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TRiO Newsletter

Wallace Community College

Hilary Thomas Earns UM Transfer Merit Scholarship

Hilary Thomas of Louisville, Alabama earned a Transfer Merit Scholarship to the University of Mobile. This scholarship pays \$2000 per year over four consecutive semesters for a total of \$4000. She chose the University of Mobile because she feels it is “away from home but not too far.” She also likes the small campus and good teacher-to-student ratio. She feels that UM has a similar environment to Wallace Community College.

At Wallace Community College Hilary is a member of the TRiO Bridge program and a member of the Student Government Association. She most enjoyed Mr. Thomas’ class because he made the class both easy to understand and fun. Hilary plans to major in social work. Her goal is to work in Atlanta, Georgia as a case manager.

She offers this advice to other students: “Stay focused, and if you make a mistake, you can always bounce back. If you never try, you will never fail or succeed.”



Quaniece Hall Earns Full Tuition Scholarship to ASU



Quaniece Hall of Shortville, Alabama recently accepted a full tuition scholarship to Alabama State University. She had also been offered scholarships to Auburn University at Montgomery and Troy University, but chose ASU after visiting the campus and making friends there. She said that Montgomery began to feel like home.

Quaniece was president of Phi Theta Kappa, secretary of the Wallace Community College Book Club, a member of SGA and Baptist Campus Ministries, and a work-study student while attending Wallace Community College Sparks Campus. “I really enjoyed the relationships that I developed with my peers, teachers, and the staff. They all played a huge part in my growth, and they made my time at WCC worth it.”

Quaniece’s goal is to earn a bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education and open her own learning academy. “I want my classes to be small and focused because I believe that kids thrive in an environment where the teachers are close and personal.”

She advises: “Stay focused on the reason you decided to attend college, work toward your goals with all your heart, and keep God in front of you, and success will follow you.”

2014-2015 Sparks Campus TRiO Graduates



Lakita E. Davis



Trivia L. Grant



Barbara A. Jackson



Haley P. Lemons



Samuel A. Paige



Latisha T. Reeves



Quandesa T. Young

Also Graduating on the Sparks Campus

*Chelsea S. Bouier
Teena M. Ceasar
Charlene S. McCray
Tracy Patterson*

*Walter Brutley
Stephanie B. March
Brandon M. Nobles
Elaine Peterson*

*Leonard R. Simmons
Desireestorm C. Vaquez
Jonathon E. Williams*

Congratulations, Graduates!



Michael C. Beck



Briana N. Borders



*Deanna M. Daughtry****



Jowolry P. Fleming

*2014-2015
Dothan
Campus
TRiO
Graduates*



Carolyn Gilbert



Colleen Gilbert



*L. Vanessa Lopez****



Sandra Ryles



Janice E. Simmons



Vanessa Suarez



*DeMichael D. Turner**

Also Graduating on the Dothan Campus



Alison C. Woodall

- Marquesha M. Baker**
- Brenda A. Castro*
- Zavonne D. Covington*
- Asia S. Cullins*
- Joy C. Drinkard*
- Arteesha M. Henderson*
- LaBrandia R. Jones**
- Breanna L. Respress*
- Christina C. Rogers*
- Jazmine T. Simpson*

Congratulations, Graduates!

Former TRiO Participants Graduate from Troy-Dothan

- Raymond S. Hatsko*
- Bonita L. Jackson*
- Brittney Renee McLeod*



TRiO Participants Tour Three North Alabama Campuses



TRiO Student Support Services participants traveled to north Alabama to visit the campuses of The University of Alabama at Huntsville, Alabama A & M, and The University of Alabama.



Alabama A & M, Normal, Alabama



The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama



Talent Search News



Barbour County High School Talent Search 10th and 11th grade participants visited Enterprise State Community College recently. One student commented, "I got to view another college to help me with my college choices. The more we go on (college trips) the more it helps me."



Talent Search participants from Barbour County Junior High School had an opportunity to visit the Welding Simulation Lab during their recent tour of the Wallace Community College Dothan Campus.



Congratulations to former Talent Search participant, Raphael Sistrunk, on earning a welding credential from Wallace Community College Sparks Campus.



Lauraleen Culverhouse received early admission to Faulkner University. She is currently a junior at Russell County High School.



Russell County High School graduating senior, Quinesha Wilborn, was excited to accept a scholarship to Chattahoochee Valley Community College in Phenix City, Alabama.



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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*“Have you called your
momma today?
I sure wish I could call mine.”
—Bear Bryant
(on a TV commercial)*

Talent Search Announcements

TRiO Talent Search Middle School Summer Enrichment

will be June 16-18, 2015

from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants will participate in essay writing lessons, team building, financial literacy, community service, and mentoring.

TRiO Talent Search High School Summer Enrichment

will be June 22-25, 2015

from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants will work on ACT preparation, financial literacy, team building, goal setting and vision boards, community service, public speaking, college resumes, scholarship essay writing lessons, and mentoring.

Free summer math help is available 24/7.

Tenmarks.com is a free online math program available to students finishing 1st grade through Algebra II.

Please take advantage of this free program.

