



# TRiO Student Support Services Newsletter

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## Special points of interest:

- What Mrs. Obama Did on Her Spring Break
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## TRiO Participants Inducted into PTK



Frenitia M. Grant, Kashonda D. Johnson, and Robert Earl Smith II, TRiO participants, were among the Sparks Campus students inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, Sparks Campus.

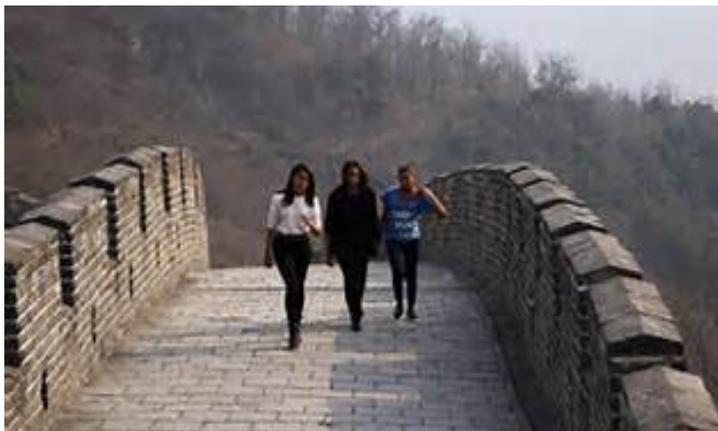
Phi Theta Kappa's purpose is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa provides its members with the opportunity to develop leadership and service, an intellectual climate for the exchange of ideas and ideals as well as lively fellowship. PTK seeks to provide stimulation of the student's interest in continuing their academic excellence.

Congratulations to each of you!

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**Don't forget! Tax Returns are due April 15.**

## On Visit to China, Michelle Obama Eases In Some Political Messages



CHENGDU, China — Michelle Obama's weeklong trip to China seemed to start as a spring break holiday with her mother and daughters but has turned out to include far more substance — and politics — than the cheerful advocate of fitness and healthful eating she often displays at home.

At a high school here on Tuesday, Mrs. Obama pointedly told students that the United States championed “the right to say what we think and worship as we choose,” even as she conceded that Americans still lived those ideals imperfectly and that minorities had struggled to overcome a legacy of discrimination. “Many decades ago, there were actually laws in America that allowed discrimination against black people like me, who are a minority in the United States,” Mrs. Obama said in a speech at the No. 7 School here. “But over time, ordinary citizens decided that those laws were unfair. So they held peaceful protests and marches.”

Slowly but surely, Mrs. Obama said to her rapt young Chinese audience, America changed, and “today, 50 years later, my husband and I are president and first lady of the United States.” It was the second time in four days that Mrs. Obama spoke openly about free expression and minority rights — messages that resonate in a society where the Internet is censored and the central government ruthlessly represses Tibetans and other ethnic minorities.

On Saturday at the Stanford Center of Peking University, Mrs. Obama spoke of free expression, particularly on the Internet, as the essential ingredient of a prosperous society, and on Sunday she met with a blind man during a round-table discussion at the American Embassy in Beijing to promote opportunities for those with disabilities. At every stop, she has pushed the idea that excellent education should be for all, not just the rich — a theme that is familiar in her appearances in the United States but strikes a different chord here.

Mrs. Obama may also have corrected some misimpressions of the United States, including the view in China that American education is easy and fun compared with the drill-oriented, exam-cramming Chinese school system. When she was aiming to get into a top college, the first lady recalled, she sometimes woke up before dawn to study. “The school was very far from my home,” she said, “so I had to get up early every morning and ride a bus for an hour, sometimes an hour and a half if the weather was bad. And every afternoon, I'd ride that same bus back home and then immediately start my homework, often studying late into the night — and sometimes I would wake up at 4:30 or 5:00 in the morning to study even more.”

Her comments shocked some Chinese.

“Even Chinese kids don't get up that early,” said one stunned student on Sina Weibo, China's biggest microblog site, with about 50 million daily users.

—The New York Times

To read more about Mrs. Obama's trip to China go to [http://www.nytimes.com/2014/03/26/world/asia/michelle-obama-mixes-some-politics-into-china-trip.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/03/26/world/asia/michelle-obama-mixes-some-politics-into-china-trip.html?_r=0)



TRiO on the Wallace Community College Sparks and Dothan Campuses is made up of three programs: Student Support Services, Upward Bound and Talent Search.

They are federally funded programs by the U. S. Department of Education that provide support and opportunity for eligible students-middle school through college. To reach any person on this list, call 983-3521 or 687-3543 and then the extension below:

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One person can make a difference and every person should try.  
—John F. Kennedy

**Scholarships and Financial Aid Information**

**Summer 2014 Wallace Community College Sparks Foundation Scholarships - Sparks Campus in Eufaula**

The Summer 2014 Wallace Community College Sparks Foundation scholarship application is now available for the Sparks Campus in Eufaula. The deadline to apply is noon, Thursday, April 17, 2014.

**Summer 2014 Wallace Community College Foundation Scholarships - Wallace Campus in Dothan**

The summer 2014 Wallace Community College Foundation Scholarship application is now available for the Wallace Campus in Dothan. The deadline to apply is Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

**For more information and applications, go to:**  
[www.wallace.edu](http://www.wallace.edu)  
**Click on Financial Aid**  
**Click on Current Scholarships**

**Summer Semester Registration**

**April 7**

Disabled students preregister on campus.  
Current recipients of VA benefits preregister on campus.

**April 8**

Graduates preregister on campus.  
Web registration begins at 7:00 p.m.

**April 10**

On-campus preregistration for all other current students

**May 19-4:00 p.m.**

Tuition Deadline for Preregistered Students