Welcome

Xin chào tất cả mọi người (Hello Everyone) your editors, Tanjerra Brown and I (Vu Nguyen) are thrilled to bring you the second edition of the TRIO newsletter. We want to inform you about the events that happened in the fall and all the new things that are going on in Winter Quarter. We are excited to let everyone know about our TRIO website, Facebook page, Blog, Study Tuesday, our brand new computer lab and upcoming important workshops. So come by and mingle with TRIO staff and students. Let’s start off the 2012 school year with determination and vigor!

Greetings from the Director

Dear TRIO students,

Congratulations on the New Year and welcome to 2012! Here at Highline, TRIO is celebrating its official 1 year anniversary this Winter quarter. We are proud to start the year with so many amazing New and Continuing Student Support Services (SSS) students! As we kick off the year, we would like for you to take a moment to reflect on goals you have for the quarter and what practices you hope to implement in order to further reaching your academic and career goals. One practice that is particularly important to accomplish this quarter is paying attention to upcoming deadlines. All TRIO students should be ready to complete the FAFSA this January to receive Financial Aid for the upcoming year. It is very important that you do this as soon as possible so that you can receive a priority award from the Financial Aid offices at Highline or any other schools you plan to apply to. For those of you planning to apply to transfer this year, Winter is the season for preparing and submitting college applications. Deadlines, deadlines and more deadlines! With proper planning and hard work, I know you can find schools that are right for you and submit some excellent applications. For help with the application process, please see your advisor or attend several of our upcoming workshops this quarter. Please remember to do college research, set deadlines to complete your personal statement and prepare your academic resume, request letters of recommendations and transcripts and apply for graduation. Remember, you are not in this alone; we are here to help you accomplish these tasks. The staff at the SSS Program is exceptionally proud and feels privileged to be given the opportunity to serve each and every one of you. There is hard work ahead in keeping up with your classes and preparing to transfer but we believe in you, we know you can do it. Have a great quarter and stay motivated to meet your deadlines so that all you want to accomplish is possible!

Alexandra

Always remember “Change of any sort requires courage”-Mary Anne Radmacher

Study Tuesday

Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 1:30pm—3:30pm
Location: Building 6, TRIO Open Space
Come & Join Us!!!
⇒ It is a chance to get to know fellow TRIO participants.
⇒ It is an opportunity for you to utilize the TRIO study space, either in the open foyer or the brand new TRIO Computer Lab.
⇒ Each week, there will be a specific academic theme. A resource pamphlet will contain useful website resources, and key tips to help you with the academic theme of the week.
⇒ Light snacks and refreshments will be made available.

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HELPING COLLEGE STUDENTS SUCCEED
The Community Resource Handbook was created to help students access resources in order to sustain their needs. In this user-friendly handbook you are able to easily connect to various resources on campus as well as in the community. Some of the resources include but are not limited to Housing, Food, Employment, Counseling & Mental Health, Childcare, Health, and Disability. The resource handbook is available in the TRI Owen Lab Space; and will also be available on the TRI Owen webpage.

Josias is here at Highline working toward his AA to transfer in pursuit of a BA in Communications. Since here at Highline he has been an active student leader. He has been actively involved in the Black Student Union and works as a Student Ambassador in Highline’s Outreach Department. Josias exhibits his leadership by speaking to high school students about the importance of higher education. He talks to the students about barriers he has overcome such as negative putdowns regarding his future success. He also talks to the students about what they can do to ensure their success and reach their goals. He is very passionate about making a better way for himself as well as helping others do the same. Concluding our interview he says “I am the voice my generation needs to hear.”

If you have questions or would like to add additional resources please contact: TRI Owen Student Support Services Phone: (206) 592-3499

Carley originally came to Highline to open her world to more opportunities. Carley is a first generation student who after dropping out of high school, obtained her GED and eventually made her way here to Highline. Since she’s been here she has had the chance to build a strong network of students and staff, and has been inspired to become a more involved and influential person in the community. Another way Carley has exhibited her leadership skills is by creating a student club by the name of Young Entrepreneurs. Carley is diligently preparing to transfer to a university where she will pursue a BA in Political Science. She has visited college campuses, networked with counselors from universities and is staying on top of her transfer plans. The TRI Owen program, Highline’s Center for Leadership has played a role in helping support her succeed. Together they have in her words “helped find the leader within”.

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Financial Wellness Month is the perfect time for us to start thinking about our financial future. As the Madison (Wisc.) Public Library noted: It is a time to set new goals for financial freedom and moderation in spending. See a financial advisor. Create money management goals. Set up a savings plan. Figure out how to pay off old loans. Get out of debt. Spend less money. Buy in bulk, shop at discount stores, wait for sales and bargains. Shop garage sales, flea markets and online auctions. Look out for our upcoming financial literacy classes, dates and times are to be announced. We will have a representative from Bank-On talk about banking options and a representative from The Wash Board come to talk to us about scholarships! Come get your financial questions answered, there will be one-on-one financial assistance! For additional information contact:

Chris Panganiban Financial Aid Advisor (206) 592-3413

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TRIO has had an eventful Fall Quarter full of engaging workshops, events and campus visit. Before our Fall Quarter Kick Off, TRIO offered a Summer Bridge course that familiarized TRIO students with transfer preparation and strengths building. The course also focused on college success techniques, financial aid literacy, college writing skills, and the creation of a college personal statement. In early October the Kick Off Fall Quarter event resulted in an amazing turn out of TRIO students and Highline students that were interested in the TRIO program. They had the chance to explore the services TRIO provides such as academics preparation, transfer readiness, community network and financial literacy. In addition, we had multiple transfer workshops from different university. TRIO students had the chance to listen and learn about the transfer processes from our HCC Transfer Director and representative from Seattle University, CWU, UW Bothell, and UW Tacoma. Those who attended receive a TRIO success binder from our TRIO department. Furthermore, we mixed and mingled and feast on delicious food at our Mid-Progress Reports Reception. TRIO students had the chance to recap on all the events that they had miss with workshops during the reception. In November we went to visit Seattle University campus where TRIO students learned a lot about the transfer requirements, the transfer processes and information relating to their programs. One student said “I had a great time. Thank you for this opportunity, can’t wait until the next one.” Thank you goes out to all the TRIO students that attended our amazing events and workshop! Come Join Us next time!

Look out for more great events to come!

“If life takes on meaning when you become motivated, set goals and charge after them in an unstoppable manner.” Les Brown

Submitted by TRIO student Brenda Aguilar

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**Key Resources**

With so many TRIO services, news, events, and updates, you might find it overwhelming. Don’t worry. Go on the TRIO website, check the Facebook page, visit the Blog, come to Study Tuesday, utilize the computer lab, and utilize TRIO tutoring services. You will soon familiarize yourself and eventually be able to know that you have all those resources at your fingertips.

**TRIO Website**

- Go on highline.edu
- Click TRIO under the campus “quick link”
- http://trio.highline.edu/

The TRIO website has been revamped and is more user friendly for students to access.

**Winter Upcoming Events and Workshops**

At our website
- http://trio.highline.edu/
- TRIO students can check the calendar of events to know dates of:
  - TRIO Events and Workshops

Plan accordingly to make sure you can attend.

**TRIO Facebook page**

You can find updates, new events and workshops. Catch up with other TRIO students. Stay in the loop about the latest TRIO events and activities.

**TRIO Blog ⇌ http://thetransferexpress.com**

What this blog aim to do is be virtual mentor to all students out there navigating their higher education journey. Staff and students can share success strategies and resources available for students wanting to transfer to a four year university. TRIO students can access and learn about getting answers to questions about your academic goals, and developing community support. Additionally, finding the money for school and navigating the necessary steps to transfer to a university once you are ready. Students then can comment and provide feedbacks on what has help them transition from community college to a 4 year university.

**NEW Computer Lab**

Located in lower building 6, room 162. Open hours are from Monday – Thursday 10am-noon and 1:30pm-5pm. The Lab is a study and resource center for TRIO students to use computers, receive tutoring and do homework. It is also a place that you can find admissions packets from different universities.

**Study Tuesday**

It is always nice to see other TRIO students around campus and giving a smile as you walk by. Study Tuesday is the perfect opportunity for you to come to study or take a break from the busy day. Meet and mingle with other TRIO students and utilize the TRIO study space, either in the open foyer or the brand new TRIO Computer Lab. A resource pamphlet will contain useful website resources, and key tips to help you with the academic theme of the week. We also provide TI83 calculators for TRIO students to use during Study Tuesday or whenever you want to stop by to do your school work.
In our first “Q&A with a Transfer Guru” we met with Molly Ormsby, University of Washington Bothell Transfer Admission Officer. Molly has assisted numerous students through the transfer application process, and in a conversation with TRIO, she had the following insights to share.

Q: How soon would you recommend students plan for transferring and why?
A: “Plan as soon as possible. It’s important because the school you are applying to may have different requirements than the requirements for completing an associate’s degree. Four-year institutions often have earlier deadlines than community colleges, so students need to plan out when they will be transferring, and when their application needs to be completed.

Q: What resources are available at universities to help students successfully transfer?
A: “The best resource we can offer is our admissions advisors. We can help students through the whole process including reviewing personal statements. We are here to make sure you are putting the best application together for admission. We also offer quarterly Transfer Fairs that give prospective students the opportunity to learn more about the university, our programs, and our faculty and students.”

Q: What is the most important item you want transfer students to be aware of?
A: “Do your research! It is extremely important for students to do some leg work in finding the campus, degree, programs, and all around atmosphere that is the right fit.”

TRIO: Thank you Molly for your time!
Molly: Thank you so much and enjoy the Holiday Season!

You heard it here TRIO students. Prepare early and utilize resources at Highline and at your prospective university. It is not a consistent process as each college and department has their own unique set of policies. Do the research. Read up on the university websites, and meet with your advisors to help you map it out. With this, you will be better prepared for this dynamic process.

Transfer Deadline

Important University Admission Deadlines!
Here are some important dates to look out for when applying for admissions to Four-Year Universities.

Note: All deadlines represent the main Deadlines for admission at the college or university. Specialized majors or departments may have varying deadlines for admission.

**FAFSA PRIORITY Deadline:**
**February 1, 2012**
Following January 1st students should be prepared to fill out the FAFSA with an estimated income. The sooner you fill it out the more preferential you are to be awarded the full amount. FAFSA should list all colleges you plan to apply to.

**Fall 2012 Priority Admissions Deadline(s)**
**January 31, 2012**
Washington State University
**February 15, 2012**
Eastern Washington University
University of Washington-Seattle
**March 1, 2012**
The Evergreen State
Saint Martin’s University
**April 1st, 2012**
Central Washington University
Western Washington
Seattle Pacific
**April 15, 2012**
University of Washington-Tacoma

*Varying* – Refer to University website

University of Washington-Bothell
Seattle University

Across
5. 90 credit degree offered at community colleges
7. Resumes with education, work, leadership, awards, honors
9. Requirement to enter a program or course
11. TRIO Campus Visit
12. Month to apply for FAFSA
14. Washboard.org
16. Student Loan – no accrued interest while in college
17. Grade Point Average
18. Fee for college level instruction
19. If it’s not just what you know, it’s also who you know

Down
1. 180 (approximately) credit degree
2. Cougar
3. Program of study
4. Financial aid money you don’t have to pay back
6. Quarter you should start working on your transfer plan
8. “I’m interested in your career/college/department. Can we meet for an __ interview?”
10. Student working towards their first bachelors degree
12. University of Washington mascot
15. Personel ____________

“First 10 students who accurately complete the puzzle and turn it in will receive a special treat.”

“Disclaimer: these are partial definitions. For comprehensive definitions, refer to a dictionary, or your advisor.”