Cultural Trip to Seattle

After a successful and enriching trip last year, we decided to host another cultural visit to Seattle this year. Thanks to student suggestions and input, this year’s trip was even more fun than last year.

Students that attended enjoyed Pike’s Place Market, a tour of the observation deck on the space needle, a ride on the famous “Ducks” tour, and even the Pacific Science Center.

A few pounds were gained all around during a wonderful visit to the Cheesecake Factory to close the trip, and we all enjoyed a nice break stuck in Snoqualmie thanks to the snow.

As a reminder, the more active you are with TRIO, the more priority you will receive for outings and special occasions placement.

Did you know that beginning Spring 2012: 25% of TRIO students had a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher! 35% of TRIO students had a cumulative GPA 3.0-3.49! And 91% of all TRIO students were in Good Academic Standing.

If you end the Spring 2012 semester with a 4.0 Term GPA, Beth, Lino, and Shelley will treat you to lunch or dinner.
Enrollment changes coming

Students looking to register for Fall 2012 classes should be aware that the usual way will no longer work. In an attempt to make enrolling and planning for classes easier for students, WSU has incorporated registration into zzuus. Students can now plan future semesters and allocate classes into semesters they plan to take a course.

Please take some time to check out the new system and familiarize yourself as all TRiO students receive priority registration. You may begin enrolling on April 9th so long as you have no registration holds (such as advisor or writing portfolio). If you have any questions about enrolling or the new system, please feel free to stop by TRiO and we will be glad to help.

To access the new system, simply log in to your zzuus account, go to main menu, then self service, and finally click class search/browse catalogs. The self service area has many other useful links that students are encouraged to explore as well.

Are you graduating this Spring?

As a reminder, all TRiO students receive free honors cords. Please contact Shelley for more information if you would like cords with your robe this Spring.

Volunteer with TRiO!

So far this semester we have helped with the Humane Society on multiple occasions. We have future opportunities for students to be active in the community with food banks, homeless shelters, and Habitat for Humanity. If you would like to get involved in future events, please stop by TRiO and ask Lino or Shelley about signing up.

Year end celebration coming up

Our annual party to recognize graduates, meet up with old friends, and enjoy some together time has had a date change to better accommodate student schedules. Please come celebrate with us on Tuesday, April 24th at noon, room to be announced.

You are invited to TRiO’s Year End Graduation Celebration

Tuesday, May 8
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
East 266

• Students are welcome to bring one guest, but they need to RSVP.
• Refreshments will be served.
• We will be honoring our 30 graduates!

Please RSVP Shelley Patterson at shelley.patterson@tricity.wsu.edu or 509-372-7137

ARE YOU NERVOUS ABOUT YOUR MATH, CHEMISTRY OR SPANISH CLASS(ES) THIS FALL? WE HAVE THE SOLUTION TO HELP CALM YOUR NERVES!

This summer you have the chance to get a sneak peek at what you will be facing this fall! TRiO is offering a two week crash course that only requires a couple hours a day for two weeks. Benefits of participating are:

• Meet students who will be in your classes
• Opportunity to form small study groups
• Meet our “NEW” and veteran tutors who are ready to assist you!
• Achieve the confidence for Fall semester in Math courses 106-172, Chemistry 101-345, Computer Science 121-122, Spanish 101

If you would like to learn more about what we’re offering, please stop by the TRiO office anytime for more information or to sign up!
“Being involved has helped develop my leadership and organizational skills.”
Michelle Smith

Student Spotlight:
Michelle Smith

Meet Michelle! A first generation TRiO student finishing her senior year of WSU’s Nursing program, Michelle chose her major because she loves to help people and serve the community. While she is keeping her options open for after graduation, possibilities electrify the air around her and Michelle walks to class with a smile.

Afraid of going for her dream job because she would be 40 before she graduated, Michelle spoke to her counselor who pointed out, “you’ll be 40 either way, with a degree or without a degree… the choice is up to you.” Four years later, Michelle says time has just flown by and she’s grateful for an opportunity she never imagined.

No stranger to campus activity, Michelle was VP of Crimson Scrubs last year and is now writing articles for Heroes in Our Halls, which honors vets at our school and can be seen in the Campus Compass. “Being involved has helped develop my leadership and organizational skills. It’s also helped me stay focused on my goal of graduating with honors.”

Michelle has overcome many obstacles to her education and pushed through them all in pursuit of her dream. TRiO would like to thank Michelle for being such a wonderfull role model to her fellow students, and we all look forward to smiling in the audience when she walks this Spring.

Congratulations on your 4.0!
Christina Banh & Larissa Iracheta

Last semester, Beth, Lino, and Shelley decided that they would like to celebrate all of the students who received a 4.0 for Fall semester. Two students managed a perfect score for Fall 2011 and received their choice of dinner with TRiO.

With another semester coming in just a few more weeks, hang in there everyone, the offer stands once again. Any TRiO student receiving a 4.0 for Spring 2012 will receive dinner on Beth, Lino, and Shelley. As a reminder, we offer tutoring services as well as other programs to assist you, but we can’t help if you don’t ask!

We caught up with Christina in the CIC Tutoring Center, a resource on campus she found helpful last semester as well. When asked how she did it, Christina said, “I did not try for a 4.0. The important thing is to just learn and try to apply what I learned in class outside of class.”

Finals are fast approaching! This is a good time to revisit your syllabus for midterm times and dates.

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