

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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Global TRIO

There were only four students among the hundreds of presenters at *Beyond the Horizon: Preparing Students for a Global Advantage*, the NC Community College System conference held in Raleigh, NC, in October 2008.

TRIO/SSS participants Michelle Turvaville, Hank Williams, and Lisa Gonzales, and TRIO/SSS alumna Heather Yarber presented "TRIO Travelers for a Global Advantage."

The panelists shared insights on their travel with TRIO to Honduras and New York City and through World View's on-line globalization course and TRIO MultiCultural Group's activities.

Pictured, l-r, are Gonzales, Turvaville, Williams, Yarber, Student Services Vice President Mark Poarch, and TRIO/SSS Counselor Becky Boone.



"Time given to thought is the greatest timesaver of all."...Norman Cousins

Words from Watauga

In September and December, TRIO hosted lunches for TRIO/SSS participants on the Watauga campus. TRIO testimonials follow:

Linda Denny--"I want to see TRIO grow on the Watauga campus. I have been to the TRIO Center in Hudson, and it is great!"

Stephanie Estep--"To me, TRIO is not being alone in trying to believe I can go to college, no matter what my family says."

Patricia Hodges--"TRIO to me is a support team that makes sure I can reach my full academic potential and beyond."

Steven Roark--"TRIO was a tremendous help getting me prepared for going back to college. It has also been a big help keeping me motivated. All the staff have been wonderful."

Kelsie Darcy—"TRIO to me is a good way to communicate to everyone and also help me to improve at college."

Watauga Welcomes Diane Mazza

TRIO welcomes Diane Mazza as the TRIO coordinator on CCC&TI's Watauga campus to serve TRIO/SSS participants in Boone. In addition to TRIO responsibilities, Diane will serve as SGA advisor on the Watauga campus.

Summer Internship on Blue Ridge Parkway

By Reama Pearson



"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the places and moments that take our breath away".....anonymous

I am in the final days of completing my AAS Degree in Landscape Gardening. As a student in training I was able to complete my internship with the National Park Service. I worked as an Interpretive Ranger with the Blue Ridge Parkway in Blowing Rock, NC, from May to November 2008. While working as an Interpretive Ranger on the parkway, I had a goal of connecting the visitor to the natural world. The idea is to encourage the public to learn more about our environment and how to coexist with it, therefore, bringing nature closer to home.

My previous classes at CCC&TI gave me a solid foundation and sense of confidence that equipped me with a drive to complete my intern successfully. Forehand knowledge of plant identification, management skills, research analysis, and public relations were definite assets to have.

My training and teaching methods were implemented during guided hikes, history talks, demonstrations, tours of national landmarks, exhibits, and formal and informal programs. My field work also

included roving the trails looking for wildflowers in bloom to submit my weekly bloom report.

The Blue Ridge Mountains' scenic road of 469 miles displays some of the most beautiful panoramic views on Earth. It took 52 years (1935-1987) of landscaping to complete the project. The road is a marriage of the cultural landscape with the natural landscape. This living museum is home to many extraordinary species. Here are just a few examples.

- 2000 species of fungi
- 1300 species of wildflowers
- 400 species of moss
- 54 species of mammals

Not to mention the precious shrubs, trees, birds, fruits, nuts, etc... that inhabit the land and should command our respect.

Our parks are classrooms and prized treasures to be preserved for all time. Interpretation is the cornerstone at which our park service operates successfully by educating and connecting with the public. This life lesson of interpreting our fragile ecosystem interrelates with our own existence.



Come One, Come All to the TRIO Center Open House!

The TRIO Center invited all on campus to its Open House in September. Pictured here are TRIO/SSS participants Nichole Morgan, Kristie Hefner, Atzimba Villeda-Valdez, Anaid Villeda-Valdez, Bill Heath, and Selina Payne, with staff members Becky Boone, Robert Whitley, and Alice Lentz.

*¡Vengan, Todos!
En septiembre, TRIO invitó a todos a CCC&TI a una fiesta en el Centro de TRIO. En la foto hay algunos de TRIO.*



TRIO Alumni Group Hosted in Raleigh

Members of the TRIO Alumni Group were hosted at the NC Community College System Office in Raleigh, NC,

on October 29. The current and past TRIO participants who traveled are Dr. Edgar Foster, Gloria Roberts, Stacy Styles, Bill Heath, Marcus Abernethy, Madonna Humphries, Crystal Coffey, and Nicole Fogle. Barbara Currier, NCCCS Director of Foundation and Alumni Affairs, arranged the meeting, where Executive Vice President, Kennon Briggs, and Senior Vice President, Dr. Delores Parker, exchanged insights with the group.



TRIO Alumni Group at NCCCS Office.

TRIO Tribune, April 2008, featured an article by TRIO student Michelle Turvaville, in advance of her summer travel to Honduras. In this photo, Michelle reads her own article on-line, after accessing the internet in that Central American country.



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 Selina Payne.

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. Lisa Gonzales is the group leader.

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, 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 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 and Jessica McWhite 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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