

TRiO Newsletter



TRiO Talent Search Seniors Visit Judson College and Selma Landmark



A group of TRiO Talent Search seniors from Abbeville High School, Barbour County High School, and Eufaula High School had the opportunity to visit Judson College in Marion, Alabama for Scholarship and Preview Day. Judson College is a four year private women's college that was founded in 1839. The students were able to learn more about specific majors, test for scholarships, and tour the beautiful campus.



To end the day the students were able to stand on a National Historic Landmark, the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. The bridge was the centerpiece of the civil rights movement during the 1960s. Here voting rights marchers were violently confronted by law enforcement personnel on Sunday, March 7, 1965, known as Bloody Sunday.

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Sixth Grade Talent Search Students Visit Alabama Shakespeare Festival



Barbour County Intermediate School sixth grade and Abbeville Elementary School sixth grade Talent Search students recently visited the Alabama Shakespeare Festival (ASF) in Montgomery, Alabama to watch the play entitled, *Four Little Girls: Birmingham 1963*.

The students enjoyed a hearty meal at Golden Corral after the stunning performance at the ASF.

—Priscilla Smith

Abbeville High School Senior/Talent Search Participant Wins Scholarships



Xavier Grace is an Abbeville High School senior and a Talent Search participant. He attended the Black College Expo with Talent Search recently. There he had the opportunity to audition for band scholarships. From Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina he received a \$7,000 Holistic Scholarship for his academic achievements and an \$8,000 Band Scholarship for playing the saxophone. Talent Search is so proud of Xavier and his accomplishments. Xavier has a bright future ahead of him!

—Priscilla Smith

TRiO Staff Celebrate Former Director, Now Dean Mickey Baker

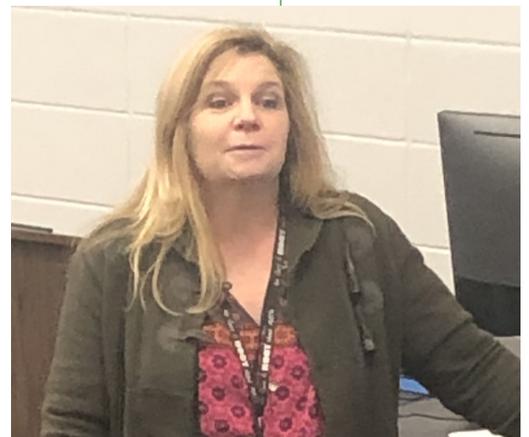


The staff of TRiO Student Support Services and Upward Bound celebrated the achievements of Dean Mickey Baker with personalized office supplies reflecting his rise from Director of TRiO Student Support Services and Upward Bound to Dean of Student Affairs and Sparks Campus. He also received shirts with the Wallace Community College logo and his name and new position.

Dean Baker has been a part of Wallace Community College since 1991. He has worked in several capacities: adjunct instructor, counselor in TRiO for four years, and Director of TRiO beginning in 1995. He became Dean of Student Affairs and Sparks Campus in February, 2019.

Dr. Baker has a B.S. from Liberty University, M.S. from Troy, M.S.S. from the U.S. Army War College, and J.D. from Jones School of Law.

TRiO Student Support Services Holds ALEKS Panel Discussion



On March 20, 2019, TRiO Student Support Services on the Dothan Campus held an ALEKS Panel Discussion. Ms. Jennifer Forrester, Wallace Community College math instructor, spoke on recent changes to ALEKS and ways to be successful using ALEKS. Panel members, Jordan Edwards, Bianca McKinsey, and Evan Grimsley, discussed their experiences with ALEKS and any changes they would like to see in the future. The audience was given an opportunity to ask questions or comment on their experiences with the program.



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.

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.