

Honoring Our Own:

Martha Lewis, A Beacon of Light

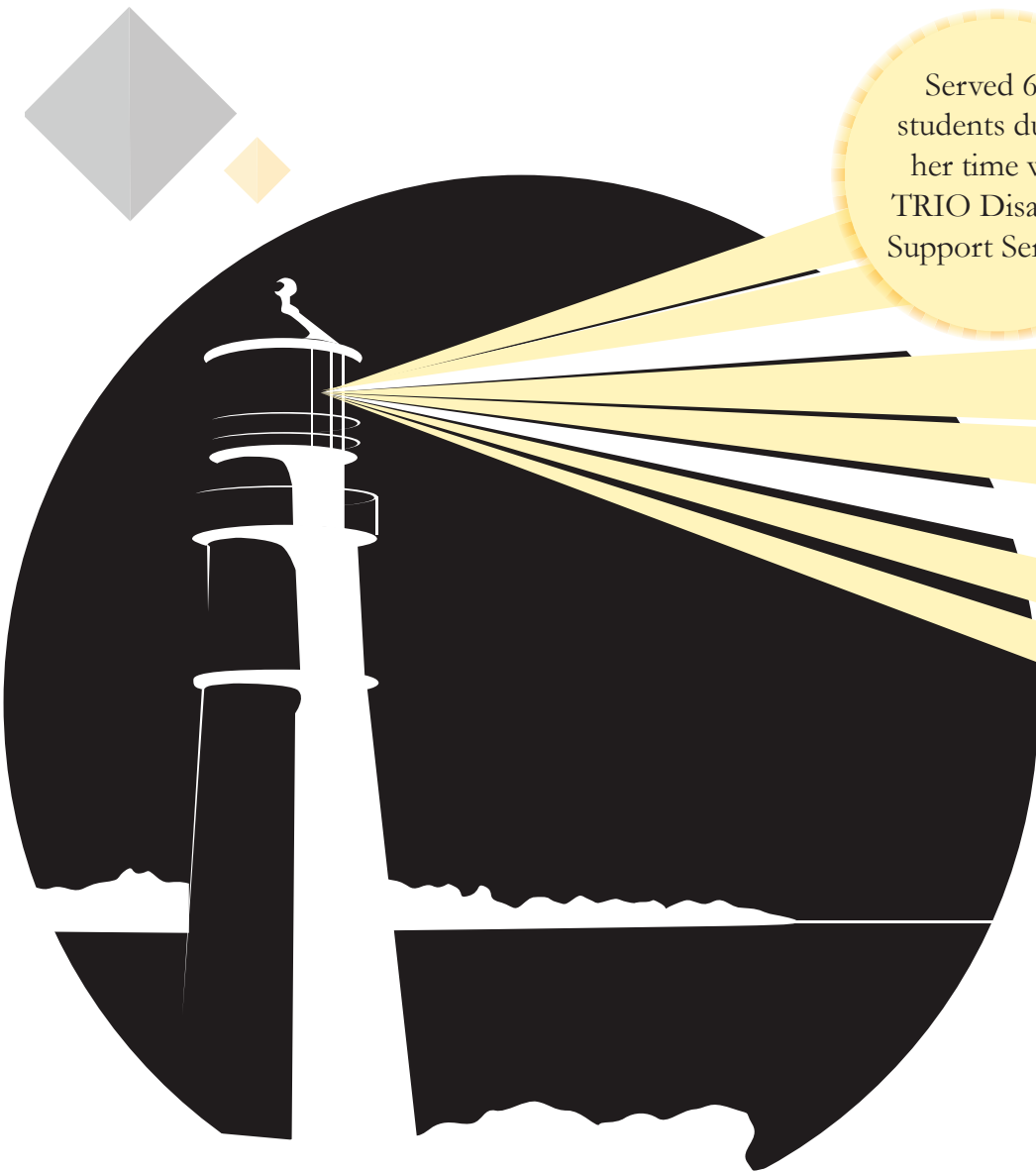
Martha L. Lewis, MSW retired from Wichita State University on December 31, 2016. She joined TRIO Disability Support Services in 2001 and has received numerous awards including the Phenomenal Woman Award, Leaders in Diversity Award and the Wayne Carlisle Distinguished Service Award. Lewis is a graduate of WSU, earning a BA in social work in 1995 and an MSW from the University of Kansas in 1996. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Soroptimist of Wichita, and she likes to bowl in her “spare” time. Martha’s favorite saying is “no kidding.” In addition, to being a wife and mom, she is a pastor’s wife and has been for 33 years. - Rhonda K. Lewis, PhD, professor of psychology, department chair



Served 696 students during her time with TRIO Disability Support Services

Helped procure \$373,784 for students in EOF scholarships and grant aid.

2016 President of the Wichita State University Women's Association



Martha, Phil Bowers and I started DSS from the ground up. Through our many moves, search for furniture and then student recruitment, Martha was always positive! She met every obstacle with a smile. When I was offered another position on campus, I was asked if Martha was ready to become director. Without hesitation, I said, "YES." She has done a wonderful job for over 15 years. – Corinne Nilsen, executive director, KKGU, former DSS director



Working with Martha Lewis was always a pleasure. Her sense of humor, her dedication to her students and staff, and fellow directors will be missed as we head into 2017. – Grady Landrum, director of Office of Disability Services

I began my career at WSU with Mrs. Lewis in 2005. She showed me by example how to work with people and how to grow people. Mrs. Lewis always had an open door for anyone needing guidance. Despite her hectic schedule, she always had a beautiful smile and a warm heart for her staff and students. She took the time and forced us to take the time to unplug and learn about each other. Best of all, at the end of every day, she made sure to thank us for our hard work. - Shanda Burch, former DSS admin. specialist/database manager



Martha helped to make sure that persons with disabilities were visible. She wanted participants to know how much she cared for their success and well-being. Martha let you know she loved her job and was inspired by those she assisted. - Deltha Q. Colvin

