

# TRIO



## *Student Success Programs*

### 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?

# TRIO STRONG!

## 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.

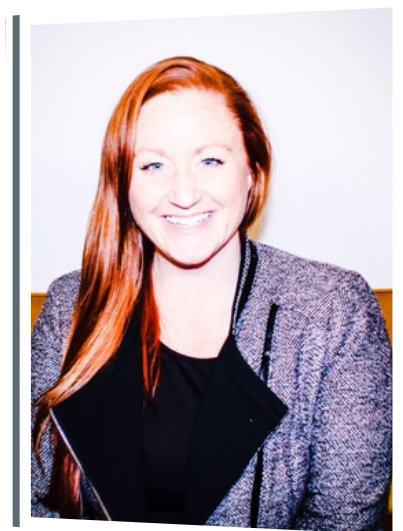
We will be celebrating National TRIO Day to honor all the support we have received from the campus, community and to raise awareness around TRIO programs. WSU TC TRIO will partner with other TRIO programs in the valley to provide an online virtual event and give back to the community by writing letters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

# MEET OUR TEAM!

## STAFF



**STASSIA FELTES**  
Director



**JENNIFER  
SILVA-GUTIERREZ**  
Program Coordinator



**ARIANA ROMERO**  
Student Success  
Specialist

## STUDENT STAFF



**ALMA RANGEL**  
Office Assistant



**VALENTIN MOLINA**  
TRIO Phone App Lead



**BRISEIDA FAJARDO**  
STEM Peer Advisor



**MARIA VARGAS ESCOBAR**  
Leadership &  
Recruitment Coordinator



**ROCHELLE DELACRUZ**  
Marketing and Public  
Relations Intern



**ERIKA ESPINOZA**  
Peer Advisor

**Need support for your classes?  
We GOT you!**

# SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTORS



**LAUREN NIRIDER**

Writing, Social  
Sciences, History,  
English Language  
Support



**NUR AFSA SYEDA**

Subjects:  
Computer Science,  
Math, STATS,  
Accounting



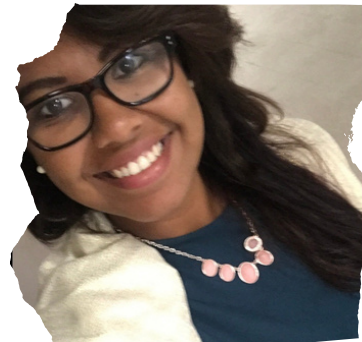
**ANGEL BRETON-VEGA**

Subjects: Chemistry,  
Math



**TIM HANSHAW**

Subjects:  
Engineering,  
Physics



**ROSA PEREZ**

Subjects: Biology,  
Environmental  
Sciences



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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. 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 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. Last semester TRIO hosted a virtual event and a drive-up Goodie bag pick-up, to celebrate National First-Generation Day and the academic achievements they have accomplished.



## 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.



# Tutoring Services

**Need FREE 24/7 LIVE Tutoring?**

TRIO SSP has partnered up with TutorMe to provide tutors in over 300 subjects at any level, 24/7 at Zero cost to TRIO Students!

**TutorMe** 

**Free Online Tutoring**



24/7 online tutoring in 300+ subjects



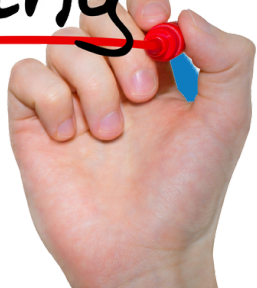
## How To Access

- 1 Check inbox for email from TutorMe about login info
- 2 Go onto [www.tutorme.com](http://www.tutorme.com) and log in using email and pw

## Our Services

-  Connect with a live tutor in under 30 seconds
-  Submit paper for review (<12 hour turnaround time)

Tutoring



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 UNIVERSITY

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# TRIO STEM AND HEALTH SCIENCES

TRIO Received a new STEM and Health Sciences grant through the Department of Education to serve an additional 120 students for 5 years at WSU Tri-Cities

WSU Tri-Cities received \$2.6 million in TRIO Student Success Programs grant funding, through the Department of Education, to serve 260 students across campus for the 2020-2025 academic years. This includes a new STEM grant, which assists students who are pursuing STEM and Health Sciences majors.

TRIO STEM Provides the following services:

- Academic and STEM/Health Sciences Career Advising
- Personalized STEM/Health Science Coaching
- STEM Internship/Externship Preparation
- STEM Conferences & Professional Mentors
- Financial Literacy & FAFSA Assistance
- Supplemental Instruction, variety of subjects including Biology and Engineering
- 24/7 Online Access to Professional Tutors
- Peer Mentoring Programs for New Students
- Undergraduate Research
- STEM projects for students to build their resume
- Cultural Enrichment
- English Language Support Program



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## QUICK FACTS!

**ATTAINED GOALS 2019-2020 YEAR**

### GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING

Program Objective: 88% of all students will be in good academic standing each year.

**97%**

*students that were in good academic standing at the end of 2020*

### FIRST-GENERATION/LOW-INCOME

**79%**

*students that are First-Generation and Low-Income*

**82%**

*students that are First-Generation*

### PERSISTENCE

Program Objective: 72% of all students will persist from one academic year to the next.

**93%**

*students that persisted from the 2019-2020 into the next academic year.*

### BACHELORS DEGREE

Program Objective: 63% of all students will graduate within 6 years (Cohort based on time of entry into program and institution)

**69%**

*students that graduated in 2019-2020 within 6 years*

**FIRST-GEN**  
*Proud*



# TRIO Testimonials

HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS!



I am a junior majoring in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Middle Level Mathematics. I am the Classic Peer Advisor for TRIO. I have been in TRIO since my freshman year, and I love how everyone in the community is welcoming and supportive! TRIO has tons of resources and activities that I have used to my advantage throughout the years!

**-Erika Espinoza**



I am the office assistant for TRIO, and I am majoring in Psychology. I love being a part of TRIO because there are so many things that have helped me become a successful student and worker. Scheduling semester visits have been very helpful to me because it gives me the opportunity to check in, ask questions, and get to know my

**advisor**  
**-Alma Rangel**

I am a junior and my major is psychology. Being a part of TRIO has helped me feel more connected, comfortable, and confident as I began attending WSU-TC. Since being in the program, I feel that I have an amazing group of people that I can rely on if I ever need help with anything.

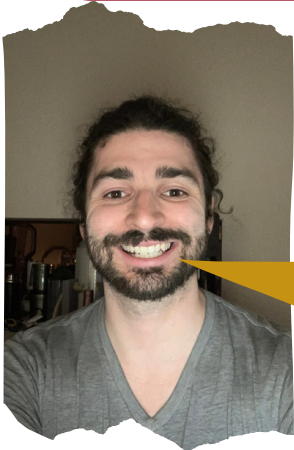
They helped me with easing into the university life at WSU-TC by helping me connect with other transfer students, having online social events, providing great resources, and informing me on all the things that I needed to know about the campus. I would be lost without them!

**-Janel Jaime**



I am a Viticulture and Enology major. TRIO been a welcome addition to my academic career because they have allowed me access to some of the best and brightest tutors that WSU has to offer. Furthermore, they also assist many first generation students whether fresh out of high school or attending college at a later date. School is tough enough and adding work to pay bills to it can get tricky, TRIO has always been around to offer advice, career path services, and seminars to help you navigate your academic and career path.

**-Michael Nunnelee**

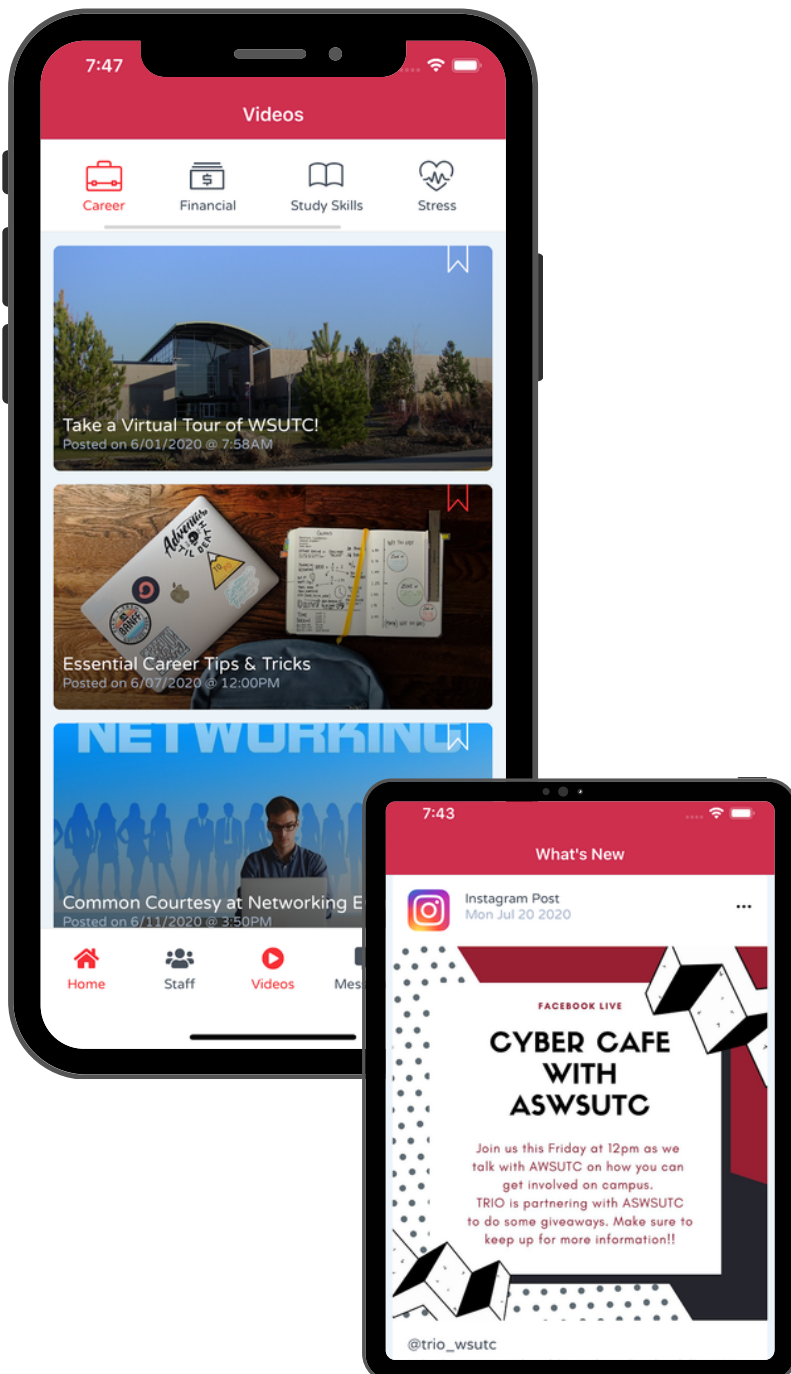


I am a current major in Pre-Nursing with a minor in Biology or Biological Sciences. TRIO is a program I joined my freshman year in Fall 18, since college was a different atmosphere then in high school I was a very shy person.

For this reason my freshman year I wasn't an active student, I wouldn't go to events for school or any clubs/organizations. Entering my sophomore where I was more involved because my TRIO Advisor Stassia really helped my get myself out there and do what will make me happy, she really pushed me to attend events and now I am involved working on campus as a SEB coordinator a student ambassador for the Office of Student Engagement and Leadership. Being a THRIVE with TRIO Ambassador and starting a club during a pandemic Coug LEAD!

**-Sauri Garcia**

# TRIO PHONE APP



## COOL FEATURES INCLUDED!

On the TRIO app development we will include...

- A social media feed that integrates content from TRIO
- Instant messaging, students can directly message TRIO staff
- A video library where students can view videos made by TRIO on specific topics such as study skills and career prep.



**Valentin Molina**  
TRIO Phone App Lead

# Join COUGS Lead Club!

*"My name is Maria Vargas and I am a first-generation college student. I am currently finishing my last semester in the education program pursuing a mathematics endorsement and Spanish minor."*

Through my experiences as a TRIO student, I realized the importance of professional and personal development. Sometimes it can be intimidating taking that extra step by putting yourself out there, which is why Cougs LEAD was created, in affiliation with TRIO. Our mission is to help students step out of their comfort zone to achieve their best potential and give back to our community through volunteer efforts. Those things will be achieved through hosting different workshops for students and some for the community. This club is a good way to connect amongst WSU students, specially now that we are in the virtual world. Even through these uncertain circumstances, this is a good way to connect with others, stay up to date with events and find a good support system.



**MARIA VARGAS ESCOBAR**

Leadership &  
Recruitment Coordinator



CougsLEAD\_wsutc

**If you are interested in joining, check out Cougs Presence. Explore and Achieve with Cougs LEAD!**

# THRIVE

#YourSuccessIsOurCommitment



## 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 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.

**THRIVE with TRIO**  
**Trust-Honesty-Resiliency-Innovative-Value-Encourage**



ARIANA ROMERO



MARIA VARGAS  
ESCOBAR

*If any TRIO student wants to be connected with an ambassador, reach out to the TRIO ambassador team and we can make that happen!*

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

The application will open in April

# NATIONAL FIRST GENERATION DAY

***The National First-Generation Day occurs on November 8th the Anniversary of the Higher Education Act to recognize all the efforts and success of first-generation students.***

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November 20, 2020

On November 20th of 2020 TRIO Student Success Programs (SSP) at WSU Tri-Cities invited all WSU TC students to celebrate National First-Generation Day. TRIO SSP coined the theme of the event to be “I am first”, for the entire campus to participate and to be recognized for their accomplishments. Whether you were a first-gen or support first-generation students all were invited to TRIO's virtual event to celebrate the all the academic achievements they have accomplished. TRIO also had a drive up event to pick up a goodie bag to celebrate.





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## OUR UPCOMING EVENTS



### NATIONAL TRIO DAY

February 27th  
Celebrate with us  
on our virtual  
event by  
attending the 3rd  
Annual Service  
Learning  
Conference.



### FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS

March 09, 21 at  
12pm- Prevent  
Identity Fraud  
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### CAREER WORKSHOPS

Mastering  
Interviews, Mock  
Interviews.

*\*Note, most events are for TRIO students only*

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