



TRiO Newsletter

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Wallace Community College

Special points of interest:

- Galen Abdur-Razzaq Performs and Speaks on Sparks Campus
- Regional Math and Science Program for Upward Bound and Talent Search Students
- Scholarships

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Joshua McInnish Earns Troy University Transfer Merit Scholarship



Joshua McInnish

Joshua Forrester McInnish, a 2012 graduate of Ashford High School, Ashford, Alabama and TRiO participant at Wallace Community College, Dothan, was recently awarded the Transfer Merit Scholarship from Troy University, Troy, Alabama. Joshua is a music major at Wallace Community College and plays several instruments with the piano being his first choice. His goal is to become a recording artist and musician.

McInnish lives in Cowarts, Alabama with his family and has attended WCC for two years. He says he has enjoyed college very much and the Wallace faculty and staff have helped him very much. When asked what he would like people to know about him, he replied, "I am a young, Christian man who works hard and tries his best with the help of God and my Lord and Savior above. 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13."

The Transfer Merit Scholarship is one of two new Troy University scholarships that aim to pave the way for community college transfer students to earn a four-year degree at Troy campus locations. The Transfer Scholarship is awarded to students with a 3.5 GPA or higher and provides a \$3,000 scholarship, while the Transfer Achievement Scholarship for \$2,000 is available to students with a 3.25 GPA. These scholarships are only available to those students who have completed a minimum of 50 hours of transferrable academic credit (non-technical) coursework in Alabama Community Colleges and other institutions in Troy's service areas.

Congratulations, Joshua!

World Renowned Flautist/Lecturer Speaks at WCC Sparks Campus



Band members and students pictured (l-r) are Galen Abdur-Razzaq, Jaleah Kennedy, Terri Harper, Torrance Pullum, Abe Becker, Dyneshia Mencer, Natori Tyson, Jay Marshall, and Shakira Williams.

World renowned flautist/lecturer, Galen Abdur-Razzaq, recently visited the Wallace Community College Sparks Campus. He is an exceptional flautist and riveting speaker on the topic of jazz and has performed at colleges and universities for over thirty years. A former educator, he holds a master's degree from Rutgers University, New Jersey, in Education and Performing Arts, and studied music at Berklee School of Music in Boston.

Galen Shared his love for jazz and introduced historical facts related to women in jazz to a large crowd of students, faculty, and staff during the activity period and to Upward Bound students in the afternoon. Some of the famous women included in the lecture were Bessie Smith, torch singer; Ethel Waters, jazz vocalist; Ella Fitzgerald, vocalist; and Billie Holiday, torch singer and composer.



P.R.I.S.M. Program for Upward Bound Students

The Upward Bound Math and Science Program at Claflin University in Orangeburg, South Carolina is a regional math and science program. Its goal is to help students recognize and develop their potential in math and science and to encourage them to pursue postsecondary degrees in math and science and ultimately have careers in the math and science professions. The program offers a highly focused learning experience in science and mathematics for students with sharp minds and “can-do” attitudes. Instruction is provided by college and high school faculty in an environment conducive to learning and experimentation.

The 2015 UBMS/P.R.I.S.M residential program will last six weeks. The program will be conducted June 7-July 18, 2015. In addition to instruction in mathematics and science, students will learn computer concepts, English and composition, a foreign language, and robotics. Weekly field trips will introduce participants to postsecondary institutions and enhance career awareness. Weekly exploration activities will be completed, as well as sessions on financial literacy. Each student will learn to develop research plans, engage in independent inquiry and to present findings in written and oral reports.

In order to participate in the UBMS/PRISM Program, a student must:

- Have a keen interest in a science or math career;
- Be enrolled in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade;
- Have completed at least one math and science course;
- Be a U.S. Citizen;
- Reside in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, or Tennessee;
- Participate in Upward Bound or Talent Search

Contact the Wallace Community College Sparks Campus Upward Bound Program for more information.

MassMutual Scholars

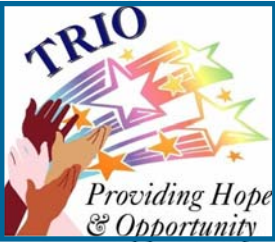
MassMutual Scholars is a national scholarship program for high-achieving college students interested in pursuing careers in the insurance and financial services industry.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Open to students of all majors.
- Will be entering sophomore, junior, senior, or 5th-year senior year in pursuit of an undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university.
- Plan to attend a degree-seeking program, **full-time** at a U.S. accredited institution.
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Must complete and submit for federal financial aid by completing the FAFSA.
- Must show proof of U.S. citizenship or legal permanent residency.

Selected students attending accredited 2 year and 4 year colleges/universities will be awarded \$2,500 or \$5,000 respectively

**Application available at <https://massmutual.scholarship.org>
Deadline to apply: 4:30 p.m. Central Time on March 31, 2015.**



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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“Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic.”

Scholarship and Financial Aid Information

The University of Alabama Presidential Scholarship. The University of Alabama is offering one Presidential Scholarship to a student desiring to transfer to their university during the 2015-2016 academic year. The Presidential Scholarship covers the cost of in-state tuition for four semesters, provided the student maintains a 3.0 GPA. To receive the scholarship, the student must have earned an associate’s degree from Wallace Community College and maintained a 3.5 cumulative grade point average. Please complete the required application and return it to the WCC Financial Aid Office by **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2015.** **Application available on the WCC website.**

Wallace Community College Scholarships for Fall 2015. Wallace Community College (WCC) offers scholarships in four areas: academic, career technical, performing arts, and health sciences. A student may apply for more than one scholarship. A separate completed scholarship application packet *must* be submitted for each scholarship for which a student applies; however, only one WCC application is required per student. For more information about these scholarships and an application, go to:

http://www.wallace.edu/financial_aid/current_scholarship_opportunities.aspx

Deadline to apply: 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015.

Troy University Offers Community College Scholarships. Students transferring from an Alabama Community College, or other select community colleges in the TROY service area, are able to apply for either a merit scholarship or an achievement scholarship.

A **Transfer Merit Scholarship** is awarded for students with a 3.5 GPA or higher and would provide a \$3,000 scholarship, while a **Transfer Achievement Scholarship** for \$2,000 is available to students with a 3.25 GPA. This scholarship is available to those students who have completed transferrable academic (non-technical) coursework.

For more information about these scholarships and an application, go to:

<http://admissions.troy.edu/undergraduate/troy-scholarships.html>

Deadline to apply: March 1, 2015