



# TRiO Newsletter

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Wallace Community College

## 2015 Wallace Campus Honors Day Awards

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DeMichael Turner  
Nominee, President's Award



Joshua McInnish  
Troy University Transfer Merit Scholarship  
Who's Who



Miranda Sappington  
President, Book Club



Perez Reynolds  
Secretary, Book Club



Sandra Ryles  
Who's Who

## 2015 Sparks Campus Honors Day Awards



Shown above are the TRiO Student Support Services participants who received an honor or honors at the 2015 Honors Day program on the Sparks Campus .

Left to right, they are: Joshua Haskins, Diplomat, President of Baptist Campus Ministries (he also gave the invocation for the ceremony); Sequoia Edwards, Outstanding Student in Physical Science; Brenda Stanford, Outstanding Student in Practical Nursing; Delana Rogers, Secretary of the Student Government Association; Cynthia Braswell, Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges; Robert Smith II, Diplomat, All-USA Team Nominee, Secretary Phi Theta Kappa, Vice President of Student Government Association; Gloria Murphy, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges; and Lauren Gates, Diplomat, Vice President of Phi Theta Kappa.

*Congratulations!*



## Upward Bound Book Signing on Sparks Campus



The book project took flight during our June 2014 trip to Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. Quraysh Lansana conducted a writing workshop to get the students more comfortable with expressing their feelings through writing. Students were asked to watch videos and comment on how it made them feel. Students were also given opportunities to act out some poetry while reciting the lines given to them.

—Brittany Jones

## Quraysh Ali Lansana Discusses Today's Issues With Sparks Students



Mr. Quraysh Ali Lansana visited TRiO Student Support Services students on the Sparks Campus on April 7, 2015. He discussed issues facing Americans today and how the students could make their voices heard.

Mr. Quraysh Lansana (right) speaks with Donte Austen

Mr. Lansana is the author of **They Shall Run—Harriet Tubman Poems** and the poetry collection **southside rain**; a children's book, **The Big World**; and a poetry chapbook, **cockroach children: corner poems and street psalms**. He is the editor of Glencoe/McGraw-Hill's **African American Literature Reader**, and **I Represent** and **dream in yourself**, two anthologies of literary works from Chicago's award winning youth arts employment program, Gallery 37.

**Passage**, his poetry video collaboration with Kurt Heintz, won the first ever Image Union/Bob Award from WTTW-TV (PBS). Some of his other awards include: the 2000 Poet of the Year Award, presented by Chicago's Black Book Fair; the 1999 Henry Blakely Award, presented by Gwendolyn Brooks; and the 1999 Wallace W. Douglas Distinguished Service Award, presented by Young Chicago Authors, Inc.

Quraysh earned a Masters of Fine Arts degree at the Creative Writing Program at New York University, where he was a Departmental Fellow. Recent publication credits include **Blood and Bone: An Anthology of Black Southern Writing**, **Off the Cuffs: A Police Poetry Anthology**, **Illinois Voices: An Anthology of Twentieth-Century Poetry**, and **Bum Rush the Page: A Def Poetry Jam**.

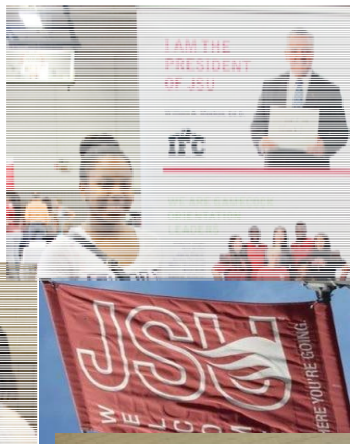
His poetry has been performed as theatre with Chameleon Productions and Carving Mahogany, and broadcast on National Public Radio. He is an original member of the Funky Wordsmiths, a "hardhittin blak poetry and music" ensemble, which featured the late Oscar Brown III.

—From [www.poetrypoetry.com/Features/QALansana](http://www.poetrypoetry.com/Features/QALansana)

## TRiO Student Support Services Participants Tour Jacksonville State University



Above l-r:  
Jacob Hillabrand,  
Kenisha Helms,  
Flora Vail-Lopez,  
LaTasha Jackson, and  
Jaleah Kennedy.



TriO Student Support Services participants attended Preview Day at Jacksonville State University on Saturday, April 11, 2015. The students were welcomed by President William A. Meeham and learned about the admissions, financial aid, and housing processes. A “Browse Session” at Stephenson Hall gave them the opportunity to get a first-hand look at the programs offered and the organizations on campus. They were able to meet some of the faculty and staff along with JSU students who answered their questions about the academic programs. A campus tour and a glance at the residence halls rounded out the morning. Lunch at the Gamecock Café let the TRiO students experience where JSU students enjoy their meals. The TRiO students enjoyed the day and the campus making this a very successful trip.

—Jertavia Lyman  
Advisor, First Year College Experience Program

## TRiO Educational Talent Search News

TRiO Educational Talent Search at WCC has been busy with numerous cultural enrichment activities recently. Talent Search participants have visited colleges and universities as well as Landmark Park in Dothan. On several of the college tours current participants interacted with former Talent Search participants who are now attending the universities that were visited.



Ninth and tenth-grade Talent Search participants from Eufaula High School complete contact cards at Auburn University at Montgomery.



Timothy Glanton, an Abbeville High School eighth-grader, gets a lesson in Emergency Medical Services at Wallace Community College while other participants observe.



Barbour County Intermediate School sixth-grade students, Hugo Solano and Trayvarus Peterson interact with a corn snake during “Radical Reptiles” at Landmark Park.



Jacari Richardson and Jordan Eleby, seventh-graders from Admiral Moorer Middle School use handheld GPS navigation systems in a scavenger hunt during “Orienteering 101” at Landmark Park.

—Buffae Howard



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**

**Medical Center Barbour Auxiliary Scholarships.**

The Medical Center Barbour Auxiliary wishes to encourage the active pursuit of education in healthcare-related fields. For the first time, the Auxiliary is pleased to announce two \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded to deserving Barbour County residents who are currently enrolled in a healthcare curriculum. Applications may now be requested at the Medical Center Barbour front desk from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **All applications must be returned to the MCB front desk by May 16, 2015 to be eligible.**

The scholarship recipients will be announced the first week in June.



*“People generally see what they look for and hear what they listen for.”  
—Harper Lee*