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“TRIO: The Blueprint for a Lifetime of Success,” is the long standing theme for the Special Programs Magazine. This year, we are looking at our own former students from each program. At Wichita State, the TRIO programs, Office of Disability Services, and Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) are administered through the Division of Student Affairs under the Office of Special Programs (OSP).

On February 21, the OSP is excited to host the day and evening program sharing the accomplishments of the programs and former participants. This year, the programs stand proud in recognizing the individuals who participated in the programs and have gone on to successful careers.

The nine TRIO programs, three GEAR UPs and the Office of Disability Services provide services to thousands of individuals who are in postsecondary, secondary or middle school. The middle and high school students, persons with disabilities and adults are able to expand their knowledge base and learn from quality personnel.

The TRIO Day celebration is an important collaboration of the programs and highlights the services and activities of the oldest and youngest programs. Each program is a natural complement of the other to provide comprehensive services

to address the needs of the populations served. A committed and dedicated staff work to ensure opportunities are available to eligible participants from middle school to postsecondary education.

The directors and their staffs are to be applauded for a quality Special Programs Magazine and day-long program. The College Access, Retention and Success Conference (CARS) is a first-time effort to collaboratively share information about the programs with others to get the message out about the importance of the programs and what they offer.

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

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Special Programs Magazine.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deltha Q. Colvin".

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