



TRiO Newsletter

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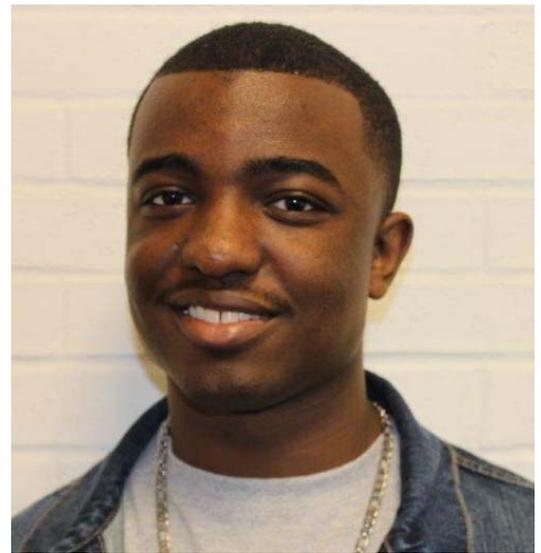
Wallace Community College

Special points of interest:

- Campus Tour of University of Mobile and University of South Alabama
- Scholarships and Financial Aid Information

DeMichael Turner Earns Transfer Scholarship to AUM

DeMichael Turner earned a Transfer Scholarship to Auburn University at Montgomery. The Transfer Scholarship pays a total of \$5000 toward a student's tuition or \$2500 per academic year. Transfer Scholarships are offered to incoming transfer students who have completed their sophomore year with a 3.5 grade point average at an Alabama Community College. The transfer student must be enrolled full-time (a minimum of 12 semester hours) at AUM and maintain a 3.0 GPA on work completed at Auburn University in Montgomery.



DeMichael Turner

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DeMichael is from Clayton, Alabama and graduated from Barbour County High School in 2013. He came to Wallace Community College as part of the TRiO First Year College Experience program in fall 2013. DeMichael plans to graduate from WCC in May 2015 and transfer to Auburn University in Montgomery in fall 2015. He plans to major in Human Resource Management. This field attracted him because he wants to help others find jobs that fit their education and interests.

While at Wallace, DeMichael has been an active member of the Student Government Association, Sigma Kappa Delta English Honor Society, and has continued to participate in TRiO activities.

DeMichael shared his favorite quote which is: "It doesn't matter where you start but how you finish that matters" from Valerie Irick Rainford, author of "Until the Brighter Tomorrow."

Participants of TRiO Student Support Services Tour University of Mobile and University of South Alabama



The Student Support Services participants from both the Wallace and Sparks Campuses took on the city of Mobile, Alabama February 20-21, 2015. The students got a chance to visit the University of Mobile on Friday, February 20th for UM Visit Day. They were greeted by the president of the university and then broken into groups based on their prospective majors. Each major offered a session for the students to learn about

that program and its requirements. After a financial aid workshop, tour of the campus, and lunch, they enjoyed a concert presented by the University of Mobile's Center of Performing Arts.

The group then headed to the Battle House Renaissance, one of the most historic hotels in America, to rest before dinner. The group dined at the world famous Oyster House, enjoying some of the best seafood in Alabama.

On Saturday the students visited the University of South Alabama for USA Day. The day began with the Campus Information Fair, giving them the opportunity to learn about campus organizations,



academic programs, and to speak with current USA students. Next were meetings with the Deans and Faculty from various academic programs. Later, the students attended information sessions for learning communities and transfer students and toured the campus. The students truly enjoyed both universities and found much to pique their interest in attending either the University of Mobile or the University of South Alabama.

—Jertavia Lyman



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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“Optimism can be learned.
Let the past go.
Today expect good things
to happen—
no matter what occurred
yesterday.”

Scholarships and Financial Aid Information

Fall 2015 Association of Service Agencies Scholarships. The Association of Service Agencies is offering a \$500 scholarship to an eligible Houston County candidate. **The deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2015.**

Fall 2015 Mattie Kolb Scholarship. The Mattie Kolb Scholarship is awarded by the Dothan District United Methodist Women based on financial need, academic record, and service to church and community. **The deadline to apply is April 15, 2015.**

For applications and more information on these and other current scholarships, go to:

www.wallace.edu
Click on Financial Aid
Click on Current Scholarships

Auburn University at Montgomery Transfer Scholarships. Scholarships are available to incoming students who have completed their sophomore year with a GPA of 3.5 at an Alabama Community College. **The deadline to apply for Fall 2015 is May 1, 2015.**

For applications and more information on the AUM Transfer Scholarships go to:

www.aum.edu
Click on Admissions
Click on Financial Information
Click on Financial Aid
Scroll down to Scholarships and
Click on Transfer Scholarships

Are your Financial Aid “ducks” in a row?



Here are a few suggestions:

File your 2014 income tax forms.

Submit the 2015-2016 FAFSA.

Meet the May 1 FAFSA Priority Deadline.