



TRiO Newsletter

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TRiO SSS Participants Prepare to Transfer



I will major in Human Resource Management at Auburn University at Montgomery.
—Jaleah Kennedy



I have applied to Troy University. I am awaiting my acceptance letter.
—Sequoia Johnson



I'm very happy to receive my acceptance letters from Alabama State University, Alabama A&M, and Faulkner University. I would also like to thank Mrs. Ricks and the other TRiO staff for creating the timeline for transferring and making it a smooth transition. I will be attending Alabama State University in the fall of 2016 to get my Bachelor's degree in accounting.
—Natori Tyson



I'm very happy to receive my acceptance letters from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and Virginia Commonwealth University. TRiO helps the helpless. I was lost, but I was found by TRiO. I didn't choose TRiO; TRiO chose me.
—Torrence Pullom

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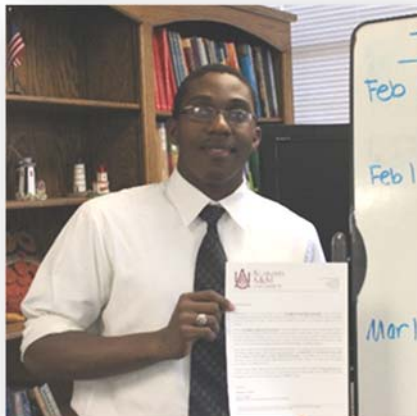


I have applied to three colleges: Alabama A&M University, Alabama State University, and Auburn University at Montgomery. I recently got accepted to Alabama A&M University. I would like to thank TRiO Student Support Services for the confidence and patience they had for me. If it were not for them I wouldn't know what kind of career or life I would have had. I also want to thank Mrs. Ricks for giving me a timeline for the transfer process and for being on me every single second.

—Justin Austin

Yes! I applied to the University of Alabama, the University of Alabama-Birmingham, the University of North Alabama, and Alabama A&M University and got accepted to all! While eagerly awaiting a response to my scholarship application to the University of Alabama, I was awarded the AAMU Transfer Merit Scholarship valued at \$31,960 for 2 years. TRiO has helped shape a strong, independent, and successful student—me, who will strive until excellence is finally accomplished. Thank you, TRiO, I am ready to conquer the world!

—Flora Vail-Lopez



In my transfer process, TRiO really became a big help. TRiO helped me with everything, including applying to three colleges and choosing the right one for me. While attending a campus tour of Alabama A&M University in Huntsville, I participated in many activities and even received a transfer scholarship! I'm transferring to AAMU. TRiO is really a big help!

—Robert Smith II

I love being in the TRiO program. They have helped me in many ways. I have applied to AUM and UAB, and I am now waiting for acceptance.

-Aaliyah Moore



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Today, I applied to Troy University in Dothan, AL to earn my Master's degree in social work. TRiO has been such a support system. Getting help with the things that I need for my transfer process has been an amazing journey. I hope to continue on to further my career and successfully become a social worker, the field of my dreams.

—Teresa Sistrunk

Trio has helped me choose the right school for my major. I applied to Alabama State University and Alabama A&M. Thanks TRiO!

—Johnathon Thornton



TRiO helped me succeed in applying for college. I applied to ASU & AAMU and will major in Physical Education.

—Brandon Nobles

I am transferring to Troy University-Dothan. Being in TRiO has helped me to stay focused on my goal of getting a degree.

—Hope Nolen



I am transferring to Troy University-Dothan.

—Breanna Kirkland

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Aaliyah Burks has been accepted to Troy University, Auburn University at Montgomery, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Mickey Nelson has been accepted at Troy University and Auburn University at Montgomery.



I have been accepted and plan to go to Auburn University at Montgomery to complete my education. Being in TRiO was an amazing experience. Always remember to strive for the best.

—Shaquilla Sewell

I plan to transfer to Auburn University at Montgomery, AL. TRiO has been very helpful in keeping me on track with the right classes. They helped make the transfer process stress-free.

—Aaliyah Morris



I have been accepted to the University of Mobile and have received a scholarship. I plan to transfer there Fall 2016. I feel I am embarking on a great journey to my future.

—Porsha Culver

The admissions process at Troy University was not as difficult as I initially thought. I submitted my application online and was contacted by Troy the following day. TRiO Student Support Services helped me with my transfer process by breaking down what I needed to do step by step.

—Brandi Turner



TRIO Talent Search Provides Participants with Cultural and Educational Experiences



Seventh and eighth grade Talent Search participants from Admiral Moorer Middle School enjoyed lunch at Red Robin Restaurant after seeing a performance of *Ain't Misbehavin'* at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival.

At right, Talent Search participants return to Barbour County High School following a visit to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival.



TRiO Educational Talent Search (ETS) at Wallace Community College has recently been busy with cultural and educational enrichment activities. Two groups of seventh and eighth grade participants had the opportunity to see Broadway performers bring to life music from the 1920's and 1930's in a theatrical production of *Ain't Misbehavin'* at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery, Alabama.

Sixth-graders from Abbeville Elementary School visited the Flint RiverQuarium in Albany, Georgia to participate in a lab class, complete a scavenger hunt, and view a related movie in the Imagination Theater.



Talent Search participants from Abbeville Elementary School's sixth grade stop for a picture outside Imagination Theater at Flint RiverQuarium.



Kyron Danzy, Angel Watford, and Ayana Wright from Abbeville Elementary School prepare for a hands-on experience at Flint RiverQuarium's Touch Tank.

Talent Search Partners with Upward Bound to Prepare Participants for Financial Aid Processes



Ms. Tameka Owolabi presents financial aid information to Talent Search and Upward Bound participants and parents.

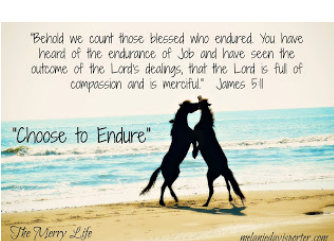
Talent Search and Upward Bound participants and parents were invited to participate in TRiO Financial Aid Day. Approximately 40 ETS and UB students and their parents spent part of a Saturday learning about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) scholarships and Financial Aid do's and don'ts. Following the workshop presented by Ms. Tameka Williams Owolabi, participants and parents completed the FAFSA with assistance from the Upward Bound and Talent Search staff. After an incredibly productive morning, participants enjoyed lunch in the Sparks Cafeteria.

—Buffae Howard

Choosing to Endure Instead of to Fail

“A lot of people still think of failure as a sign of personal incompetence and try to avoid it at all cost,” said Andrew Filev, CEO and founder of Wrike, a software firm in Mountain View, California. “But when you view building a business as a series of experiments, you start to see failure as an inevitable step in the process.” (By Sarah Cruddas “The Hidden Psychology of Failures” 24 March 2016)

If such is true for the business world, can we hold the same true for academia? I suggest it depends on how you view failure. If you are experiencing failing grades in your classes to the point of feeling defeated and hopeless, your perspective may need changing. To change your perspective, you must view failing grades differently.



For instance, at first glance at this picture, one may see two horses competing on the beach, but from a different perspective, you may see only one horse fighting itself. Failing is similar if you analyze the effects of failing. Does failing influence your external environment or does it influence how you compete against self? In other words, are you concerned about how others feel about you or are you focused totally on self-determination?

If you change your focus toward self-determination, your failing will move you toward different techniques by exploring other means to acquire success just like the business industry. Failing in the business world causes the industry to explore other means to create the outcome they want. Even Apple with Steve Jobs experienced failures trying to create iPod. So I encourage you to take the business approach and endure your failures by creating better means of preparing for classes to acquire success. If others can succeed, so can you! Tell yourself after the failure—**What's Next!**

— Mickey Baker, Director, TRiO SSS and Upward Bound



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

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Scholarship and Financial Aid Information

Fall 2016 Army Emergency Relief Scholarships.

Army Emergency Relief provides scholarships for dependent children and spouses of active duty, retired, and deceased Army Soldiers. **The deadline to apply for the 2016-2017 academic year is May 1, 2016**

For more information and applications, go to:

www.wallace.edu

Financial Aid

Current Scholarship Opportunities



*"If you are not improving, you are falling behind."
—Darren Hardy*