



TRiO Newsletter

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2017 TRiO First -Year College Experience Retreat

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The 2017 First-Year College Experience Class went on an end of the summer retreat to Panama City, Florida, July 18-19. After a very warm welcome from Alina Karpov, Admissions Counselor, the students were ready for presentations

and a campus tour.



First on the list, Dr. Leach (left) and Dr. Uh (right) from the Computer Science program demonstrated an entertaining and lifelike robot.



Next the students were treated to a campus tour including special stops at the Underwater Crime Scene Investigation Department with Mr.

Zinszer, Civil and Environmental Engineering with Dr. Adalier, Computer and Electrical Engineering with Dr. Brook, and Graduate Students and Crime Scene Investigation with Ms. Perdue.

Mr. Edwan O’Neal, guest speaker from Extraordinaire Enterprises, then took the stage to present “Leadership and Success Principles for the 21st Century Student.” He began by teaching the students the interactive chant-”I am somebody, student leader, TRiO works.” The students learned to create and abide by a “Leadership Mindset” and the six steps for developing leaders:

- Determine your Destination
- Identify your Purpose
- Set your Goals
- Develop your Strategy
- Take Action
- Evaluate your Progress

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After the first session with Mr. O'Neal, the students packed into the bus and headed to Destin, Florida and Escape Zone 60. The students were divided into three groups and assigned to different rooms with varied themes and tasks. These were the Zombies, Special Ops, and Crime Scene Investigation. Although no group managed to escape, they had an awesome time cracking the codes and figuring out the puzzles and riddles.



First-Year College Experience Students Take On the Challenge of Escape Zone 60



2017 First-Year College Experience Students on Retreat

Day two of the retreat began at FSUOC again with Mr. O'Neal's College Survival Session. The students were divided into four groups and given different roles to execute. They were given scenarios and tasked with presenting the proper resolution for the issue.

After the session on College Survival, the First-Year College Experience group headed to Captain Anderson's Marina for the last activity of the retreat—a dolphin cruise and a stop at Shell Island where they enjoyed a few group games and the sand and water. The beautiful scenery and the dolphins swimming alongside the boat made for a perfect ending to the retreat.

The First-Year College Experience trip was awesome! The students learned some amazing lessons, had great experiences, and made many new friends. On behalf of Ms. Tay and Ms. Ricks, thank you to all the participants of the retreat for being so open minded, easy going, and never ONCE complaining!



Upward Bound Seniors Enjoy Residential Week

The TRiO Upward Bound seniors enjoyed their residential week in multiple locations. First, they stopped at Lookout Mountain, Georgia to tour Covenant College, a small liberal arts college with an incredible mountaintop view. Later they experienced zip lining, the Incline Railroad, and Ruby Falls while staying at the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel in Chattanooga, Tennessee. This historic hotel is a terminal station with easy access to downtown attractions.



Upward Bound Seniors at Chattanooga Choo Choo



Za'Nesha Jackson

Nyesia, Bobby, Monica and Fred



Daja and Kendall



Nyesia and Tyana



Ty'kera Davis



Monica Williams



Daja Porter

Upward Bound Seniors Enjoy Residential Week

On the third day, the Upward Bound seniors traveled to Nashville, Tennessee to tour Belmont University and Fisk University. They also toured Nashville, the Music City, including the Parthenon in Centennial Park which houses the statue of Athena Parthenos, the tallest indoor sculpture in the Western World.



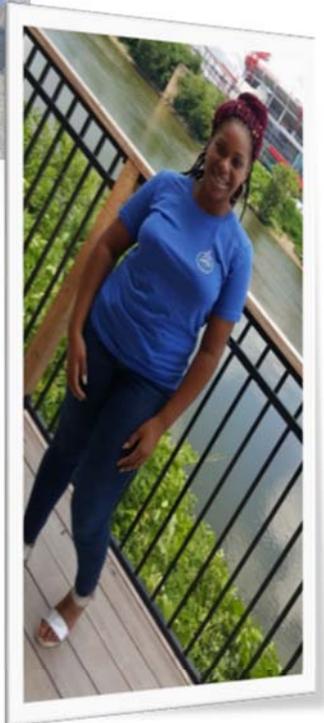
Athena Parthenos



Kendall, Monica, Trinity, and Za'Nesha



Mr. Mickey Baker (center) with Upward Bound Seniors at the Parthenon



Nyesia Glanton



UB Seniors Tour Belmont University



Upward Bound Seniors with Mr. Mickey Baker

Upward Bound Juniors Attend AgriTrek at Tuskegee University

TRiO Upward Bound Juniors spent a week at Tuskegee University participating in the AgriTrek program. The AgriTrek program helped create awareness in the students of the educational and career opportunities that are available in agriculture and related sciences through hands-on research, leadership development, and personal enrichment activities. The time spent on the Tuskegee campus allowed the UB juniors to get a feel for being a college student.



**Keyanna Smith and
Zatisha Starling**



**Shaniya King and
Kristen West**



TRiO Upward Bound Juniors at Tuskegee University



Award Ceremony for AgriTrek Program

Upward Bound Sophomores Attend AIMS Summer Camp



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The current TRiO Upward Bound sophomores had the opportunity to attend the AIMS Summer Camp in June. Thirteen students participated in this weeklong camp held the week of June 11th. All the students participated in recreational and academic activities taught by the nationally known staff of the Alabama School of Math and Science. Activities included: yoga, ACT prep, 3-D printing and design, filmmaking, algebra, chemistry, geometry, creative writing, Adobe Photoshop, CrossFit, forensics, and more. All the participants enjoyed the week of activities and made connections with students from Alabama and neighboring states. (Picture above was shared by ASMS via Flickr.)

Upward Bound High School Graduates Choose Wallace

This summer Upward Bound had five 2017 high school graduates enroll in Wallace Community College. Our summer scholars were: Zaria Washington, Jada Ayeni, Kadrinne Johnson, Adrienne Conner, and Aaliyah Rogers. Zaria, Jada, and Kadrinne have chosen to continue their education here at WCC. Adrienne will continue her studies at Auburn University at Montgomery. Aaliyah will continue her studies at Troy University.



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:

Scholarship and Financial Aid Information

E. L Gibson Foundation Scholarships. The E.L. Gibson Foundation provides scholarships to assist persons seeking a degree in the health care field. These persons must be permanent residents of Coffee County or the immediate surrounding areas of Geneva, Dale, or Covington County as far west as Opp. **Deadlines to apply are August 31 and November 30.**

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 September 1st for Spring and Summer Semester enrollment**

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.**

Glen Lerner Gives Back Community Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to the student whose personal essay best describes their commitment to community service and how their experience has played and will play a role in their academic career. **Deadline to submit completed application is no later than January 31, 2018.**

Preszler Injury Lawyers –Triumphing Over Adversity Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to the student who demonstrably embodies the determination, ability and steadfast commitment not only to their own personal success, but also to promoting the greater good for those in need. **Deadline to submit completed application is no later than January 31, 2018.**

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

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*Be Kind.
Be positive.
Be courageous.*