



TRiO Newsletter

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Wallace Community College

Fall 2016 TRiO Campus Tours



Tuskegee University's Marching Crimson Piper Band

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Tuskegee University "Open House"

On Saturday, October 1st, TRiO Student Support Services participants visited Tuskegee University for "Open House." They were introduced to student life representatives including the Marching Crimson Piper Band, the ROTC programs, Greek fraternities and sororities, and many more. Students enjoyed lunch on campus and a football game, Tuskegee vs University of North Carolina-Pembroke, where they were able to interact with Tuskegee's students and fans. Tuskegee University piqued the interest of the TRiO students making them eager to return, either as a transfer student or as a fan.

Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) "Life After College"

On Friday, September 30th, TRiO Student Support Services participants attended AUM's "Life After College" Student Development Conference. The day began with a welcome and opening session by AUM's Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs and Alabama Technology Network's Director of Operations. The conference provided valuable information on soft skills. Students were divided into small group sessions on the following topics: Communications and Networking, Professionalism, Self-Management, Emotional Intelligence, Critical Thinking, Decision Making, and Problem Solving. The program ended with lunch, a leadership workshop, and a campus tour.



Faulkner University and Alabama State University Tours

Faulkner University and Alabama State University (ASU)

On Friday, October 14th, TRiO Student Support Services participants toured both colleges. Faulkner provided a folder with important information including scholarships, transfer details, and career opportunities. Natori Tyson, former TRiO SSS student, greeted the participants and joined them on the campus tour. The participants especially enjoyed the student tour guide whose enthusiasm and knowledge made the students seriously consider transferring to Faulkner.

ASU's campus tour was geared toward departmental interests. Participants were particularly inspired by the College of Visual & Performing Arts. The campus radio station was impressive as well. The tour guide was helpful in answering the participants' questions.



Sophomore Challenge

Need assistance with the transfer process and choosing a career path? The Sophomore Challenge coaches are eagerly waiting to serve you. This service offers such opportunities as job shadowing/ interning, campus tours, soft skills and financial literacy workshops, and much more. See your coach for more information!

Sparks Campus: Ms. Jane French

Dothan Campus: Ms. Shamyera Goldsmith

Submit a FAFSA Earlier

Students may now submit a 2017-18 FAFSA as of October 1. Do not wait until January 1, 2017. Submitting your FAFSA early increases your chances of receiving additional grant aid. The early submission date is a permanent change enabling students to complete and submit the FAFSA as early as October 1 each year.

On the 2017-18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income and tax information rather than their 2016 income and tax information.

See Ms. Jertavia Lyman or Ms. Terri Ricks for assistance.

Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to submit your FAFSA now.

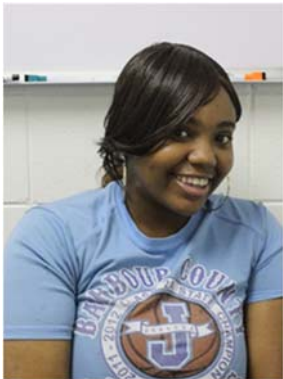
Sparks Campus Student Government Association Induction

Participants were inducted to the Student Government Association on Sparks Campus on Wednesday, October 26, 2016. SGA promotes student involvement through a variety of on-campus activities.

Back row (l-r): Olivia Richardson, Lakeria Rumph, Brittany Cunningham, Kody Smith, Gwen Quinn, Eric Decree, Kim Daniels, Virmeya Parsons, and Alundra Thornton. Front row (l-r): Tia Yarbrough, J'Andrea Williams, Gloria Murphy, Katie Smith, Jaquan Gordon, and Johnathon Ellis. Not pictured: James Campbell, Stephon Fryer, Jordyn Ingram, Latasha Jackson, Tynesha Jones, Celeste Jones, Kenneth Othiossinie, Tamira Palmer, Joshua Shakespeare, Quarteshia Streeter, and TyQuasha Williams.



Former Student Visits Sparks TRiO



Sequoia Johnson transferred to Troy University Fall 2016 after obtaining an Associate in General Studies from Wallace Community College. Sequoia is married with a baby girl and commutes to Troy's main campus two days a week, while working part-time. "I just came by to vent. I have a heavy work load of criminal justice assignments, but I am managing my time wisely," Sequoia said. Although she is a Troy University student, Sequoia utilizes WCC's library. "I prefer to use the library here because I'm familiar with all the resources it offers," she added. Keep up the good work Sequoia! TRiO SSS is proud of you.

Thank You, TRiO Student Support Services Secretaries



Lisa Peterson, Sparks secretary, working on the budget, as usual.

Thank you TRiO SSS Secretaries! You manage the department, preserve the budget, maintain the Student Access database, assist students, fulfill staff requests, and smile while completing more and more tasks. Nothing you do goes unnoticed nor unappreciated. Thank you for all that you do to keep TRiO SSS afloat!



Lauren Herndon, Wallace secretary, focused on the Student Access database.



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

Wallace Community College Foundation Spring 2017 Scholarship Packet. Scholarships are available to students on the Wallace Campus who are taking a minimum of 12 credit hours or a load consistent with their program of study. **Completed application packets must be received in the WCC Foundation Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2016.**

For more information and applications, go to:

www.wallace.edu
Financial Aid
Current Scholarships

“If there’s any art to living,
it might be this:
Be kind. Embrace change.
Be thankful. Live well.”

Sharon Randall, columnist

