

# TRIO TRIUMPHS

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## Introducing: TRIO Third Thursday

TRIO Third Thursday is an open forum held the third Thursday of each month for TRIO SSS students to give feedback about needs, concerns, and ideas related to services provided by the program.

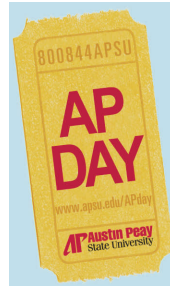
Students also get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere, exchanging ideas and learning from one another.



The kickoff event was held September 20th at Cheeseburger Charley's in Gallatin. There was a great exchange of ideas regarding technology communication, needs, textbooks, future cultural events and college tours. Your feedback during this forum is necessary for us to evaluate the effectiveness of services currently provided.

The next forum will be a brown-bag lunch on Thursday, October 18th at 12:45 pm and 2:20 pm in the Carpeted Dining Room behind the cafeteria in the Wood Campus Center. Let your voice be heard!

## TRIO TRAVELS: Let's Go, Peay!



TRIO SSS students will be traveling to Clarksville on Saturday, Oct. 20th for AP Day at Austin Peay State University. We will tour the campus and

have lunch; learn about financial aid, housing, admissions and student life. We will also visit the TRIO office and then enjoy a tailgate party before returning home.

*Call or come by the office ASAP to reserve your spot!*

## TRIO SSS PROGRAM SERVICES

**Tutoring**  
**Mentoring**  
**Orientation**  
**College Tours**  
**Cultural Trips**  
**Transfer Assistance**  
**Priority Registration**  
**Financial Aid Planning**  
**Learning Communities**  
**Career Assessments**  
**Academic Advising**  
**Laptop Checkout**  
**Resource Center**  
**Workshops**  
**Book Clubs**

## Learning Communities for Spring

**LC1s** – Any 2 of 3 Linked  
ENGL 1010  
COM 103 and/or  
PSY 101

**LC2s** –  
**(Options, LC status TBD)**

BIOL 1030  
ENGL 1030 and/or  
SOC 101

**LC3s** –  
DSPM 0850

**LC4s** –  
**(Options, LC status TBD)**  
MATH 1130, MATH 1010  
or MATH 1530

So far, what we have heard from current LC students is that they are interested in continuing on into the next LC for the Spring.

They have been having great success with their classes and the group study sessions.

If you have any questions or if you are interested in any of these Learning Communities (LC) please call **Poppy Steele, in the TRIO Office at 230-3732.**

## Chicago

Gbenga Akinngbe, actor and TRIO alum, was



a guest speaker at the national conference of TRIO programs held in Chicago last month. He is currently playing villain Chris Partlow on HBO's "The Wire," and previously worked for the Corporation for National Service before becoming interested in acting. Gbenga has performed at the Kennedy Center, done Shakespeare in the Park, and was a regular on Showtime's "Barbershop." A TRIO student at the University of Maryland-College Park, he also graduated from Bucknell University with a dual major in political science and English.

## Director's Note



Hello Students,

We have started our third year here at VSCC. Since our start in the Fall of 2005, forty-seven students have graduated and/or transferred to a 4-year institution.

We still have a few spaces available for this year. We are currently seeking students with less than 30 credit hours. Please share TRIO with your classmates. If you have not checked in with us this semester, please drop by.

Finally, remember that **ALL TRIO Students**, regardless of credit hours may participate in Early Registration for Spring. Stay TUNED!

*Andrea Boddie*

## Activities and Events

### Financial Aid/Scholarship Search, TRIO Conference Room

Wed., Oct. 3rd, 12:20 pm or 1:30 pm  
Thu., Oct. 4th, 11:15 am or 12:45 pm  
For one-on-one sessions, call 230-3732

### Increase Your Typing Speed, TRIO Conference Room

Mon., Oct. 8th, 1:30 pm  
Tue., Oct. 9th, 12:45 pm

### APSU Tour: Sat., Oct. 20th, 9:00 am—8:00 pm

### Time/Stress Management, TRIO Conference Room

Mon., Oct. 29th, 11:15 am or 12:20 pm

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