

# TRiO Newsletter



## Former TRiO Student and Almost Troy Graduate



**Brandi Turner, former Sparks TRiO Student Support Services participant, is in her final term as an undergraduate at Troy University. She is pursuing a Bachelors of Science in Social Work. She is currently in practicum courses and interning at Houston County Department of Human Resources. Brandi is a member and vice president of Phi Alpha for Social Work. She is preparing to graduate in March and hopes to become an employee of the Barbour County Department of Human Resources.**

**From Brandi: "It seems like yesterday I was a student at Wallace attending my first class. I did not know where I was headed in college. I am thankful I have found my purpose."**

**To Ms. Jane French: "Thank you for encouraging me to get back in college. I will forever be grateful for meeting you that day at River City Grill during my lunch hour shift. I thought of you each time I registered for another term. Thank you for being part of my college career."**

## Sparks TRiO Participants Inducted into Phi Theta Kappa

**Seven Sparks TRiO participants were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society on February 13, 2019. They represent forty-seven percent of the Sparks students inducted on this day. TRiO is proud of these students: Nicole Shade, Jennifer Nicewanner, Jaryan Parks, Christina Hale, Aaliyah Moses, Kayla Hall, and Monica Williams**



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## TRiO SSS Students Tour Mobile Campuses and Enjoy Mardi Gras Parade

Trio Student Support Services Students took their annual trip to Mobile, Alabama to tour the University of Mobile and the University of South Alabama and enjoy a night at the Mardi Gras parade! The adventure began at the University of Mobile where the students learned about the programs offered and the available scholarships. Each student attending the campus visit will receive a scholarship if they decide to attend the University of Mobile.

Day two began with a trip to the Mobile Carnival Museum to learn about the history of Mardi Gras and the traditions that are a part of the Carnival season. After lunch the group made its way to the University of South Alabama for a non-traditional tour and information session. USA Students took time out of their Friday to come by and do a personal meet and greet with the TRiO SSS Students. Many of the USA Students were in majors that interested the TRiO students. They got a lot of questions answered and learned so much! They even played a trivia game in which TRiO student Tyrique Clarke won movie tickets. Later that evening the students attended the first Mardi Gras Carnival parade of the year. After learning about the traditions earlier in the day, they truly enjoyed the experience and the culture of the parade. Another great campus tour and cultural experience! #TRiOWorks



## TRiO Students Tour Auburn Montgomery

The TRiO Student Support Services students traveled to Montgomery, Alabama on February 1, 2019 to tour Auburn University Montgomery. They were able to tour the campus and get a lot of questions answered, especially for the students who are transferring to AUM in the fall.

After lunch the group made its way to the Legacy Museum to celebrate the beginning of Black History Month. They toured both the indoor and outdoor sections of the museum while learning about the history of civil rights in the state of Alabama. The trip was very

informative and educational, and the students enjoyed every minute. The students recommend that others visit the museum in their free time. #TRiOWorks





## TRiO Students Nominated to All USA Academic Team



TRiO Student Support Services students, Tristan Andrews and Jeneciah Starling, have been chosen to represent Wallace Community College Sparks in the All USA Academic Team Scholarship Competition. Both students completed an extensive application process, demonstrated outstanding academic accomplishments, and demonstrated significant campus and community involvement to become eligible for selection.

Their next step is to attend the national presidents' luncheon where they will be recognized and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship given to all nominees. They are also eligible for other scholarships from the All USA Academic Team program. TRiO is proud of Tristan and Jeneciah and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Tristan is president of the Sparks Campus PTK and Jeneciah is part of the Leadership program.

## Sparks Holds College and Career Fair



Sophomore, De'myah Johnson, gathering information on Jacksonville State University

Sparks TRiO students enjoyed learning and gathering information from prospective colleges and universities at the college and career fair. They are excited and eager to embark upon their next journey after completing a degree at Wallace. We encourage all students to venture out and explore all of their options when it comes to choosing their transfer institutions.





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:

## Scholarships and Financial Aid Information

### American Welding Society Foundation Scholarships.

#### Association of the United States Army Fort Rucker - Wiregrass Chapter Spring 2019 AUSA Scholarships.

**Mattie Kolb Scholarship.** The Mattie Kolb Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship awarded yearly by the Dothan District United Methodist Women. The scholarship is awarded based on financial need, academic record, and service to church and community. **The application and official transcripts must be mailed no later than April 15, 2019.** Scholarship winners will receive notification no later than May 30, 2019.

**Wiregrass Electric Cooperative (WEC) Operation Round Up Scholarships Program.** Application and all supporting documents must be postmarked by **April 12, 2019.** Late or incomplete applications will be disqualified.

**Alabama Iron & Steel Council (AISC) Scholarship.** The deadline to apply is **May 1, 2019.**

**THE E.L. GIBSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS.** ESCC acts as a clearinghouse for scholarship information and applications to the E.L. Gibson Foundation. The main purpose of this foundation is to promote better health of the residents in specific Wiregrass areas. One of the major ways of accomplishing this goal is to provide scholarships to assist persons seeking a degree in the health care field, especially nursing (LPN and RN), radiology technicians, laboratory technicians, respiratory therapy technicians, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and medical doctors. The E.L. Gibson Foundation Board of Directors meets four times per year to award scholarships. Applications must be submitted by the following deadlines to be considered for the next award cycle. **Deadlines: May 31, August 31, and November 30.** Applicants must be permanent residents of Coffee County or the immediate surrounding areas of Geneva, Dale, or Covington County as far west as Opp. New applicants should download the application, complete it, and send it along with all other requested items to the address on the application. **NOTE: This application form is used only for this scholarship.**

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

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