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TRIO Day 2017 is Tuesday, February 21st, 2017. The Office of Special Programs (OSP) is excited to be hosting the students and former participants of the programs.

TRIO Programs: The Federal TRIO Programs (TRIO) are federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes seven programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to postbaccalaureate programs.

TRIO started with Upward Bound, which emerged out of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 in response to the administration's War on Poverty. In 1965, Talent Search, the second outreach program, was created as part of the Higher Education Act. In 1968, Student Support Services, which was originally known as Special Services for Disadvantaged Students, was authorized by the Higher Education Amendments and became the third in a series of educational opportunity programs. In 1972, the fourth program authorized was the Educational Opportunity Centers. 1986 added the sixth program, the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program. Additionally, in 1990, the Department created the Upward Bound Math/Science program to address the need for specific instruction in the fields of math and science.

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP): GEAR UP, a discretionary grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education, commenced at Wichita State University on September 18, 2002. GEAR UP provides six-year grants to states and partnerships to provide services

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at high poverty middle and high schools. The grants begin no later than the seventh grade and follow the students through high school. The state grant provides college scholarships to students.

State grants are competitive six-year matching grants that must include an early intervention component designed to increase college attendance and success, raise the expectations of low-income students, and a scholarship component. Partnership grants are competitive six-year matching grants that must support an early intervention component and may support a scholarship component designed to increase college attendance and success while raising the expectations of low-income students.

Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP is a statewide program that provides services annually to 2,500 children in foster care throughout the state of Kansas. South Wichita GEAR UP and North Wichita GEAR UP are partnership grants, each providing services to 925 students in the Wichita Public Schools.



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OSP Staff Picture, TRIO Day 2016

OSP Students Served Annually

Upward Bound Wichita Prep - 97 Students

Talent Search - 1,165 Students

Student Support Services - 250 Students

Office of Disability Services - 478 Students

Upward Bound Math-Science - 75 Students

McNair Scholars Program - 28 Students

Disability Support Services - 115 Students

*Educational Opportunity Centers
Program* - 1,000 Students

Veterans Upward Bound - 125 Students

Communication Upward Bound - 50 Students

North Wichita GEAR UP - 925 Students

South Wichita GEAR UP - 925 Students

Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP - 2,500 Students

7,733 Students Served by OSP Annually

Office of Disability Services (ODS): Wichita State's Office of Disability Services, started July 1, 1978 and provides individuals with learning, mental or physical disabilities an equal opportunity to attain academic and personal goals to the fullest of their abilities. From note-taking assistance to auxiliary aids, students, staff, faculty and guests are provided an assortment of accessibility services.

It is important to remember when each of the programs started and how the students have grown. This year, the programs are recognizing students who have progressed through their programs and have achieved professional success. We are very proud of the support, commitment, contributions and most of all, the efforts of the students and their gaze into the future. At National TRIO Day, TRIO, GEAR UP and ODS programs will each honor the professional accomplishments of one of their alumni. The hard work and contributions of the alumni are phenomenal.

This issue provides information on each program and subsequent issues will focus on students served by the programs. Everyone is looking forward to the efforts of the magazine staff for their quality publication and the committees for planning a great TRIO day celebration.

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