guests at the December 2008 *TRIO deli* heard a special message about a new lending library and service at the TRIO Center. Speaking on behalf of her family, Hayley Cole announced, "Vickie T. Allred was our mother. She died in December 2006 after a two-year long battle with cancer. She left behind a legacy of love and laughter. She also left behind a love of books. I am proud to announce that the **TRIO VICKIE T. ALLRED BOOK NOOK** is up and running in the TRIO Center. Please stop by and pick out something to read. In fall 2009, we plan to give two book scholarships to TRIO students in need of aid."

A bookmark, produced by CCC&TI's Marketing and Communications Department, describes the **TRIO VICKIE T. ALLRED BOOK NOOK** and notes the memorial book scholarship that will be awarded.

Hayley Cole fills the TRIO Vickie T. Allred Book Nook with books that her mother loved and shared with others.



**TRIO VICKIE T.
ALLRED
BOOK
SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2008 in
memory of
Mrs. Allred by her family to
benefit
a TRIO student.

Awarded during spring
semester.

For further information,
please contact TRIO staff,
828.726.2726.
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TRIO Celebrates Graduates and Transfers!

The following TRIO/SSS participants
graduated and transferred in December 2008:

Holly Annas, AA May 2008, transferred to
Appalachian State University

Gail Dingus, AAS, Medical Office
Administration

Christine Hamilton, AAS, Medical
Office Administration

Tara Hoyle, transferred to Appalachian
State University

Selina Payne, AAS, Early Childhood
Education

Anaid Villeda, transferred to Appalachian
State University

Michelle Turvaville, transferred to
Appalachian State University

***Congratulations, TRIO
alumnae!***

Word from Watauga

TRIO coordinator Diane Mazza shared with
TRIO participants her journey through TRIO
while she was a participant in TRIO/Student
Support Services at Appalachian State
University in Boone, NC. As a TRIO alumna,
Diane brings special insight to CCC&TI's
Watauga campus about the benefits of TRIO.

TRIO Tidbits

25 TRIO/SSS participants visited the
Biltmore House and Gardens on
December 17.

14 TRIO/SSS participants experienced
the Broadway hit *Rent* on January 31 in
Charlotte.

The **average GPA (cumulative)** of TRIO/SSS participants at the end of fall semester 2008 is ... **2.93!**
 Congratulations, TRIO participants!

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 Hayley Cole.

TRIO Multi-Cultural Group:

This group comprises TRIO/SSS students with strong interests in increasing their awareness of diversity and global issues. Formally launched in May 2006, the TRIO MCG group works with other interested student groups on campus to raise awareness of the issues that link all people.

TRIO Service Corps:

These team members organize and assist in the deployment of TRIO/SSS student resources across campus.
 The group leader is Olivia Presnell.

TRIO 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, and assist in maintenance of the TRIO website on the CCC&TI homepage.

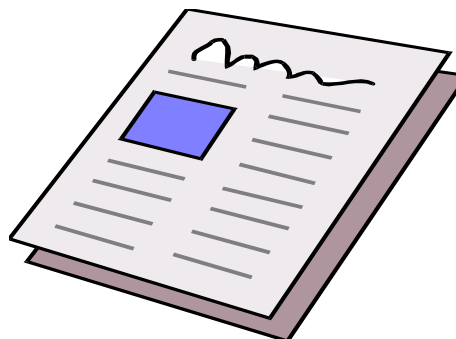
TRIO Alumni Group:

Its mission is to capture the energy and talent of TRIO students--past, current, and future. In 2008-09 the TRIO Alumni Group has up-dated its strategic plan and refunded its TRIO Ariane Angley Assistance Fund. Further activities for 2008-09 will be the 5th 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. Reama Pearson, Jessica McWhite, and Shirley Miller are the group leaders.

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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