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TRIO Day 2017 program was a major success. The day began with the College Access, Retention and Success (CARS) program where university and community members came out to learn about the programs under the Office of Special Programs. Everyone who attended said they enjoyed what was shared and learned a great deal about the programs. Most went away with a better understanding of the programs and a deeper appreciation for what they do.

The honorees, staff, and guests gathered for a reception to honor former participants and show them how proud the programs are for their accomplishments. The banquet was phenomenal and was loved by the attendees. It was an opportunity for former students to share how the programs had impacted their lives which led to their successes. They won the hearts of the audience. Numerous acknowledgments and thanks were received for a great and excellent event.

President John Bardo, PhD asked Marche Fleming-Randle, PhD to share welcoming remarks on his behalf, and Vice President Teri Hall, PhD thanked the participants for their attendance and support of the programs. Mayor Jeff Longwell shared praise for the programs and read the City's National TRIO Day Proclamation.

Four former directors were Building Bridges honorees. The programs are proud they were participants and have continued making major contributions in the lives of the students. Their honor was well-received by the audience. Each Building Bridges honoree did an outstanding job in sharing their story and the impact the programs had on their lives. The audience held on to every word. The programs are proud of each of them. The students are the reason behind the "honoring our own" banquet. The honorees are the reason for the programs and what the Office of Special

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Programs stands for. Every aspect of the banquet went exceptionally well.

A big "thank you" to each staff, student, university person, and community member for making TRIO Day 2017 a phenomenal success. Please let the former participants know and the programs know how important they are to the community. If anyone knows the contact information for a former participant, please contact the office and share. Make plans to join the celebration in 2018 to honor the students again.

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