Welcome

Welcome TRIO students to Spring Quarter 2012! Our time just seems to have wings because Winter quarter has flown by in the wink of an eye. Hope everyone had an amazing Winter Quarter, now it’s time to bloom into Spring quarter and for some of us wrap up our journeys here at Highline. Advance congratulations go out to all of our TRIO students graduating this quarter! Let’s start this quarter off with a productive and focused bang!

I believe that every person is born with talent. Maya Angelou

Study Tuesday
Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 1:30pm—3:30pm
Location: Building 6, TRIO Open Space
Come & Join Us!!!

Each week, there will be a specific academic theme.
Light snacks and refreshments will be made available!

Embrace the chance to meet/greet fellow TRIO participants.

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Welcome to Spring 2012! Spring is here and I look forward to a very engaging quarter full of events, 4-year college acceptance letters and most importantly, graduation. We are excited to include a new event for Spring Quarter, Support TRIO Day on April 11th 11-1PM, a time for student advocacy around education. Please join us!

This quarter we are very pleased to have the Transfer Express blog, a virtual TRIO Center [www.thetransferexpress.com](http://www.thetransferexpress.com). Students can volunteer to submit a blog post or video with their feedback.

Additionally, we have setup an Angel site for students to connect and share information about classes, transferring and building connections. We hope these and other resources shared in the Spring newsletter can be useful tools for you.

Lastly, Spring is the best time to start preparing for internships or volunteer opportunities for Summer. Please let the TRIO staff know how we can help in building those career connections. Best of luck this quarter!
Jeffery Potter came to highline knowing that education is the backbone to his success. He is a single father, a full time student, and a fulltime worker. He is getting his AA at Highline and preparing to transfer to UW Seattle in the fall to get his Bachelors in General Biology. He didn’t see having multiple sclerosis nor being a single father as a setback but saw it as motivation for him to succeed in school. He is currently a volunteer with the National MS Society specifically with the NW Branch. With the support of TRiO Jeffery was able to plan ahead, identifying his goal and where he wants to go in life. In this process he has become a more well-rounded student and individual.

“Belief is stronger than doubt” Dwayne Wade

Renee Jones is working toward her Associates Degree with an emphasis in Human Services and is on her way to graduating this quarter! Renee’s life up until this point has not been an easy journey and she has found herself having to overcome many challenges. Coming from a domestic violence situation she has had to find a safe and stable place for her and her children to live as well as seek ways to provide for her single parent family. When overwhelmed with these challenges she took the initiative to find help within the Highline community. “I wouldn't be nearly as successful if I hadn't reached out to the Highline community! I feel motivated having had such positive interactions with departments at HCC.” Influenced by many aspects of the social work field she chose to pursue a career as a social worker. Renee would love to facilitate change and be an advocate for families who have gone through similar experiences.

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Should you apply for scholarships? We think so. No matter if it's one, two, or ten scholarships that you have apply to. It's always good to apply to many. We present the Scholarship of Interest guide to help TRiO student’s scholarship search be more efficient. We have compiled a list of scholarships all in one place so you don't have to go look for them online. This guide shows the name of scholarships; the deadline date, and requirements such as certain nationalities, races, genders, age, financial situation, education level, career interests, and other factors to determine whether you qualify for the scholarships.

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

“My will shall shape the future. Whether I fail or succeed shall be no man's doing but my own. I am the force; I can clear any obstacle before me or I can be lost in the maze. My choice; my responsibility; win or lose, only I hold the key to my destiny.”
Elaine Maxwell

Submitted by TRiO student:
Brianna Appia
Winter Quarter we sat down with transfer experts to talk about the ins and outs of the transfer process. We also had one of our friends from the Washboard come and talk to us about the importance of and how to apply for scholarships. We started a TRIO student organization for all those who would like to take initiative and volunteer within their TRIO community. Then Some of us went to a CWU information session to learn more about the programs/majors they have to offer.

TRiO Open College 100 course: Have you notice an extra class called the TRiO Open College 100 course in your Angel Account? That’s right TRiO now have a class that is open all academic year for TRiO students to utilize. The course provides you with online resources that you can access anytime to get helpful information. In addition to getting all these resources the course allow you to interact with other TRiO students through the use of discussion board under the structure of a class. When you click on the lesson plan we have a folder containing a collection of resources to help with academic readiness, transfer preparation, financial literacy, and community networking. You can also get information about what TRiO offers or if you have missed a workshop or event you are able to access the information. In addition, the TRiO Open College 100 course has set up an online discussion forum where TRiO members can participate anytime.

TRIO Student Organization

Winter quarter was the start of the TRIO Student Organization. The organization is for all of our students who would like to take on an active role in the TRIO community. The mission of the organization is “Through social events and activities, aim to strengthen the TRIO community by developing connections and creating a memorable college experience.” We meet every other Thursday starting April 5, 2012. plan at least one event per quarter. It is an informal gathering for TRIO students to enhance the college experience. It is also a fun, social, supportive and informative networking opportunity for students. Last quarter we were able make our presence at the TRIO progress report reception as well as launch in Angel our new book lending program. If you would like to join the TRIO organization and help make things happen in the TRIO community our first meeting for Spring quarter is April 5, 2012.
Planning for your Career

While pursuing your education, it’s important to prepare for your major and career goals.

Take a minute and ask yourself the following questions:

- How does your major fit your interests, abilities and skills?
- How well do your career goals match your personality and strengths?
- What experience do you currently have that connect to your career field?

Speak with your advisor and other professionals to explore these questions. In addition to your academics, as you prepare to transfer, continue to ask these questions and work on building your network with people that have similar values and career goals so they can act as additional resources.

Think about: What types of jobs you see yourself pursuing after receiving a Bachelor’s degree? What steps can you take to build more experiences related to your field while in school? Remember: out of the classroom experiences, internships, informational interviews, volunteer experiences and networking are necessary to help you promote your academic and career goals. These are experiences you should seek out!

Voices of Trio

Kareen Maloney shares with us advice that has helped her in being successful and having a better understanding of student involvement in college. One of the things that have helped her in her academics is being actively involved. “Surround yourself with people that have similar goals and form study groups to help you be successful in your classes. Your professor is there to also help you. Don’t be afraid to ask questions. Come to your professor office hours talk to them let them know you so that they can better help you to be successful in their class. Always remember to stick to your goal. When you do it leaves you open to other possibilities and opportunities to do more, be more.”

“Let your stumbling block be your stepping stone” Unknown

Student Acknowledgement: Lesley Elijah

Leslie came to the rescue! As a 38 year old student, it has been years since I have attempted any algebra. I thought of ways to drop my class and "get out of" dealing with a simple fact I was afraid of math! I came to the TRIO department in search of help. That is when I met Leslie. She appeared to be very nice but I wondered if tutoring would really help me get through the quarter. Because of her friendly attitude toward math, I actually have become enthusiastic about overcoming my math fears. Thank you Leslie, all of your help has greatly improved my math experience! I wish you luck in your career in the math field. –Molly Alvarado

Leslie has been with the TRIO program for two quarters working hard to help our students succeed in their math courses. She is a wonderful tutor who takes great pride in what she does. A big THANK YOU goes to Leslie for all her hard work!