

TRIO TRIUMPHS



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Congratulations, 2008-2009 TRIO Graduates/Transfers!



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Announcing the Fall 2009 Start-to-Finish (S2F) College Seminar

Events Calendar



Wed., Aug. 26, 2009
9:00 am—1:00 pm
Wood Campus Center
Carpeted Dining Room

Aug. 26 Fall S2F Seminar
(for new TRIO students)

Fall S2F Phase 2
(for returning TRIO students)
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The TRIO SSS Start-to-Finish (S2F) College Seminar will help you get a jump-start on your personal, academic and career goals. S2F is *mandatory* for *new* TRIO students *and* returning students who have *not* previously attended.

Topics to be covered include career and educational planning, financial aid planning, ensuring academic success, and accessing support services on campus. Remember, this seminar must be completed in order to be eligible for laptop checkout and future cultural and four-year college trips. A brunch is also provided to give students the unique opportunity to network with VSCC faculty and administrators about issues important to students. Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion, continuing education credit and a **TRIO Welcome Pack**.

Aug. 27 Official
Registration

Aug. 29 Fall classes start
President's Picnic

Aug. 31 Welcome Week
(Mon-Thur.)

Sep. 2 TRIO Open House
9:00am - 12:00noon

Seating is limited.

Contact the TRIO office by Wednesday, August 19th to register.

Director's Corner

On behalf of the TRIO program, I want to congratulate our graduates and transfer students again. What a wonderful accomplishment. We wish you much success as you move on into the next phase of your career. Congratulations also go to three students of our TRIO family who were chosen for the summer Study Abroad Program through TNCIS. See page 2 for more details.

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Announcing S2F Phase 2 (S2F2)

Phase 2 of the TRIO SSS Start-to-Finish (S2F) College Seminar is designed for students who have completed S2F. S2F2 will help returning students continue their plans toward graduation and/or transfer. Students will complete a review of the new degree audit system, TRIO graduation/transfer checklists and financial aid planning. During the networking brunch, students will have the opportunity to discuss important issues with Vol State administrators and faculty.

Phase 2 seating is limited to 10 students. Contact the TRIO office by August 19th to register.

TRIO Quest PhotoEssay

The TRIO Quest PhotoEssay competition was open to all TRIO students, and provided an exciting opportunity to create an individual PhotoEssay with the possibility of winning prizes, being published on the web, and receiving national recognition. Each TRIO program was allowed to submit up to three entries, and several Vol State TRIO students submitted entries for consideration.

Winners will be announced in the fall. Awards will include laptops, digital still & video cameras, multi-GB flash drives, plus certificates and medals. There is also the possibility of a cash prize for the Best of Contest winner.

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What Are Your Goals?

Have you set goals for the upcoming year? What strategies will ensure that you are successful in achieving them?

If you do not know, then you need to schedule an appointment with a TRIO counselor to complete a CILP to map out specific plans for achieving your goals. We will also help determine if you are on track for graduation and/or transfer to a 4-yr college or university.

Fall Registration

There is still time to register for fall classes if you have not already done so. If you need help setting up a class schedule, please contact the TRIO office as soon as possible, and we will be happy to assist you. If finances are an issue, please let us know and we will help determine if there are resources available to help.

Please do not make the decision to leave school before you have spoken with a TRIO counselor first. There may be other options and resources available to you.

Study Abroad: What Did You Do This Summer?



Would you like to travel overseas to study different countries and cultures while earning college credit? This past summer, three TRIO students traveled to Spain, Greece and South Africa through scholarships from the Vol State International Education Committee.



Opportunities for 2010 will include England, Scotland, Greece, Spain, Jamaica, The Netherlands, France, China, Italy, South Africa, Brazil, Mexico, Ireland, India, and the Czech Republic. Each program involves visiting historical and cultural sites and cities in the host country. Information about costs, dates of travel, and scholarship applications will be available during fall and spring. Students may fill out a form in the



Business Division to be kept up-to-date on forthcoming meetings and deadlines. The Tennessee Consortium of International Studies (TnCIS) organizes the programs, providing years of experience in planning the itinerary.