

# TRiO Newsletter



## TRiO Upward Bound Student Receives Scholarship



Upward Bound’s Jasmine Walker was recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Dothan Pediatric Network (DPN). DPN will award five \$1,000 scholarships to selected Wiregrass area high school seniors.

Jasmine is a scholar with Eufaula City schools and a dual enrollment student at Wallace Community College. Her activities include attending school full-time, serving as a Eufaula Barbour Chamber Junior Ambassador, and working part-time. Jasmine is definitely

focused on reaching her goal of obtaining a college degree.

Photo courtesy of the Eufaula Barbour Chamber Spotlight newsletter.

—Ms. Brittany Jones

## TRiO Talent Search Students Win Writing Awards



During the annual Talent Search Summer Enrichment, high school students participated in a *Writing for Dollars* workshop with Ms. Karla Miller. Ms. Miller instructed each

student to write a scholarship essay using one of the techniques she presented in the workshop. They were instructed to submit their essays online to be judged for a \$25 Visa card. The winner of the high school scholarship essay contest was Breshayla Franklin. Breshayla is a tenth grader at Eufaula High School. She is currently taking Medical Assisting courses as a dual enrollment student at the Wallace Community College-Sparks Campus.

The middle school TRiO Talent Search students participated in a poetry writing contest during the 2018 Summer Enrichment. Ms. Karla Miller presented the *Writing Poetry*



workshop that showed the students how to write their own poetry or poetry slam. The students each wrote three poems during the workshop. Ms. Miller chose Tiyus Howard as the winner of the contest. He was all smiles as he was presented the \$25 Visa card. Tiyus is a seventh grader at Admiral Moorer Middle School. He plays football and plans to major in biology in college.

—Ms. Tameka Owolabi

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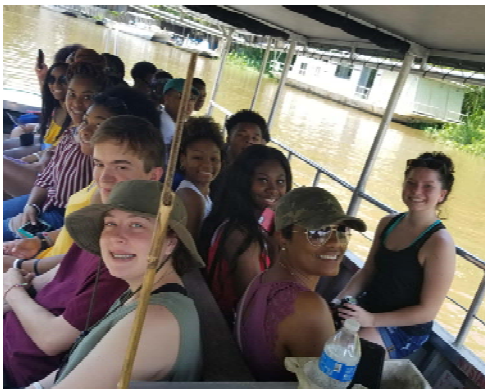
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## 2018 First Year College Experience Retreat in New Orleans, Louisiana

The 2018 FYCE Students took a voyage to New Orleans, Louisiana to enjoy the Big Easy and all the interesting activities it has to offer. The group started off the trip in the city with a walk around Tulane University and fell in love with all of the modernized styles of the different colleges on campus. The extra mile that the university took to make sure the students have designated



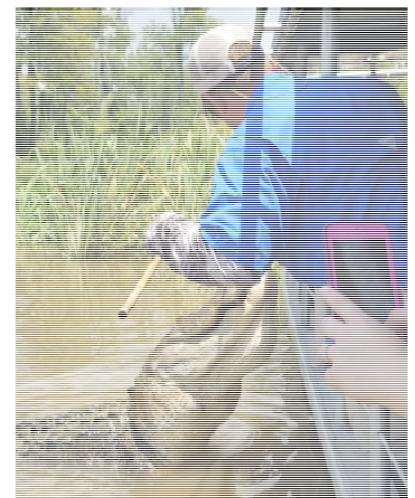
study and learning areas especially impressed them. The group ended day one with a Ghost Tour through the French Quarter learning about the different haunted sites and the history of New Orleans.



Day two began with a wonderful campus tour of Dillard University. The tour guide was very detailed and made sure that the students got plenty of pertinent information about the many programs offered at Dillard.

Next up was a swamp tour with Honey Island Swamp Tours, where they were introduced eye to eye with alligators and all types of wildlife. The students truly enjoyed this experience.

Following the swamp tour was the Audubon Zoo for lunch and a little



more fun with some wildlife. After a great dinner

and a quick stop at a souvenir shop the group prepared for the trip back to WCC to finish up the summer semester and to prepare for the fall!

—Ms. Jertavia Lyman

## TRiO Student Support Services Revisits Memphis

The students of TRiO Student Support Services took a summer trip back to Memphis, Tennessee to experience “Memphis in the Summer.” TRiO already had a taste of the winter life in Memphis.



On the way to the Home of the Blues, a stop was made in Oxford, Mississippi at the University of Mississippi aka “Ole Miss” to check out their amazing campus. Ole Miss was beautiful and immediately felt like home to a few of the students. They learned so much about the programs offered and also the history of the University of Mississippi. The students enjoyed every single moment on the campus, especially the time spent with Anna Lauren, Admissions Counselor.

Next the group traveled to Memphis to kick back and enjoy the city. The first official day began at the Memphis Zoo checking out the local wildlife, and it definitely did not disappoint. Afterward the TRiO group floated down the Mississippi River on a paddle-wheel riverboat while being entertained with the awesome history of Memphis and the river. Later, the students made their way to the National Civil Rights Museum to get a dose of Black History with a splash more of Memphis history. Overall the trip was wonderful and the students had a blast. It was the perfect end to 2018 summer semester for the TRiO participants



—Jertavia Lyman



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## TRiO Student Support Services Hosts Book Release

On Tuesday, August 7, 2018, TRiO Student Support Services hosted a reception in the Bevill Center on Sparks Campus for the release of the book, "The Elements of Deception: A Collection of Short Stories." The book contains short stories written by the following student members of TRiO Student Support Services: Destiny Moore, Amythist Wilson, Taquaris Underwood, Tiffany Jordan, Tevin Mitchell, Noah Kelly, Amethyst Wilson, and Keishauna Akins. Editor and advisor, Ms. Atia Brown, also contributed a story to the book. Participants Destiny Moore and Tiffany Jordan read excerpts from the book during the reception for family and friends of the authors.



**Ms. Atia Brown, editor of the anthology and an advisor for TRiO Student Support Services.**

**Ms. Brown is a graduate of Troy University, and in the fall she will continue her education at the University of Kentucky College of Law.**

**Back row: Mr. Mickey Baker, Interim Dean, Student Affairs and Sparks Campus, Tevin Mitchell, Taquaris Underwood, Tiffany Jordan, Destiny Moore, and Ms. Jertavia Lyman, Advisor, First-Year College Experience. Front row: Amethyst Wilson, Amythist Wilson, Keishauna Akins, and Ms. Terri Ricks, Interim Director, TRiO Student Support Services.**



**Mr. Mickey Baker while Director of TRiO Student Support Services initiated the book project.**



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**

**American Welding Society Foundation Scholarships.** Since 1991, the AWS has helped students from around the world to realize their dreams and make them a reality. AWS Foundation scholarships help students with financial obligations such as tuition and fees, books and other supplies.

**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. **Deadline to apply is November 30, 2018.**

**For more information and copies of application packets, go to: [www.wallace.edu/scholarships](http://www.wallace.edu/scholarships).**

