

TRiO Newsletter



Dr. Demetriss Locke, New TRiO Director

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Wallace Community College welcomes Dr. Demetriss Locke as the Director for *TRiO* Student Support Services & Upward Bound. Dr. Locke was formerly employed in the state of Florida where he worked at Florida A&M University (FAMU) as the Assistant Director for the Undergraduate Student Success Center. In this role, Dr. Locke led a staff of 40 people and was responsible for providing staff with resources and guidance as they sought to keep students enrolled and making progress towards degree completion.

Prior to transitioning to FAMU, Dr. Locke worked at Tallahassee Community College where he served as the Interim Director of Student Success and as the Student Success & Retention Coordinator. In this role Dr. Locke oversaw academic advising, disability support services, counseling services, and international student services.

Dr. Locke was born and raised in Monroeville, Alabama and is a graduate of Monroe County High School. He earned his bachelor's degree from Auburn University Montgomery, Master's degree from DeVry University (Atlanta), and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Auburn University. Dr. Locke is a first-generation college student and is very excited to work with students, faculty, and staff at Wallace.

TRIO Student Support Services Participants Travel to Civil Rights Sites



Several TRIO students traveled with Mr. Riley Turner's African American History class to Selma and Montgomery, Alabama to enhance their knowledge of civil rights activists and to gain a better understanding of the events that took place many years ago and changed our world today. They visited the Selma interpretive center. The students learned about the voting restrictions on African Americans before the 1960's. While in Selma, students were also able to walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge that thousands walked across to get from Selma to Montgomery to demand voting rights for African Americans. The Lowndes County Interpretive center was very informative about Bloody Sunday and Turn Around Tuesday.



The students visited the National Museum for Peace and Justice and The Legacy Museum from Enslavement to Mass Incarceration in Montgomery, Alabama. They learned about the many lynchings that took place all over the state and how so many African Americans were wrongfully convicted of crimes and received unjust punishments and prison sentences. The TRIO students enjoyed this cultural event and are excited to share their experiences with their peers.

—Shanisty White



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

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's 2020 Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship (External) The Financial Aid Office has received information about the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's 2020 Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The application for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is now available. In order to apply, applicants must submit an electronic application through the Common App for Transfer, which can be accessed via the Foundation's website at www.jkcf.org, by **Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. CST**. If you need additional information, contact Carla Cribbs, the JKCF Faculty Representative at Wallace Community College. Her contact information is as follows: ccribbs@wallace.edu or 334-556-2502.

American Welding Society Foundation Scholarships.

THE E.L. GIBSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS. Enterprise State Community College 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 Applications must be submitted by the following deadline to be considered for the next award cycle. **Deadline: 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

