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TRiO Newsletter

Wallace Community College

Upward Bound Participant Bullock County High Student of the Month



Wallace Community College Upward Bound active participant, Dahkwon Feagin, was recently chosen Bullock County High School Student of the Month. Dahkwon is a junior, an honor roll student, and a member of the basketball team.

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TRiO Talent Search Alumni Spotlight, "The Jones Brothers"



Wallace Community College graduate and TRiO Talent Search alumnus, Bruce Jones, was recently recognized as "Student of the Year" by the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) at Huntsville's Engineering Week Awards. Bruce is a senior by credit hours and attends Alabama A&M University where he is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Bruce interned last summer at NASA and will be interning this summer at Northrop Grumman. Bruce is featured on the Alabama A&M admissions acceptance postcard. He is the Vice-President of SAME, a member of the National Society of Black Engineers, a Student Ambassador, and secretary of Lambda Sigma Pi, the university math club.

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TRiO Talent Search Alumni Spotlight, “The Jones Brothers”

Chad Jones is Pictured in the Hall of Mirrors at the Palace of Versailles in Paris, France.

Talent Search alumnus, Chad Jones, spent this semester studying abroad at St. Louis University in Madrid, Spain. His parent institution is Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, and he is a sophomore majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

—Tameka Owolabi



Talent Search News



**Barbour County High School
Seventh and Eighth Graders**



**Admiral Moorer Middle School
Eighth Graders**

Barbour County seventh and eighth graders and Admiral Moorer Middle School eighth graders recently enjoyed a campus tour of Tuskegee University. During the tour Talent Search participants learned about the history of Tuskegee University, college majors, and student life.



Abbeville High School eighth, ninth, and tenth graders enjoyed lunch at Red Robin after seeing “A Streetcar Named Desire” at the Alabama State University Theatre.



Barbour County High School eleventh and twelfth graders enjoyed a campus tour of Alabama State University.

TRiO Student Support Services Tours Universities

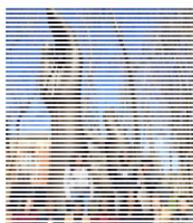
The students of TRiO Student Support Services ventured through Mobile, Alabama and Pensacola, Florida learning about different universities and enjoying a sprinkle of cultural exposure. Their first stop was the University of Mobile with the UM Rams! The students learned about the awesome programs Mobile offers as well as the outstanding mission trips and study-abroad opportunities that University of Mobile students may participate in each year.



Next up was the University of South Alabama, home of the USA Jags! The students toured the campus after getting some important information on the admissions process and the scholarship opportunities offered. One of their favorite locations on the USA campus was the Wellness Center because of the host of activities it offers the students. After a busy day on campus, the students went to downtown Mobile to

Bienville Square. Bienville Square is a historic park named for Mobile’s founder, Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne, Sieur de Bienville. They learned the history of Mardi Gras and experienced their first Mardi Gras parade, the Order of the Polka Dots.

The University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida was the next school on the tour. The students attended Transfer Day and were able to break into groups based on their prospective majors. This allowed them to get firsthand information and feedback from the instructors and deans of each college. Overall, it was an awesome trip with lots of great academic information and a dash of culture ... "Laissez le bon temps rouler" -Let the good times roll!



The next series of campus tours took in some new territory, but began at Alabama’s University of Montevallo. Fun fact: Montevallo began as an all-girls school and will never have a football team since it was written into the school’s constitution. The TRiO participants enjoyed an interesting tour with more fun facts and insider information from the Montevallo student guide.

The next stop was the University of Alabama, home of the Capstone College of Nursing. The students had a hands-on tour at UA where they took a riding and walking tour of the huge campus. Like the University of South Alabama, the UA Student Wellness Center captivated the TRiO students with its vast amount of activities at their fingertips.



The last campus tour was a first for TRiO Student Support Services. After a short ride from Tuscaloosa to Starkville, Mississippi, the students arrived at Mississippi State University. It was a beautiful day for a beautiful campus! Starkville may not have much but MSU has it all. There was a different adventure around every corner of the campus. Our student guide gave the TRiO participants plenty of details and fun stories about Mississippi State. She even shared her personal battle choosing MSU despite being a die-hard Ole Miss fan. Mississippi State rounded out a series of great tours with lots of eye opening information and new experiences for the TRiO participants.

#TRiOWorks —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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Scholarships and Financial Aid Information

Fall 2017 Comparakeet Scholarship Program

(External). Comparakeet hires mostly graduates who excel at creative writing and offers a creative writing based scholarship program which we hope to grow substantially over time. Currently Comparakeet is offering a bi-annual \$1,000 scholarship for students who write an outstanding opinion piece on a topic that has recently been important to our company. For the current cycle the topic is "Accountability Online and The Nature of Truth." **All essays must be received by the end of the day on April 28th, 2017**

2017 InformedMag Security Scholarship (External).

InformedMag is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to students based on their ability to effectively communicate their experience with a product. The "InformedMag Security Scholarship" is offered on an annual basis and is awarded on January 15th each year. **The application deadline is December 31, 2017.**

2017-2018 Leadership In Child Care Scholarship. The Leadership in Child Care Scholarship provides financial assistance (tuition and selected fees) to qualified child care professionals working in legally operating child care facilities. The Scholarship is designed for the eligible recipient to obtain a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, Short-Term Certificate, Certificate, Associate in Applied Science/Technology Degree in Child Development/Early Care and Education at a designated institution in the ACCS. The Scholarship also offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education at Athens. **The Alabama Community College System must receive applications no later than June 1st for Fall Semester enrollment and September 1st for Spring and Summer Semester enrollment**

For more information and copies of application packets, go to: www.wallace.edu/scholarships.

**“Be humble. Be hungry.
And always be the hardest worker
in the room.”
—Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson**