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wichita.edu/triodayezine





Deltha Q. Colvin, Associate Vice
President for Student Affairs

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

Introduction

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.



Alan Dsouza, PhD (policy analyst director, OSP), Hercilia Thompson (administrative officer, Office of the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs)



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.

Deltha Q. Colvin
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs



Jaya Escobar-Bhattacharjee, Emily Christensen, Travis Feeney, Rhonda Hicks (director)

2015-2016 Highlights

Provided 1,139 tutoring hours

68% of students have a 2.50 or better GPA

70% of spring 2016 graduates enrolled in postsecondary education

\$11,802 in scholarships were awarded to bridge students for summer classes

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Web: wichita.edu/ubwp

Upward Bound Wichita Prep (UBWP) is a comprehensive, year-round college preparatory program. Since 1965, its mission has been to assist low-income, first-generation college bound high school students in their efforts to successfully complete their secondary education, while simultaneously preparing them for the rigors of college life. Over the decades, UBWP's unique offerings have included a supportive academic year program as well as a challenging and rewarding summer residential college experience.

Program services and activities are designed to nurture student growth in the areas of academics, career exploration, financial literacy, leadership building, cultural enrichment, and volunteer opportunities. The highly qualified staff challenges students to perform to the best of their abilities while taking into account each student's unique needs for tutoring and postsecondary education counseling. Active participation is required in order to ensure that students achieve their potential.

UBWP's summer residential component is an extraordinary, life-changing experience for participants. Students are in residence on the Wichita State campus for six to eight weeks. Each activity is designed to emulate an authentic college experience. The students participating in the summer component have successfully completed the academic year component. Participants' academic records, as well as an individual assessment, are used to design a personalized schedule.

Talent Search



Back: Larry Ramos (director), Myron Richard, Miguel Sabas-Perez,
Front: Tahmina Rahman, Sharon Robertson, Manivone Souriya,
Stephanie Haynes

Parents who have students attending Wichita Public Schools discovered that many questions regarding preparing their children for college can be answered by the TRIO Talent Search program hosted by Wichita State. The program has served middle school and high school students in Wichita since 1977. The program identified, selected and assisted 1,165 low-income and potential first-generation college students in 2015-16 at 22 schools in USD 259.

Schools targeted for the 2015-16 grant year included middle schools - Allison, Brooks, Coleman, Curtis, Jardine, Marshall, Mayberry, Pleasant Valley, Robinson, Stucky, Truesdell, Wilbur; and high schools - East, Heights, Metro Boulevard, Metro Meridian, North, Northeast Magnet, Northwest, South, Southeast, and West. Staff provided information to students on college admissions, financial literacy, and ACT/SAT test preparation. In addition, campus visits to colleges and universities were held throughout the school year.

The Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) provided postsecondary preparation for 50 middle school students. Instruction was provided in math, computer technology, language arts, financial literacy, science, and theatre arts. Campus visits and career speakers motivated students to consider future aspirations. SEP culminated with an academic awards ceremony.

2015-2016 Highlights

1,165 students were served

98% of seniors graduated from high school

81% of high school graduates enrolled in postsecondary for fall 2016

360 students participated in campus visits during the year

Phone: (316) 978-3127

Web: wichita.edu/talentsearch



Salyi Vu, Charity Lowe, Sandra Bush, Kennedy Musamali, EdD (director)

Student

Support

Services

2015-2016 Highlights

Served 250 undergraduate students

82% of the program participants persisted in fall 2016

90% maintained good academic standing with a GPA of 2.0 or better

52% of program participants earned a cumulative 3.0 GPA or better

Phone: (316) 978-3715

Web: wichita.edu/ssc

The TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Program at Wichita State University is funded by the U.S. Department of Education to provide academic support services promoting college persistence and graduation.

The program serves first-generation college students potentially from families with limited income and students with disabilities. Program staff include a director, assistant director, data specialist, advisor, administrative assistant, student assistants, and tutors.

Through innovative improvements and an effective student-centered approach, SSS has successfully increased retention and graduation rates of first-generation and limited income students at WSU. Many program participants have continued on to graduate school while others have successfully found employment in Kansas, across the country, and throughout the world.

Services provided by SSS include individualized tutoring, academic skills development, assistance with FAFSA submission, academic advisement and counseling, scholarships, career exploration, and graduate school advising. SSS has provided free academic support services to 250 students annually, since 1970.

Office of

Disability

Services

The goal of the Office of Disability Services (ODS) is to provide appropriate services for students with disabilities so they have a true college experience. Students receiving services from ODS provide documentation of their disability. The director and student discuss the impact of the student's disability to determine which services would be most beneficial.

ODS believes the student is responsible for using and advocating for services that will help them be successful. Accommodations do not give students an unfair advantage in the class but allows students with disabilities to participate alongside other students in the class. ODS works to provide students complete access to the academic environment at Wichita State.

On October 21, 2015 ODS held the 8th Annual Access College Today, a campus visitation program for students with disabilities from area high schools. There were 56 students and 17 school personnel and parents who attended the event. The 2016-17 academic year appears to be another busy year, and the staff anticipates increases in the number of services provided by ODS. After more than 30 years of being located in Grace Wilkie Annex ODS has moved to Grace Wilkie Hall and has tripled its capacity for providing testing services.



Jennifer Nicholson, Christina Senecal, Kathy Stewart, Grady Landrum (director),

2015-2016 Highlights

478 students were served—an increase over the previous year

181 students received services for the first time

WSU recently upgraded to version 11 of Read&Write

Relocated offices to Grace Wilkie Hall room 203

Phone: (316) 978-0132

Web: wichita.edu/disserv



Lydia Santiago, V. Kaye Monk-Morgan (director), Devon Lockard

2015-2016 Highlights

UBMS explored the Wheel of Wellness as programming theme for the year

14 UBMS Research Symposium and Science Fair presentations

Hosted the National Girls in STEM Conference

88% of 2016 graduates matriculated to postsecondary the following fall

Phone: (316) 978-3316

Web: wichita.edu/ubms

Upward Bound Math Science (UBMS) Center, in its 25th year at Wichita State University, serves students from schools in the target area of Kansas. UBMS hosts 74 students who boast an interest in and propensity for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Students participate in academic year and summer components, both focusing on academic preparedness and college preparation. Activities that support academic growth and non-cognitive skills are planned in an effort to remove barriers to postsecondary education and improve college graduation rates for participants. A Youth Entrepreneurs partnership offered students the opportunity to create a business plan or product and present their plan to the group. The top presentations were awarded prizes.

During the summer, participants attend a curriculum-driven, residential experience. The summer program allows students to bolster interest in STEM and build proficiencies in research. Participants attend courses developed to foster critical thinking, research and experimentation, and the art of presentation. UBMS hosted the largest bridge program in program history with 14 participants courtesy of a newly revised College Bridge Program partnership with WSU's Student Support Services Program and the College of Education

McNair Scholars

Program



Neshia Greene, Ashley Cervantes, LaWanda Holt-Fields (director)

The McNair Scholars Program is a federally funded program designed to provide research and scholarly activities that promote the acquisition of a doctoral degree for first-generation, low-income and underrepresented college students. The program began in 1989 and is named after Ronald E. McNair, Ph.D. While working on laser physics at the Hughes Research Laboratory, McNair was accepted into the astronaut program and was the second African-American to fly in space. During McNair's second mission, the Challenger exploded 90 seconds into its flight, killing all seven crewmembers.

In honor of McNair's accomplishments, the program seeks to increase the number of minorities pursuing teaching and administrative careers in higher education. In 1995, Wichita State received funding from the U.S. Department of Education to begin the McNair Scholars Program. The program provides services to ensure that participants graduate with bachelor's degrees and enter graduate programs leading to doctoral degrees. The program serves 28 students each year and is funded through 2017.

Program Services

- Writing skills development and tutoring
- Research methods course
- Faculty-led seminars, graduate preparation seminars and research assembly meetings
- Personalized mentoring from faculty
- GRE preparation

2015-2016 Highlights

40 program alumni are currently enrolled in graduate programs

3 alumni received a master's degree in 2016

7 alumni are currently enrolled in doctoral programs

17 alumni graduated with doctoral degrees since 1995

Phone: (316) 978-3139

Web: wichita.edu/mcnair

Honoring Our Own:

Girls in STEM Conference

The purpose of the Educational Opportunity Association (EOA) National Girls in STEM Conference is to foster girl's enthusiasm for STEM careers. The EOA National Girls in STEM was hosted by Wichita State in May 2016. Nearly 225 high school and collegiate women, along with their chaperones, participated in lab tours and science-based workshops.

Top: *Students attending a session in Beggs Ballroom* **Bottom:** *McNair Scholar Martina Salerno leading a workshop regarding muscle fatigue*



First Generation Mixer



A First-Generation Welcome Mixer, sponsored by the McNair Scholars Program, Student Support Services, and Disability Student Support Services was held on Thursday, January 28, 2016. The mixer was an opportunity for faculty and staff to meet and welcome first-generation students back to campus for the spring semester.

Left: *Provost and Senior Vice President, Anthony Vizzini, PhD, introducing himself as a first-generation student* **Right:** *First-generation students networking*

Program Initiatives

Beating the Odds Summit



Myron Richard, educational development assistant, and two Talent Search students attended the Beating the Odds Summit hosted by First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House. The First Lady invited 130 college-bound students to the White House to motivate and inspire each student to reach for higher education.

FLOTUS with college bound students

Conference Presentations



McNair Scholars are encouraged to present their research at conferences both locally and nationally. Students conduct research with WSU faculty and participate in at least 200 hours of research.

Students presented at Oklahoma State University's Research Symposium

Men of Excellence



The Men of Excellence Conference, held at Bowling Green State University in Ohio in July 2015, was designed to inspire young men of color. Be R.E.A.L.(Responsible, Educated, Authentic and Leadership) was the theme for the conference. Pre-college students, college students and young professionals participated in the conference.

Conference presentors include Riccardo Harris and V. Kaye Monk-Morgan



Afshan Irani-Khan, Martha Lewis (director), Maria Lucas, Kayleen Hallberg

2015-2016 Highlights

19 Bachelor degree recipients

16 Academic Commendation awardees,
16 Dean's Honor Roll awardees

60% retention (or 70 of 115 students)

\$13,170 awarded in grant aid and
scholarships

Phone: (316) 978-5949

Web: wichita.edu/dssedu

Office of Special Programs

Disability

Support

Services

TRIO Disability Support Services (DSS) at Wichita State has been in existence since 2001. The goal of the program is to increase college retention and graduation rates for students with learning, physical and psychological disabilities.

DSS services include academic advising, course selection and degree planning, personal counseling, individualized tutoring, career exploration, study/life skills workshops, financial aid advice, grant aid/scholarships, financial aid/economic literacy instruction, computer lab usage, graduate school information and selection, textbook/calculator loan program, and campus and community involvement.

DSS is one of the first TRIO programs designed specifically for students with disabilities in the state and is currently one of only 56 across the nation. Program staff makes faculty, staff, students and community members aware of the program services and educates constituents on effectively assisting students with disabilities.

Program students utilize DSS and Office of Disability Services adaptive computer lab equipped with 10 workstations. DSS tutors assist students in undergraduate courses. The study skills library includes instructional videos and is available for student checkout.

Educational

Opportunity

Centers

The mission of the Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) Program is to provide services for adults desiring to pursue education beyond high school. The center's goal is to increase the number of adults enrolling in postsecondary education.

EOC accomplishes its mission through the staff and the vision that educational access is also for first-generation, limited income, under-employed, veterans or persons with disabilities. Staff are dedicated to the academic, cultural and economic development of adult learners.

EOC prepares adults for postsecondary education by helping them to acquire the skills needed for college success. Services and activities enhance participants' understanding of the connection between education and careers. Services include submission of college and financial aid applications, college selection, upgrading computer skills, career assessment, and improving financial literacy.

Central to the success of the program are the development of individual education action plans. Participants are assessed to identify barriers to education including academic, financial and personal constraints. The program affords adults the opportunity to interact with a highly trained staff who understand the needs of adults entering or reentering postsecondary education.



Back: LaDonna Williams, Lisa Wills, Diane Ridpath, Riddhi Bhansali, Rushal Kale, Front: Parth Armin, Tejendra Mistry and Frances Ervin (director)

2015-2016 Highlights

Participants provided counseling, and access to academic success software

Students recieved \$768,315 in federal financial aid

Students recieved \$294,315 in Pell Grants

148 college applications submitted to postsecondary institutions

Phone: (316) 978-7800

Web: wichita.edu/eoc



Bradley Webster, Shukura Bakari-Cozart (director), Stacia Lyday, Sheri Daniel-Washington

2015-2016 Highlights

Secured new partners and streamlined resources to better serve veterans

Upgraded computer lab/tutoring room for program participants

Assisted with financial aid, scholarships and GI Bill funding

Assisted participants with postsecondary enrollment

Phone: (316) 978-6742

Web: wichita.edu/vub

Office of Special Programs

Veterans

Upward

Bound

Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) at Wichita State provides a wide array of educational services to qualifying veterans in the target area. Services include tutoring, workshops, counseling, academic and career planning, financial literacy and referrals to college and university officials as well as community resource personnel. The program assists participants by identifying their academic needs and developing a high quality plan of support that addresses each individual's needs.

VUB honored veterans and their families at the Cloud 9 Therapeutic Equine Foundation's first annual "Participant Appreciation Day."

The goal of the following activities and services is aimed to improve the postsecondary enrollment chances of program participants.

Services and Activities

- Assessment of academic skills
- Enhance basic skills development
- Increase college retention and completion
- Improve English and math skills
- Advance study skills and test taking strategies
- Broaden basic computer skills

Communication

Upward

Bound

The TRIO Communication Upward Bound (CUB) program began in 2008 and is the only Upward Bound program in the nation exclusively serving students interested in the communication industry. CUB partners with the administration, faculty, and staff of the Elliott School of Communication at Wichita State and Wichita metropolitan area communication professionals to provide communication related training and postsecondary preparation for students. Annually, the program serves 50 students and receives \$250,000 in funding.

The program's mission is to help eligible youth graduate from high school and enter college while teaching them skills valuable in the communication, marketing and media professions. An important element of CUB is a four-week intensive, residential summer component for students. They live in campus residence halls and attend classes taught by area professionals and WSU faculty and staff. Students learn about the field of communication while expanding their public speaking, writing, photography and media production skills.

CUB partnered with the United Methodist Open Door Ministry at Thanksgiving and prepared more than 3,500 meals for Wichita residents.



Donny Pappin, Richard Armstrong, PhD (director), Carla Williams, Riddhi Bhanshali

2015-2016 Highlights

Launched Digital Storytelling Course during summer program

87% of spring 2016 graduates enrolled in postsecondary education

Implemented on-going preparation for the ACT and other standardized tests

Served 50 students during the grant year

Phone: (316) 978-6731

Web: wichita.edu/cub



Back: Lavell Jackson, Riccardo Harris (director), Michael Lewis, Carlos McConico, Front: Clinton Ferris, Kelly Banks, Schreen Williams, Francesca Chavira

2015-2016 Highlights

Students, on average, participated in 16 different activities

Students with low participation had an average year-end GPA of 2.38

Students with medium participation had an average year-end GPA of 3.0

Students with high participation had an average year-end GPA of 3.07

Phone: (316) 973-5146

Web: wichita.edu/nwgu

North Wichita GEAR UP (NWGU) is a federally funded project. The overall goal of the project is to increase the number of high school graduates who are prepared for postsecondary enrollment. Wichita State receives \$740,000 annually from the U.S. Department of Education for six years with a required \$740,000 match. The project also tracks students through their first year of college.

NWGU serves seven schools in the Wichita Public School District. Annually, NWGU serves a cohort of 925 students from seventh grade through high school graduation. Project components include career, academic, and personal counseling, early intervention programs, cultural activities, mentoring, Saturday and after school tutoring, workshops and trainings for parents and professionals.

NWGU has three main goals:

1. Increase the academic performance and preparation of students for postsecondary education.
2. Increase the high school graduation rate and postsecondary education enrollment rate of students.
3. Increase students and their families' knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation and financing.

South Wichita

GEAR UP

South Wichita GEAR UP (SWGU) is a U.S. Department of Education funded project. The overall goal of the project is to increase the number of students graduating from high school who are prepared for enrollment in postsecondary institutions. Annually, the project serves 925 students from six target schools in the Wichita Public School District (USD 259). Wichita State receives \$740,000 with a match equal to that amount. Over the life of the grant, all matching funds will total nearly \$10,000,000.

Project components include career, academic, and personal counseling, early intervention programs, mentoring, Saturday and after school tutoring, and workshops/trainings for parents and professional educators. SWGU main goals for project students and their families are to increase academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education; increase the rate of high school graduation and enrollment in postsecondary education; and increase knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation and financing.



Back: Alysa Parson, Karen Rogers, Vic Chavez (director), Amy Andrews, Margaret Harris, Front: Marian Saada, Kamilah Sharpe

2015-2016 Highlights

Served 925 students

Accompanied more than 50 USD 259 educators to training conferences

Nearly 100 students attended summer camp opportunities

Provided an online virtual summer camp for students

Phone: (316) 973-7934

Web: wichita.edu/swgu

Kansas Kids @

GEAR UP



Central Office: Front: Deltha Q. Colvin, Corinne Nilsen, Vanessa Souriya-Mnirajd, Back: Wilma Holloway (HAP), Greg Fears, Barbara Kae, Aaron Harbutz, Chris McDonald, Richard Swasinger, Traci Shepherd



Region 1: Front: James Fryer, Brenda Armstrong
Back: Susan Hill, Lori Woods



Region 2: Front: Derek Koenigsdorf, Cathy Crist,
Back: Christopher Bryant, Phil Jones

Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP

In August 2015, Wichita State was awarded a seven-year statewide GEAR UP grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP (KKGU) serves students in foster care and state custody. KKGU assists this target population to graduate from high school and prepare them for postsecondary education. Six service regions provide support services and summer programming.

KKGU goals include academically supporting students through in-school and after-school programming. Activities include college and career exploration, college tours, and financial literacy activities designed to educate foster families on the requirements for postsecondary programs. The KKGU summer programs help students choose careers and explore the educational requirements of careers.

KKGU also awards financial need-based scholarships to program students. Scholarships are used as incentives to improve academic performance, high school graduation rates and efforts towards setting career goals.

Homework Assistance Program

Advanced academic performance and post-secondary readiness is the focus of the Homework Assistance Program (HAP). HAP connects students with certified teachers and collegiate tutors, providing drop-in tutoring and homework assistance to eligible Wichita Public Schools students in grades six through 12. HAP also conducts ACT, financial aid, financial literacy workshop on a monthly basis.

Homework

Assistance

Program

2015-2016 KKGU Highlights

2,500 students received program services

92% of high school seniors received a high school diploma or its equivalent

184 graduates enrolled in colleges/universities

\$1,253,028 in need-based college scholarships were awarded to students



Region 3: Front: Morgan Seaman, Steve Hammond, Back: Shannon Keys



Region 4: Front: Regina Rose, Jodie Fisher, Back: Laurie Thompson, Joe Gonzales



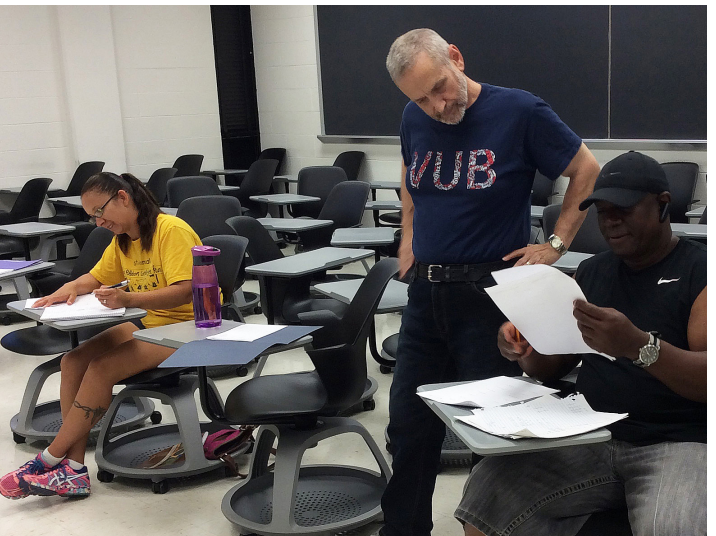
Region 5: Front: Shyla Thompson, Jessica Carter, Back: Marisa Ackeret, Diana Carbajal, Shauntelle Thompson



Region 6: Front: Silvia Morales, Beth Randall, Back: Stephanie Andrews, Racquel Houston, Maggie Roepke



Faces of TRIO



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