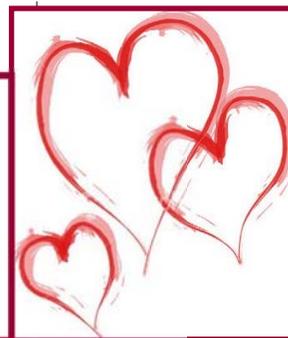


TRiO Newsletter



TRiO Student Support Services Tour Four-Year Campuses

February 2018



The TRiO Student Support Services students traveled to Mobile, Alabama during its most engaging and entertaining time of the year... MARDI GRAS!

The group started with a campus tour of Spring Hill College, a private, Roman Catholic, Jesuit, liberal arts college in the Spring Hill section of Mobile. It was founded in 1830 by Most Reverend Michael Portier, Bishop of Mobile. The group then headed a few miles away to the University of South Alabama to check out its big beautiful campus and the great opportunities that it offers students.

After lunch and a quick rest, the TRiO participants headed downtown to the Mystic Strippers Society parade. According to Mardi Gras historian Emily Hearin, "On the evening of the 1939 Mardi Gras celebration, a merry group of six friends, along with their wives and



dates, left the Tea Dance at the Elk's Lodge and decided it was too early to abandon Mardi Gras for the Lenten season. One of the group was a part owner of the Imperial Laundry. He suggested they make use of some convict suits from the Atmore Prison Farm that had just been washed and cleaned. There were no hats or masks with the suits, so they purchased Chinese coolie hats and masks from a street vendor and proceeded to parade on foot." That little group led to the formation in 1940 of the Mystic Strippers Society – a reference to the prison stripes they wore a year earlier. The group first paraded in 1948 with an emblem portraying two striped animals, a zebra and a tiger.

The next morning the students ended their journey with a tour of the University of Mobile, a Christ-centered liberal arts and sciences institution before heading home. The students enjoyed every moment in the Port City from the campuses to the festivities! Great trip!

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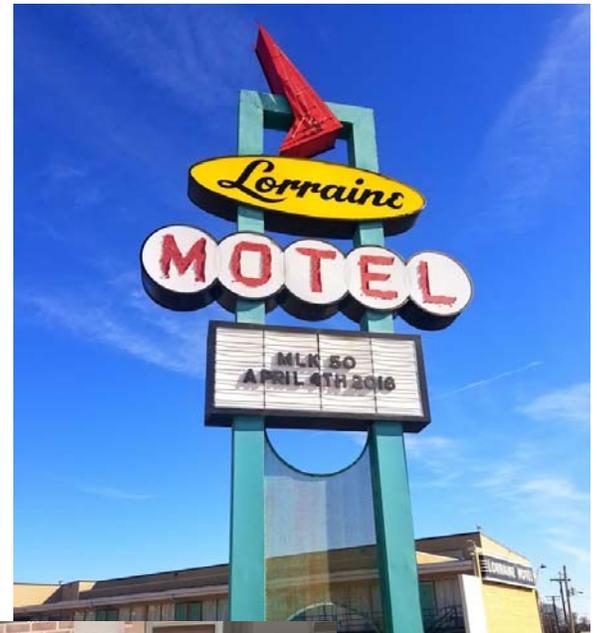
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TRiO students enjoy Mardi Gras in Mobile.



Memphis History and More Campus Tours



The TRiO Student Support Service students made their way to Memphis, Tennessee February 1-3 for a little Black History Month fun. The journey began at the University of Montevallo where the students had an awesome tour around the campus. Next stop was the University of Alabama with a walking and bus tour around the beautiful campus while learning about all the historical sites and opportunities the university has to offer.

After lunch in Tuscaloosa, TRiO continued to Memphis. Despite the freezing weather, the group got a little taste of the city's history starting with breakfast at Miss Polly's Soul City Café where each table featured the history of famous musicians-good food and great history all at once. The University of Memphis' warm and welcoming tour showcased many of its outstanding aspects for their students.

Next up was the main event, the National Civil Rights Museum which is a complex of museums and historic buildings. Its exhibits trace the history of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States from the 17th century to the present. The museum is built around the former Lorraine Motel, where Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated on April 4, 1968. Two other buildings and the adjacent property is also part of the museum complex. The students were in awe from the Lorraine Motel sign outside until the exit. They truly enjoyed learning about this amazing movement and the many hidden figures that played a role in it. After a little rest, the final stop of the day was BB Kings Blue's Club and Restaurant where fine dining and great music abounded! It was an educational and entertaining trip that the students truly enjoyed.

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Talent Search Attends Black College Expo



Forty Abbeville, Barbour County, Eufaula, and Russell County High School eleventh and twelfth graders had the opportunity to attend the Black College Expo at the Cobb Galleria in Atlanta, GA. There were more than fifty universities present giving out acceptances and scholarships to eligible students. Students were also able to attend seminars and workshops on financial aid, careers, and student athletics. To top off the day, the after party entertainment included step shows by sororities and fraternities and a dance off.



Our students took advantage of this free application opportunity by applying to many different colleges.



Kayla Kennedy, Aejun Curry, and Avion Engram definitely enjoyed their experience at the Black College Expo.

Students appreciated a delicious meal at the Cheesecake Factory where they also enjoyed a slice of the famous mouthwatering cheesecake.

—Priscilla Smith

TRiO Participants Inducted Into Phi Theta Kappa



Noah Kelly



Kiarra Hines



Zaria Washington



Eric Decree



The above TRiO Student Support Services participants were inducted into the Sparks Campus Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

Black History Month: Zora Neale Hurston, Author and Researcher

Zora Neale Hurston (January 7, 1891 – January 28, 1960) was an American novelist, short story writer, folklorist, and anthropologist known for her contributions to African-American literature, her portrayal of racial struggles in the American South, and works documenting her research on Haitian voodoo. Of Hurston's four novels and more than 50 published short stories, plays, and essays, she is best known for her 1937 novel, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.

Hurston was born in Notasulga, Alabama, and moved to Eatonville, Florida, with her family in 1894. Eatonville would become the setting for many of her stories and is now the site of the Zora! Festival, held each year in Hurston's honor. She was one of the twelve inaugural inductees to the Alabama Writers Hall of Fame on June 8, 2015.

In her early career, Hurston conducted anthropological and ethnographic research while attending Barnard College. While in New York she became a central figure of the Harlem Renaissance. Her short satires, drawing from the African-American experience and racial division, were published in anthologies such as *The New Negro* and *Fire!!*

After moving back to Florida, Hurston published her literary anthology on African-American folklore in North Florida, *Mules and Men* (1935) and her first three novels: *Jonah's Gourd Vine* (1934), *Their Eyes Were Watching God* (1937), and *Moses, Man of the Mountain* (1939). Also published during this time was *Tell My Horse: Voodoo and Life in Haiti and Jamaica* (1938), documenting her research on rituals in Jamaica and Haiti.



— from Wikipedia



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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Scholarship and Financial Aid Information

2018 Leadership Development Program. Deadline March 15.

Fall 2018 Wallace Community College Academic, Career Technical, Performing Arts, and Health Sciences Scholarships.

The Houston County Association of Service Agencies (ASA) 2018 Memorial Scholarship. Deadline for receipt of completed packets is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 16, 2018.

Wiregrass Electric Cooperative - Lineworker Program. Applicants for this scholarship should be interested in pursuing Wallace Community College's Pre-apprentice Electrical Lineworker program and show demonstrated financial need. **Deadline to apply is April 13, 2018.**

Wiregrass Electric Cooperative - Operation Round Up Scholarship Information. Deadline to apply is April 13, 2018. 2018 Mattie Kolb Scholarship. The Mattie Kolb Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship awarded yearly by the Dothan District United Methodist Women. **The application and official transcripts must be mailed no later than April 15, 2018.**

2018-2019 Troy University Scholarships. The deadline for all Troy University Dothan Campus scholarships is May 1, 2018.

2018 Brookwood Medical Auxiliary, Inc. Scholarship. The members of Brookwood Medical Auxiliary, Inc. will be awarding several scholarships in medically related fields for the school year 2018-2019. **The deadline for receipt of the applications and all accompanying documents is May 24, 2018. Applicants will be informed of scholarship decisions in July.**

The E. L. Gibson Foundation Scholarships (External). The E. L. Gibson Foundation promotes better health for the residents of specific Wiregrass areas. It provides scholarships to assist persons seeking a degree in the health care fields. Applicants must be permanent residents of Coffee County or the immediate areas of Geneva, Dale, or Covington Counties. **Deadlines to apply are: May 31, August 31, and November 30.**

