

TRIO TRIUMPHS

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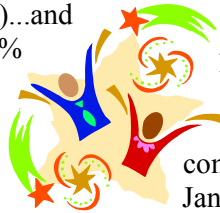


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TRIO Student Support Services (SSS): Re-funded for another 5 years!!

During the spring of 2005, Volunteer State Community College received word that we had been awarded our first ever TRIO SSS Program (a 4-year grant)...and because of our perfect score of 100% on the application, we were awarded an extra year of funding (making the award a 5-year grant), which ended August 31, 2010.

Due to the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008, the new application process was pushed back several months. Although we remained optimistic, this late notice caused us to be on edge. On Monday, August 9, 2010, just weeks before the end of the grant, we learned that VSCC's TRIO SSS program



was on the award list. We are grateful that we are back for another 5 years.

There were 1,475 applications for TRIO SSS and a total of 1,026 grants awarded. The cut-off score for the competition was 95.67. This was a tough competition, but with the help of Jane McGuire and her team, we had an awesome grant application with an awesome outcome.

On behalf TRIO SSS, we would like to thank Dr. Nichols, Patty Powell, Jane McGuire and the VSCC family for all of your help and strong support of TRIO.

Andrea Boddie, Director

TRIO SSS SERVICES

Start-to-Finish Seminar
Tutoring / Mentoring
4-Yr College Tours
Cultural Trips
Transfer Planning
Graduation Planning
Priority Registration
Financial Aid Planning
Supplemental Instruction
Career Planning
Academic Advising
Scholarship Search
Laptop Checkout
Resource Center
Workshops
Grant Aid

TRIO eLift

(Equipping Learners with Innovative Financial Tools)

Part I and Part II (see dates on calendar)

1:30-3:00pm, TRIO Office, Wood, Room 211

If you have not signed up, please call 230-3732 ASAP. The first 40 students who complete eLift (Part I and Part II) will receive a USB drive with preloaded financial tools and info.

TRIO eLift is a new Financial Literacy Program designed to provide students with innovative financial tools and techniques that will equip them to make responsible financial decisions for school and home. The program will cover three main areas in only two (2) sessions:

1. Financial Aid 2. Personal Budgeting 3. Future Planning

The eLift workshops will highlight scholarships, short- and long-term budgeting, wise consumer choices, and planning for retirement. Students must complete at least one eLift workshop to be eligible for Laptop Checkout, TRIO Trips, and/or TRIO Retention Scholarships.

TRIO Open House!

You are invited!...

TRIO Open House
Wed., Sept. 22nd,
9-11am in the TRIO
Suites. If you have
never seen our offices
or if you would like to
join us in celebrating
our new award status,
"Another 5 Years",
please take a few
moments and stop by.

**Refreshments
and Door Prizes!!**

Events Calendar Fall 2010

September 15th or 16th
*Alternate S2F or
TRIO eLift: Part I
1:30-3:00pm*

September 22nd
*TRIO Open House
and Celebration
9:00-11:00am*

October 19th (9-5pm)
*Fall Break Trip
Details emailed soon*

October 27th or 28th
*Alternate S2F or
TRIO eLift: Part II
1:30-3:00pm*

November 8th
Early Registration

Attention TRIO Students

Welcome back! I hope you had a great summer. We are excited about this new academic year. We currently have a waiting list of students who would like to access TRIO SSS services. If you would like to remain active in TRIO SSS, you are encouraged to contact our office at 230-3732 to update your records ASAP. Thank you very much.

TRIO Staff

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