



TRiO Newsletter

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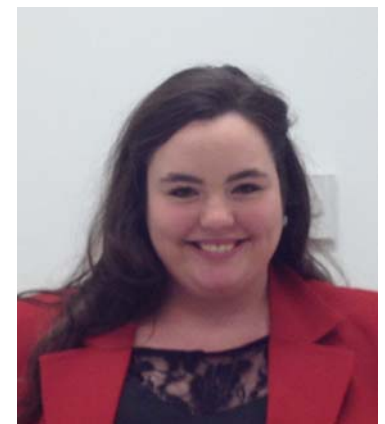


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Troy University-Dothan
Transfer Merit Scholarship

Honors Day

2014

Wallace Community College Dothan Campus



Jordan Wright
Who's Who Among Students in
American Colleges and Universities
Wallace Community College Diplomat

Also honored on April 15, 2014 were: **Nerissa Chambers**, Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, Wallace Community College Diplomat; **Deanna Daughtry**, Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities; **Caleb Beck**, Vice President, His Love in Action College Bible Study; **Jenny Leary**, Special Events Coordinator, Wallace Theatre; **Kanisha Doyle**, Troy University-Dothan Transfer Merit Scholarship.

Honors Day 2014 Wallace Community College Sparks Campus



l-r: Walter Brutley, Ahmad Paid, Carlton Thomas, Robert Smith, Quaniece Hall, Bruce Jones, Kashonda Johnson and Karah Maiers.



l-r: Scholarship Recipients: Kashonda Johnson, Bruce Jones, and Quaniece Hall, Wallace Community College President's Award nominee.

The Sparks Campus Honors Day Honorees were:

Walter Brutley
Gierah Davis
Barbara Jackson
Bruce Jones
Brittney March
Breanna Marshall
Samuel Paige
Jasmine Riley
Carlton Thomas
Denzel Williams

Lekeena Darby
Quaniece Hall
Kashondra Johnson
Karah Maiers
Stephanie March
Brianna McKinnes
Jamekia Richardson
Robert Smith
Cody Thomas

Congratulations to Quaniece Hall,
nominee for Wallace Community College President's Award.

Scholarship Recipients:

Kashonda Johnson—AUM Academic Transfer Scholarship, University of Alabama
Community College Honors Scholarship

Bruce Jones—Alabama A&M University Transfer Merit Scholarship, Tuskegee University
Alabama Achievement and Room Scholarship

Jasmine Riley—Troy University Dothan Campus Transfer Merit Scholarship

Congratulations to all our participants!



Sequoia Edwards at
Barbour County Courthouse



Teresa Sistrunk (funny face) with
Eufaula Primary Class

Sparks Campus First Year College Experience (FYCE) Career Exploration

Sparks Campus FYCE participants took full advantage of the TRiO SSS Career Exploration Services (CES). CES allows participants to volunteer at local business establishments to decipher college majors and career paths. Hence, participants have an accurate idea of their choice of majors and careers, decreasing change of majors and/or withdrawals and increasing retention and graduation rates at Wallace and four year colleges/universities. Workshops were presented by TRiO staff and local businesses to inform students. Workshops include:

Career Inventory

Did You Know (TEM)

Qualities of Leadership

Dress to Impress

Taking Advantage of Opportunities

Financial Literacy

The students were grateful for the opportunity to receive hands-on experiences in their fields of choice. A special thank you goes to participating businesses: Medical Barbour Hospital, Barbour County Courthouse, COMPASS Bank, Eufaula Primary School, Eufaula High School, and Eufaula Day Care Center.

—Terri Ricks

Sparks Campus SSS Tours Medical Center Barbour Hospital

Sparks Campus SSS participants toured the Medical Center Barbour Hospital. Ralph Clark, CEO/Administrator of the hospital and member of the Board of Directors for the Sparks Campus Foundation, was a phenomenal tour guide. The tour lasted approximately 90 minutes. CEO Ralph Clark was very informative and thorough, offering students hands-on opportunities to grasp the information delivered to them. Director of Nursing, Wanda Marnier, gave a synopsis of a colonoscopy. The students were very impressed with the facility and the services it had to offer. They were unaware that our small town hospital offered the following services, plus more:

- Laboratory Services
- Radiology and Diagnostic Services
- Emergency Care
- Respiratory Care
- Inpatient Care
- Surgical Services
- Senior Care Center
- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Urology
- Orthopedics
- Neurosurgery Consults

The students gained insight into a variety of career choices, including nursing, physician, radiology, rehabilitation, or health administration. A special thank you goes to Medical Barbour Hospital, Mr. Ralph Clark, and hospital staff for exposing our students to great opportunities.

—Terri Ricks



Medical Center Barbour Hospital in Eufaula, AL



TRiO Participants Visit University of South Alabama Campus

TRiO participants, Kenisha Helms, DeMichael Turner, Stacy Barnes, Perez Reynolds, and Zach Press, enjoyed a tour of the University of South Alabama on April 4, 2014.



TRiO SSS Participants Visit (AUM) for Transfer Preview Day

Auburn University at Montgomery's Transfer Preview Day offered an overview of college services including:

- Applying to AUM
- Paying for College
- Student Involvement and Leadership Programs
- Housing and Residence Life
- Campus Tour/Wellness Center Tour

Talent Search Summer Enrichment Announced

Talent Search Summer Enrichment will be June 17-19 for middle school participants and June 24-26 for high school participants. More information will be mailed to participants in May.

If you are a graduating Talent Search senior, congratulations if you have completed your FAFSA! A few of you still need to complete it, so please contact Ms. Greene or Ms. Williams if you still need to complete your FAFSA.

Senior Spotlight Twins Hali and Marisa Bush



Marisa and Hali are holding their college acceptance and scholarship letters.

Hali Bush (Russell County High School)

Hali applied to Auburn University-Montgomery (AUM) and Georgetown University. She decided to attend AUM. She has received a Housing scholarship and a Warhawk scholarship. She states that Talent Search has provided assistance in helping her complete all of her paperwork for college. She is especially thankful for getting an opportunity to visit AUM on a Talent Search trip and decided to make that her college choice.

Marisa Bush (Russell County High School)

Marisa applied to Auburn University-Montgomery (AUM). She also received a Warhawk scholarship and a Housing scholarship. She is also a Certified Nursing Assistant and she obtained her credentials at Chattahoochee Valley Community College. Like her twin sister, she chose AUM after a visit with other Talent Search participants. She states that Talent Search opens up a door of opportunities. It (Talent Search) helps students prepare for college and become informed on what's needed when applying and ultimately deciding on a college to attend.

—Tameka Williams



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

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"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it."
—Maya Angelou

Tuskegee University Visits Wallace Community College Sparks Campus

Tuskegee University representatives presented transfer college information to TRiO SSS on Wednesday, April 23rd. Participants were able to speak individually with Tuskegee representatives over lunch. The reps were very informative and waived application fees for applications received on that day.

Congratulations to Quaniece Hall and Kashonda Johnson who received immediate acceptance to Tuskegee University and were offered a Tuskegee University Merit Scholarship valued up to \$18,000.



Tuskegee University Representatives and TRiO Participants

Pictured are l-r: **Mr. Cecil Davis** (Admissions Counselor/Recruiter), Kashonda Johnson, **Ms. Elizabeth Essamuah Quansah** (Associate VP Enrollment Management), Quaniece Hall, and **Mr. Advergus James** (Executive Director of Financial Aid)

Miranda Sappington Takes First Place-Traditional Poetry in Wallace Community College's Jake York Poetry Contest

Miranda Sappington won First Place in the recent Jake York Poetry Contest at Wallace Community College-Dothan. Miranda enrolled at Wallace Fall 2013 majoring in computer programming and has a 4.0 grade point average. About the contest Miranda said, "I'm very happy there is a creative outlet like this event on campus."

Congratulations, Miranda!

Miranda with David and Linda York, parents of Jake York.

