

# TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Spring 2022 Newsletter

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WVC has outstanding faculty and staff! We know **so many of you** work hard to help our students succeed. Sometimes, students mention staff/faculty by name. In no particular order, we want to shout out to <u>some</u> of you below on behalf of TRIO SSS students.

- Derek Sheffield
- Ayla Medina Ulloa
- Christa Cacciata
- Sharon Wiest
- Jocelyn Vincent-Ramsey Bertha Sanchez
- Lucero Martinez
- Levi Vega Sanchez
- Ryan Poortinga
- Sompheng Batch
- Evelyn Mejia
- Dr. Chio Flores
- Janna Goodyear

- Cameron Painter
- Roberto Villa
- Dr. Karen Alman
- Livia Millard
- Marichuv de Jesus Alvizar
- Dr. Bobbi Johnson
- Tony Rosales
- Talia Barajas
- Kerin Keys
- Maria Navarrete
- Beverly Warman

And so many more... we're making an effort to ask our students for specific names, but know many of you get missed!

#### HIGHLIGHTS FROM SPRING QUARTER

In addition to our two 1:1 appointments with students, monthly scholar meetings, and various office activities, we host a number of workshops and events for TRIO SSS students.



#### **Spring In Person Events:**

- TRIO SSS Open House
- Transfer Housing Workshop
- Summer FUNding Workshop

#### Spring Virtual Events:

- Civic Leadership Conference
- Resume Workshop
- Cover letter writing workshop
- "How to ask for a letter of recommendation" workshop

#### TRIO SSS is HIRING Student Tutors!

We are currently

hiring students to tutor in Math. Science, and/or English subjects.

Students do not need to be experts - that's what instructors are for!

They just have to

have taken/passed at least one collegelevel class in a subject listed above and want to help their peers! Work study is preferred, but not required. Please encourage your students to apply!



Each summer, TRIO SSS hosts a Summer Bridge program to help prepare students for the upcoming academic year. This year we are back to hosting in-person events!

### <u>Day 1 (Wednesday, July 13th)</u>

"College Knowledge" dinner and events for family and friends of TRIO SSS scholars (4:00 - 6:00)

# Day 2 (Thursday, July 14th)

Teambuilding, leadership, diversity appreciation, and goal setting activities (10:00 - 2:00)

### Day 3 (Friday, July 15th)

Virtual Day - Financial Literacy and study skills (10:00 - 12:00 and independent)



It's not too late for new students to register! They can sign up on our website wvc.edu/trio or reach out to us to learn more at trio@wvc.edu.

# What's Next for TRIO SSS Graduates?

27 TRIO SSS students are graduating from WVC! Where are they going next? Here's a breakdown of where they'll be this fall:



Transferring to CWU



**Transferring** to EWU



**Transferring** to WSU



Applying to WVC's RN program



**Entering** work force

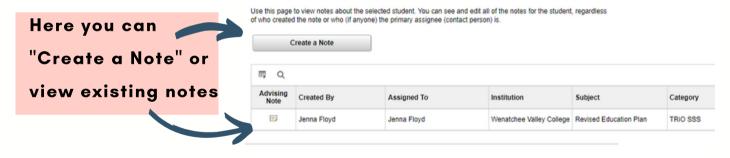
# Do you use Advising Notes in ctcLink?

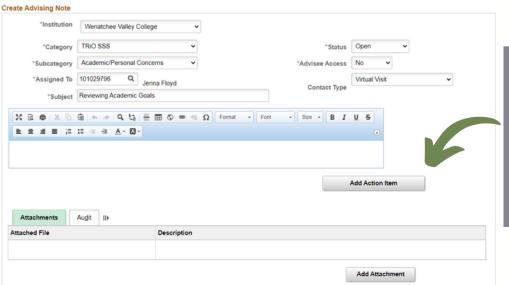
If you haven't started using advising notes in ctcLink, I strongly recommend giving it a try. These notes are a very useful way to communicate to other staff/faculty on campus. TRIO SSS staff have started using advising notes in ctcLink to communicate noteworthy content from appointments with our students. It also lets you know that the student is a TRIO SSS participant!

Our program offers a range of services to students. If a student has not yet created an academic plan, we will start including their plan in the advising notes as well, in order to streamline their appointments with their program advisor. We always encourage students to meet with their faculty advisor and to default to their plans, but we provide additional support when needed.



In the Advisor Center, you can find Advising Notes in the dropdown menu on an "Advisee Student Center" page





When you create a note, don't forget to "Add Action Item" or it won't save anything!

### **Another TRIO Program at WVC**

You might've heard about <u>a new TRIO program</u> popping up at WVC. CWU's Wenatchee campus is introducing their new Educational Opportunity Center (EOC), which is part of the TRIO family of programs. This serves as a good opportunity for us to explain <u>some of the differences between TRIO programs</u> and how you can use this information to direct students to the best resources to support them.

# What is "TRIO"? (Nope, it's not an acronym)

TRIO is a name given to a group of federal programs that provide services to help students succeed in their education. The first three programs emerged in the 1960s: Talent Search, Upward Bound, and Student Support Services (SSS). The name TRIO was created as an umbrella term for these <u>three</u> services working together toward a common goal of student success.

Since the 1960s, five more programs have joined the TRIO family, but the name "TRIO" still stuck: Educational Opportunity Centers, Ronald E. McNair Achievement Program, Training Program for TRIO Staff, Upward Bound Math-Science, and Veteran's Upward Bound.

## TRIO EOC (new to WVC)

The EOC program serves adults who are trying. to enroll in college or return to high school.

This program is well-suited for students who would like assistance enrolling in Adult Basic Education courses and/or GED programs. It is also a useful program for students who want to attend college, but don't know what to do or how to start. Like TRIO SSS, TRIO EOC wants students to understand finances. They cover the financial aid process, assist with completing the FAFSA, help students search for scholarships, and educate them on loans.

# TRIO SSS (our program)

The SSS program serves adults who have already been accepted to WVC and already have a high school diploma or GED. This program is well-suited for students who want guidance and support through the "norms" of college. We help students build study skills, understand financial aid, search for scholarships, create an academic plan, and set goals for their future. We also assist with all steps of the transfer process from early-on in their education. Our scholars receive free 1:1 tutoring sessions and regular check-ins.

# The Takeaway

All TRIO programs are designed to assist students. If you have a student who *might* benefit from support, please refer them to our program(s). If we can't directly assist, we'll help them find other resources to help them succeed!