

TRiO Newsletter



TRiO Student Support Services Students Tour

Michelin and Eagle Eye Outfitters

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On April 27, 2018, TRiO Student Support Services students, Ravis Hall (left) and Kira Dixon (right), accompanied by Ms. Jane French toured the Michelin Manufacturing plant in Dothan. During the very informative and interesting tour of the plant, everyone was surprised to learn that manufacturing tires is such a precise and multistep process. The tires begin as sheets of rubber that are chopped up and extruded through machines for the various layers. Prior to being formed into a tire, this extruded rubber is mixed with various chemicals depending on the layer of the tire that is being manufactured. The chemical or additive could be synthetic rubber, silica, metal cables, or chemical agents that are determined by the intended use or requirements for the tire. Each layer is carefully applied to include the rings that surround the inside opening. During the process there are numerous safety and quality checks to insure the safety of the tire. One of the final checks as the tires come off the line is equivalent to a CT Scan of certain tires in a run or batch to locate any anomalies in the tire. If any are found, the entire run is scanned and any defective tires are removed from the inventory. There are other safety checks to include a visual inspection prior to the tires leaving the plant. For more detailed information on the manufacturing process go to <https://www.michelinman.com/US/en/help/how-is-a-tire-made.html>.

We also learned that many prior Wallace graduates are currently employed at Michelin in Dothan, and in addition, several current students are hired as well. The company is willing to work with the students' schedules, so they can both attend college and possibly begin a career at the same time.

After the tour of Michelin, the students and Ms. French enjoyed lunch and rushed off to tour Eagle Eye Outfitters. There they met with the owner/President and all of his business staff from the Chief Executive Officer through Human Resources. After a brief overview of the philosophy and history of the company, which is locally owned, the entire team gathered and each discussed the education requirements for his or her position. In addition, each explained the requirements, duties, and expectations for the position.

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The Eagle Eye Outfitters employees were all most informative and thorough. They covered how they determine trends, what to order, and the necessity for planning well in advance. For example, two employees had recently been to the market in Atlanta and were already ordering for next Spring. Planning and coordination between all departments is absolutely necessary, and they all work as a team. No one department is more important than another as they are interdependent. The TRiO group was then taken on a tour of the actual store which is located in an old movie theater.

It was a very informative and enjoyable day.

Pictured: Kira Dixon, Ms. French, and Ravis Hall

—Jane French

TRiO Upward Bound Students Participate in Youth Leadership Groups



Pictured above are more of the Youth Leadership Barbour participants: Claudasia Russaw (Barbour High), Chauncey Lightner (Barbour High), and Zatisha Starling (Eufaula High).



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

Wallace Community College Foundations Fall 2018

Scholarships. The Wallace Community College Foundations are excited to announce Fall 2018 Scholarships for students on the Sparks and Wallace Campuses. **Applications may be completed and submitted online. The deadline to apply is July 19, 2018.**

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. **Deadlines to apply are: August 31, and November 30.**

For more information and copies of application packets, go to: www.wallace.edu/scholarships.

