

TRIO

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

MEET THE STAFF

We have a full team to support the needs of our TRIO students

FACTS AND RESOURCES

Learn more about our TRIO program and services we provide

PROJECTS AND EVENTS

What has TRIO been up to this year!?

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WE LOVE TRIO!



MEET THE DIRECTOR Stassia Feltes

The TRIO Student Support Services staff at WSU Tri-Cities have been gearing up to celebrate National TRIO Day on February 28, 2020. This special day is to commemorate the annual achievements of the Federal TRIO programs in communities across the country. Traditionally, TRIO programs and students give back to the communities and campuses to honor the support they have received in pursuit of a college degree.

TRIO SSS is saying goodbye to 2019 and focused on 2020 vision of a healthy TRIO heart. I am affirming a bright, healthy, and happy year of 2020 for myself and all the students we serve. To ensure we support the success of students, this year TRIO SSS is giving back to the hearts of the campus and the community. We will be providing heart health stations including balancing eating and maintaining a healthy blood pressure at our National TRIO Day event. Additionally, TRIO SSS students created valentines for Kaldec patients to give back to the community and share a little TRIO love.

I have felt very proud of the dedicated TRIO SSS staff and the collaborative efforts with WSU Tri-Cities faculty and staff in supporting our students to successfully navigate their way through college. This publication has been created to showcase the work of the TRIO SSS program over the past academic year and we hope you enjoy it.

With much TRIO love,

Stassia

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Jennifer Silva-Gutierrez

Program Coordinator
Loves: all types of dance



Ariana Romero

Student Success Specialist
Loves: hiking



Maria Vargas Escobar

Leadership & Recruitment Coordinator
Loves: singing



Valentin Molina

App Developer Lead
Composes music on free time



Jarod Cable

Supplemental Instructor
Has visited 12 countries



Hung Luu

Phone App developer
Has lived in 3 different states



Nur Afsa Syeda

Supplemental Instructor
BIG sports fan



Dr. Oliva Primera Pedrozo

Supplemental Instructor
Passion for fashion



Lauren Nirider

Supplemental Instructor
Has 4 black cats

TRIO Quick Facts & Testimonials

PERSISTENCE

87% Students continued to the next school year

BACHELORS DEGREE

79% Students earned a 4-year degree

TRIO is cool. I can get help with my studies and also they provide with free printing!

-Charlie Farias

GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING

93% Students kept their GPA above a 2.0.

TRIO is very helpful and they have a very cool & laidback environment. it is nice to be in this program

-Lesli Valera

I appreciate their help through good times & bad they never let me down.

-Rubin Watson

TRIO is a very helpful program in terms of future plans. They help with finding internships, academic work, and any other resources like study abroad. I highly recommend 1st gen students and low-income to join. Makes everything easier and faster.

-Moamel Abdali

I like TRIO because they provide workshops that gets you on the road to success.

-Christain Zempoalteca

Want to be part of the TRIO SSS family?

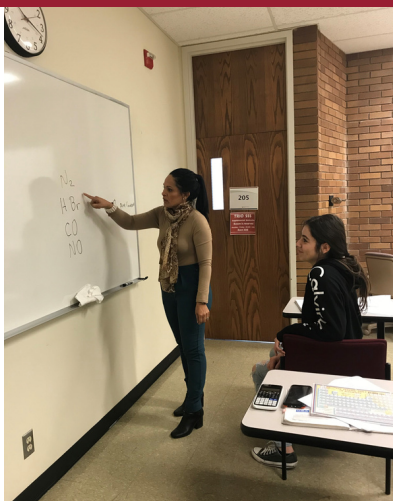
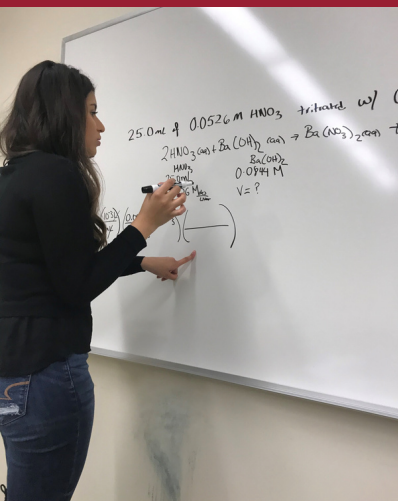
Apply online space is limited so apply soon

tricities.wsu.edu/trio

TRIO RESOURCES

Academic Advising

All TRIO students have an assigned TRIO specialist that will help them review schedules, course selection and assist with meeting program graduation requirements. Additionally, students receive coaching where they are challenged to relate their personal and/or professional goals to their academic goals.



Supplemental Instruction

Supplemental instructors are current graduate students or have graduate and doctoral degrees. Supplemental instructors partner with faculty to offer more intensive academic assistance. A combination of teaching core content and useful study strategies is used in small group or one-one study sessions.

Cultural Enrichment

TRIO gives participants opportunities to attend a variety of events to help them expand their knowledge and appreciation for arts and other cultures. Last semester TRIO took students attended an etiquette dinner and the Nutcracker Ballet.



Career Leadership & Development

TRIO specialists help students create resumes and cover letters. contain multiple aspects and steps for career and leadership development. Together they will create strength assessment tools, resume and cover letters and a plan to develop the necessary skills for the advancing work force of today.



TRIO MOBILE PHONE APP



Dr. Luis de la Torre
Lead Faculty Mentor for Mobile App Development

Dr. Luis de la Torre is an instructor faculty at Washington State University Tricities. He works as a mentor for undergraduate students in projects related to TRIO student app development. Currently, he is an alternated sponsor fellow at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Dr. de la Torre was born in Cartagena, Colombia, earned a BS in Mathematics from Universidad of Cartagena, a M.Sc. in Scientific Computing from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez, and a Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico.

Dr. de la Torre's research is framed under High-Performance Computing and Cloud Computing involving the use of scheduling algorithms for parallel divisible loads computing. His work is focused on different aspects of cloud computing resource selection including energy efficient selection of resources, cost-efficient allocation of computing power, and the design of periodic scheduling algorithms. His teaching interest are in math and computer science courses.

Dr. de la Torre spends most of his time as a coach, and mentor for a current and prospective computer science student. He is also, training students to prepare for Hackathon Competition. In his career, he has mentored students at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez, University of Puerto Rico, Cayey, Universidad Metropolitana, and Washington State University.



Phone App Developers



Nur Afsa Syeda

The TRIO mobile application is solely for TRIO students, where a user can easily access thrilling news and events as well as the resources of TRIO. The students can communicate with their instructors and advisors at any time of the day. The most important functionality of the application is the "appointment", it is to schedule meeting times with the instructors and advisors within a click of a button. As an app developer, I was responsible with the front end development, to make the data visually appealing and easily accessible for the students.

Valentin Molina - Project Lead

The TRIO mobile application is really designed with TRIO students in mind. It provides a single place to inform students of TRIO News and Events, give access to TRIO resources, allow students to setup real-time appointments with TRIO Staff and to get their questions answered quickly. Student engagement and involvement is one of the key things we want to address in this app. As times change so must our ways for student outreach and we hope to increase student involvement with this app.



Hung Luu

This app will enable TRIO students to quickly find information about financial aid and other frequently asked questions. This app will also enable students to schedule appointments with their mentors and tutors if they require assistance with classes.

Follow TRIO SSS
@trio_wsutc

stop by the office & show us
you are following our social
media and receive a prize



Instagram



Snapchat

THRIVE with TRIO

Trust-Honesty-Resiliency-Innovative-Value-Encourage

TRIO Student Ambassador Program

TRIO Ambassadors have the opportunity to establish lasting relationships, be a peer mentor and strengthen their leadership skills. Ambassadors are assigned to up to 6 new TRIO students for every academic year. Their role is to develop and maintain rapport with other TRIO students by meeting face-to-face, texting consistently to check-in and keep students updated on campus events. They become the go-to person to help eliminate barriers new students may have coming into college for the first time.

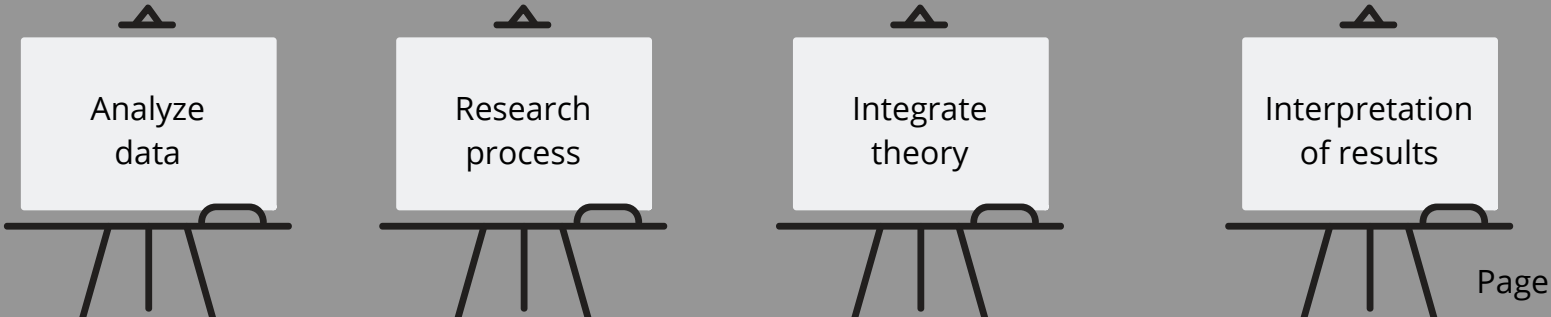
Want to be a TRIO Ambassador for the 2020-2021 school year?

The application will open in April 2020

Undergraduate Research Course UNI199

This class is designed just for our TRIO SSS students. It is a unique and great opportunity to get the necessary skills to apply to internships related to biology, chemistry, engineering, social sciences, education, and computer science.

- Students work on a small research project
- Understand the research process
- Learn lab techniques
- Develop skills in the interpretation of results
- Analyze data and the ability to integrate theory
- Present a poster at the research symposium at the end of the year celebration



Analyze data

Research process

Integrate theory

Interpretation of results

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National First-Generation Day



The National First-Gen Day occurs on November 8th – the Anniversary of the Higher Education Act to recognize all the efforts and success of first-generation students. TRIO coined the theme of the event to be “I am first”, for the entire campus to participate and to be recognized for their accomplishments. As a symbol of the diversity and inclusiveness culture here at WSU Tri-Cities, TRIO SSS and a TRIO SSS student painted an art piece that was then donated to the MOSAIC Inclusion center. Each finger print represents an individual here on campus that has experienced a first in their journey towards a college degree.



For National First-Gen Day, two first-gen, professional local speakers and a current TRIO student provided motivational TEDX style speeches to the WSU Tri-Cities campus. They shared about their personal experiences navigating through college as a first-gen student and how they overcame obstacles they faced on their journey towards their chosen careers.

Pictured top to bottom

Maria Vargas Escobar, TRIO Student
Omar Escalera, Principal at Robert Frost Elementary

Emiliano Santiago, Electrical Engineer
PNNL

What it means to be 1st gen



"For me being a first generation student means that our dreams can come true at any stage of our lives and with those dreams we can influence the younger generations in our family. I will be the role model that my son needs to be successful in his life"

-Juan Gaytan

"Being a first generation means that I have been blessed with the opportunity to create a better future for myself"

-Ulyana Fisenko

"There are a lot of people who are Hispanic and don't pursue higher education, and I want to show them that we all can. SI SE PUEDE"

-America Sevilla

"Its going to be an uphill battle to get where I want to be but I have my eyes on the prize, and with my degree I will be able to relax then"

-Amy Van

"Being a 1st generation college student means to become a role model and an example for my siblings. It means breaking trends and demonstrating that higher education is possible"

-Jacquelyn Diaz





TRIO ADVOCACY

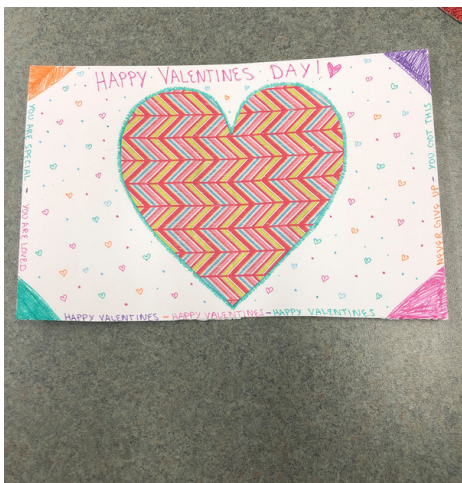
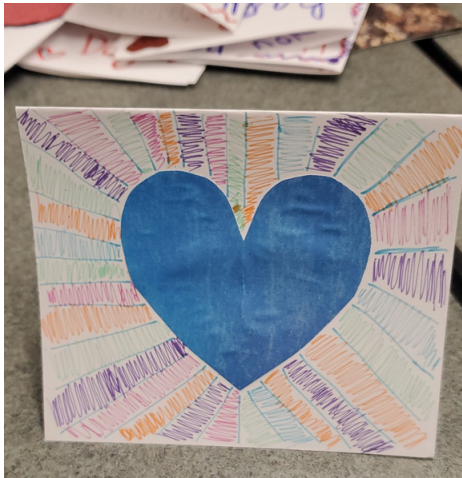
TRIO PROFESSIONALS ALL OVER THE NATION RALLY AT THE CAPITOL TO ADVOCATE FOR TRIO PROGRAMS

TRIO ALUMNI VOICES SHAKE POLITICIANS IN DC

Every year, since the 1960's TRIO programs across the nation come together to rally at the capitol to discuss government policies and funding decisions that impact TRIO programs. Often times, there is a threat to funding for programs across the nation. In Washington State, there are over 75 TRIO programs. Each year, TRIO professionals from Washington state bring TRIO Alumni to rally at the nation's capital in Washington, DC. As a team, they meet with key district representatives and senators, to share the successes of the TRIO programs and bring the voice of TRIO Alumni to their offices. Last year, our state turned Jaime Herrera Beutler into a TRIO supporter through a powerful TRIO Alumni story.

This March 2020, Washington State TRIO professionals will unite again, including staff members from the WSU Tri-Cities TRIO Student Support Services program. We will be discussing important issues that face our programs in the Fiscal Year 2021.





Project Valentine

Help make
Valentine Cards

Kadlec Regional Medical Center needs help writing around 300 Valentines for kid and adult patients to help brighten their Valentines Day!

TRIO Student Support Services is celebrating National TRIO Day on February 28th 2020. Traditionally TRIO students and staff give back to their communities in honor of all the support they have received throughout their pursuit of a college degree. This year the National TRIO Day event is themed "Healthy TRIO Heart". The local radio station 105.3 had a call for Valentine cards. Students came together to create Valentine cards for patients at Kadlec Regional Medical Center. This was our way of sharing our TRIO love.

IN MAY 2020

TRIO GOES TO ROME!!



TRIO SSS has helped and encouraged students to apply for the WSU 1st gen study abroad program. We are proud to announce, that 7 TRIO students have been accepted into the program and will be studying in Rome with Italian professors.



CAMPUS INVITATION

End of Year TRIO Celebration

Join us to celebrate the graduating Class of 2019-2020
and all of our TRIO student accomplishments.

Date: April 24, 2020

Location: Wine Science Center

Upcoming Events

TRIO STUDENTS ONLY

LINKED-IN AND PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS

March -- Create and update your
LinkedIn Profile.



FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

March 30 Learn about loans,
budgeting, credit, savings plans



GRADUATE SCHOOL TOURS AND CONFERENCES

April, May, and June



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

April 24th, 2020



SUMMER TRIO ORIENTATION

August





TRIO Student Support Services Program

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TRI-CITIES

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