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TRIO LOVE



**Director
Stassia Feltes**

Stassia is the Director of TRIO Student Success Programs which house grants funded by the Department of Education at Washington State University, Tri-Cities. She recently wrote for a STEM and Health Sciences grant, which has been successfully funded to serve an additional 120 first-generation and low income students, and individuals with disabilities on the campus who are pursuing STEM and Health Science majors. She has developed a passion for supporting student learning, leading innovative initiatives, and using technology to advance education.

Currently, she is working on her Ph.D in Mathematics and Science Education. Her goal is to research topics such as using mobile phone apps and Virtual Reality programs to increase pathways for underrepresented groups in STEM and strengthen student self-efficacy in mathematics.

Stassia has a passion towards continuing to support students in achieving academic success, contribute to student retention efforts, and collaborate on department initiatives.

A Message from the Director

The past year provided some challenges and hardships for us all, what a year it has been! Here at TRIO we kept pushing on in unison with our amazing students. Together we are stronger! Our TRIO students persevered in the midst of a pandemic, strengthening resiliency and coming out stronger. Many students have said the last couple of semesters were extremely tough, but they are building on skills of what made them successful.

Our dedicated staff continued to launch programs to assist students and their needs. We successfully launched an Engineering Academy, English Language Support Program, and a Cougs Lead club. Our team stayed present on social media, kicked our advising methods into high gear with research, and provided online virtual events with small in person options.

We will be celebrating National TRIO Day to honor all the support we have received from the campus, community and to raise awareness around TRIO programs. WSU TC TRIO will partner with other TRIO programs in the valley to provide an online virtual event and give back to the community by writing letters of support to our first responders in the community.

Fresh start and a new beginning has been my motto moving into the new year. I wrote for and received a new TRIO STEM grant which has allowed us to expand into TRIO Student Success Programs and hire on additional team members!

I look forward to continuing to build the TRIO program with an awesome team and our students. This magazine is a way for us to showcase and reflect on what an incredible year we had!

With TRIO Love,

Stassia and the TRIO Team

MEET THE TRIO TEAM

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Struggling in class?

TRIO provides supplemental instructors to students struggling in various subjects

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TRIO Student
Success Programs

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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. Students receive coaching where they are challenged to relate their personal and/or professional goals to their academic goals.

Academic Specialists

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

Cultural Enrichment

TRIO provides participants opportunities to attend a variety of events to help them expand their knowledge and appreciation for arts and other cultures.

Career Leadership & Development

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



NATIONAL FIRST GENERATION DAY



November 8 was selected to be the day for the annual National First Generation college celebration day to honor the anniversary of the signing of the 1965 Higher Education Act (HEA) during the President Lyndon B. Johnson's administration.

First generation students are the first in their immediate families to pursue higher education in a college setting, embodying the essential purpose of the 1965 Higher Education Act (HEA).



TRIO RESOURCES

Career & Internship

For the Career and Internship prep we provide:

- Career Ready Academies and workshops
- Career Fair Visits
- Resume, Cover Letter, and Elevator Pitch Workshops
- Review Resumes and Cover Letters
- Mock Interviews and Feedback
- Assistance in searching and completing internships/Job Applications



Career Ready Academy

The Career Ready Academy is designed for students to gain skills needed for internships and careers. Get experience with 3D Printing, Biology Research or create Mental Health Wellness seminars. Join us and add experience to your resume!

Our Projects for Summer:

- 3D Printing
- Biology Research
- Mental Wellness

Dare to Dream Seminar

Dare to Dream with TRIO is a comprehensive college orientation and transition program required for all first-time students participating in TRIO SSP. Dare to Dream with TRIO will give students an opportunity to learn about the TRIO SSP Program, the resources available on campus and other tips/tricks to help students be successful.

Event Details: August 17th 9am-2pm

- Alumni/current student panel
- Faculty panel - Tokens for Success
- Networking by Major
- Lunch
- Helpful Resources

ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES

TRIO Student Success Programs offers TutorMe, free online tutoring 24/7 in 300+ subjects

FREE TO ALL TRIO STUDENTS

Find online tutors in any subject

- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Foreign Language
- Professional
- Humanities
- History
- Math
- Science
- Test Prep
- Social Sciences *and much more*

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How To Access

Our Services

- 1 Check inbox for email from TutorMe about login info
 - 2 Go onto www.tutorme.com and log in using email and pw
- Connect with a live tutor in under 30 seconds
 - Submit paper for review (<12 hour turnaround time)

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How TutorMe Works

1.Request

Tell us what you need help with and our smart matching system will connect you with an online tutor.

3.Review

After the lesson is completed, both the tutor and student have the opportunity to rate each other, maintaining the quality of our community.

2.Learn

Get live 1-on-1 help in our advanced lesson space. Use a virtual whiteboard, audio/video chat, screen sharing, text editor and much more.

WHAT DO TRIO STUDENTS SAY ABOUT TRIO STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAMS?

I am currently a Freshman, majoring in Biology and doing a psychology minor. TRIO STEM has been by my side since the moment I enrolled to WSU. TRIO STEM has really made my college experience at WSU very pleasant. TRIO STEM has always been here for me to answer all my questions, every single time I send an email or a text they are quick to respond. They have not only helped me navigate through my first year of college but they have been there for me when I simply needed someone to vent to. I would highly recommend TRIO STEM to everyone.

- Vianey Chavez

I am a freshmen, my major is Nursing. I want to become a nurse and my dream job is to work as a nurse at a hospital in the future. I am so excited to be accepted into the TRIO STEM program because I get to meet new people and also make new friends. I love this program because they have such amazing directors and staff. I will be continuing to work with them through my success path. The instructors are the most beneficial TRIO STEM service that I have been using because it is very helpful, and they are always there for me and help me with my assignments that I am struggling with.

- Dae Wah

I am a freshman who is majoring in English Literature and plan to teach in high school. TRIO has provided firsthand support on all my questions doubts and has provided amazing resources that have not only benefitted me educationally but also have impacted me through fun uplifting conversations and day to day kindness and support. This program has truly enabled my success and has allowed me to open up to new opportunities and friendships. There are no words to describe my gratitude for the kindness and educational support TRIO and its members have given me!

- Issac Marroquin

I am a freshman here at WSUTC. I transferred over from CBC, with my AA. I am both happy and proud to be a psychology major. Being a part of TRIO has made the process of transferring a lot smoother. When I was at CBC, I did not have this type of support system. I have found an amazing and caring community here at WSUTC through TRIO. I am very grateful for the opportunity to be part of the program because I would be so lost without it. Higher education is new to my family, I often find myself questioning my own abilities as I am only 18 and exploring new territory but TRIO is there with me every step of the

- Angelica Mendoza

