



ContempOh! was recognized with the TRIO Advocacy Award for their ongoing support of National TRIO Day.

uncles, and the guests of honor (TRIO and GEAR UP alumni). University and public school personnel as well as community and university officials were also in attendance. All of the programs under the Office of Special Programs had several staff members in attendance. Many of these staff members were responsible for chaperoning students, registering people, supervising the dinner, taking photographs, placing programs at each table, handing out evaluations, and filming the event. To top off the logistics, ContempOh! played contemporary jazz tunes which filled the ballroom with lively music.

Colvin began the banquet congratulating the students and

the alumni on their hard work in and out of the classroom. She also commended the staff for their passion and resolve in working with students through the years. Following her words of praise, Wichita Mayor Jeff Longwell read a proclamation from the City of Wichita declaring February 13, 2018 as National TRIO Day. Then, Colvin directed the audience to the serving lines. A delicious meal featuring chicken, beef, and vegetarian choices was offered to the attendees. Side dishes included salad, vegetables, and rolls. Many people complimented the food—especially the desserts. Afterwards, Souriya-Mnirajd read WSU President John Bardo's proclamation. She also presented Colvin with a proclamation from the governor's office.

Fleming-Randle also offered her congratulatory remarks to Colvin and the programs for their work with low income and first generation students. She praised the students and the alumni for following their dreams and reaching their goals. Later in the program, Fleming-Randle was requested to place medallions around each director in recognition of their efforts. This was the first year that National TRIO Day at WSU was carried out under the newly formed Division of Diversity and Community Engagement.

Kennedy Musamali, PhD read the names of special guests in the audience. Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Ron Matson, PhD, Professor Robert Weems, PhD, and Peter Najera, Rudd Foundation were mentioned



A message from the vice president of the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, Marché Fleming-Randle, PhD

As we celebrate National TRIO Day 2018 at Wichita State, I would like to thank Deltha Q. Colvin, associate vice president for nontraditional students in the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, as well as the directors for their hard work. According

to the 1986 Congressional resolution, National TRIO Day is meant to focus the nation's attention on the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives, to the necessary investment if they are to become contributing citizens of the country, and to the talent which will be wasted if that investment is not made." A job well done TRIO and GEAR UP staff!



OSP administrators were recognized with medallions following banquet activities.