

Introduction

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Building Bridges honorees, professionals in their fields who completed participation in a TRIO/GEAR UP program and earned a degree, will be recognized. This is the highest honor that is given by the programs. Congratulate the honorees and let them know how proud they should be of their efforts. An advocate who has worked to support and ensure the success of the programs is to be recognized. This year, the programs are honoring a special family for their support and commitment to the TRIO concept. Five members of the Souriya family participated in TRIO. The staff are proud of their professional accomplishments and continued recognition of the programs.

During the day, the College Access Retention and Success (CARS) conference will be held to share information about the programs and their activities. Each program will host a table.

The Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended and the Higher Educational Opportunity Act of 2008 is the authorizing legislation for the TRIO Programs. The programs acknowledge the continued support and commitment of individuals from the community, USD 259 and Wichita State University. Program participants have accomplished much and continue to make their mark on the city, state, region, and nation.

Finally, congratulations to the directors and their staffs for a quality TRIO/GEAR UP magazine and program. Please enjoy this issue of TRIO/GEAR UP Day Magazine.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deltha Q. Colvin". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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The programs are ready for TRIO/GEAR UP Day 2019 on February 21, 2019. "TRIO: The Blueprint for a Lifetime of Success", continues as the long-standing theme for the magazine. We are also continuing to recognize former students from each program. On the campus of Wichita State University (WSU), the TRIO Programs and Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) are administered through the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement under the Office of Special Programs. The Office of Special Programs includes TRIO: Upward Bound Wichita Prep (UBWP), Upward Bound Empowerment (UBE), Upward Bound Math Science (UBMS), Communication Upward Bound (CUB), Veterans Upward Bound (VUB), Student Support Services (SSS), Disability Support Services (DSS), Talent Search (TS), McNair Scholars (MS), and the Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) Programs; GEAR UP: Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP (KKGU), Haysville GEAR UP (HGU), and the Policy Analyst Director (PAD).

Thousands of postsecondary, secondary and middle school students receive services, are able to expand their knowledge base, and learn from quality personnel through TRIO/GEAR UP each year. Programs are a natural complement to each other and provide comprehensive services to address the needs of eligible participants.

On TRIO Day, students will be recognized for their academic performance and enrichment activities. Also,