

TRIO TRIUMPHS

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Student Spotlight: Tamara Glass



Tamara is a recent VSCC graduate who transferred to Western Kentucky University to complete her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

A Bowling Green native, Tamara is passionate about supporting her favorite sports teams. She has definitely demonstrated that enthusiasm and "Team

Spirit" in her outstanding support of the TRIO program, not only as a participant, but also as our Lead Tutor.

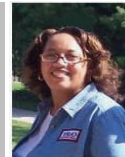
Although she lives in Kentucky and is currently enrolled at WKU, Tamara commutes to Vol State several days a week to tutor TRIO students and assist with recruitment and retention activities. Now that's dedication and commitment!

Tamara says, "I love the TRIO program. Andrea has really helped me to stay on track, with Penny pushing me in the background." Many TRIO students say that Tamara has also given them that same kind of support.

We salute Tamara for all of her personal and academic achievements and wish her much success.

Director's Corner

by Andrea Boddie



Welcome back, students! We are looking forward to an exciting semester. We started off with a wonderful **1-DAY ORIENTATION** on August 16th, followed by the Fall Kickoff and Open House on September 13th. Congratulations to all of you who completed the orientation. For those who could not attend, you may

register for the Spring 2007 Orientation to be scheduled. We are happy to report that we now have a fully staffed team to support you. In addition to our new Counselor, Lisa Borre, we now have Poppy Steele, Academic Support Specialist, and Mary Malone, Part-Time Counselor. Tamara Glass, a recent graduate and former

TRIO student, will serve as our Lead Tutor. This semester we have also added a Resource Center in our office to assist you with a variety of needs. Please take advantage of all of the services we have to help you reach your goals. If you have any questions, please call 230-3732.

Upcoming Events and Workshops

Sept. 14-15, Successful Study Strategies
Sept. 21-22, Scholarship Search
Sept. 27, Fall Career Fair
Sept. 28-29, Coping with Stress
Oct. 4, College Night
Oct. 5-6, Time Management

Oct. 16, Chattanooga Trip
Oct. 16-17, Fall Break
Oct. 26-27, Microsoft Word
Oct. 28, The Lion King
Nov. 2-3, Guidelines for Good Nutrition
Nov. 6, MTSU Trip

TRIO SSS PROGRAM SERVICES

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Pursuing the American Dream

The 25th Annual Conference of the Council for Opportunity in Education was held September 6th-9th in New York City. TRIO SSS staff members, along with two Vice Presidents from the College, attended the conference to learn about how other programs around the country serve their students, as well as how to enhance the services provided to the students at Vol State.

There was also ample opportunity to see the wonderful, sometimes breath-taking sights that the city has to offer. Standing beneath the American flag at Ellis Island, flying so majestically in front of the Statue of Liberty with the New York City skyline in the



distance, one couldn't help but be in awe of all this country has to offer and what it means to be an American.

Freedom, Opportunity, Education. These were the common threads

heard over and over again at the conference as countless TRIO alumni shared stories of overcoming extreme adversity to achieve goals once considered unattainable.

In each story, services provided by TRIO programs were instrumental in helping students to realize their dreams. John Quiñones, ABC Correspondent for "Prime Time Live" and moderator for one of the events, was one such student. He attributed

his present success to the assistance he received while a TRIO student. In addition, Mr. Quiñones also pledged to use all resources at his disposal to defend and support funding of TRIO programs around the country.

Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream. So did George Washington. So did Abraham Lincoln. So do you.

Pursue that dream. You have everything you need to make it a reality. The TRIO SSS staff is dedicated to helping you realize your potential and reach your goals. It is up to you to take advantage of all of the resources available to you.

Your success now builds the foundation of success for future generations.

Introducing: TRIO SSS Learning Communities

- Do you want good grades in your classes this semester?
- Do you want a friend in the class who can help you?
- Would you like a specialist in education to help you with exams?

If your answer is "Yes," then the new TRIO SSS Learning Communities are for you!

Coordinating this exciting new service is Poppy Steele, the Academic Support Specialist for TRIO SSS. Poppy will provide extra instruction as needed along with sharing study skills specific to the class.

Poppy has taught English as well as Developmental Writing classes.

She is excited and eager to get you on the right track academically.

There is still time to register for the following Learning Communities:

- Reading II
- Writing II
- Basic Math
- Elementary Algebra
- Intermediate Algebra

We have wonderful incentives with PRIZES for participants!

If you are interested in joining one of the Learning Communities listed above, contact the TRIO SSS Office at 230-3732 as soon as possible.



"There is nothing more empowering than an educated mind."

Lester Holt, at the 25th Annual Conference of the Council for Opportunity in Education, September 2006

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