Wow, what a year! To better state that- what an AWESOME year filled with many highlights! As we started the summer quarter, your editors, Sabrina Johnson and I (Vu Nguyen) in our Year End newsletter would like to provide a recap on TRiO program resources, activities, and events. In addition, we would like to congratulate the class of 2012 TRiO graduates from Highline Community College! Pat yourself in the back TRiO students for the hard work you have done.

Dear TRiO students,

I am so proud of our past year, our outstanding graduates, our TRiO student organization, our excellent staff and many amazing memories with all of our TRiO students. Looking ahead, we have an exciting year to look forward to. We invite you to join us for our TRiO Fall Bridge course taking place August 20th- September 7th. In the course, students participate in instruction based, interactive and group learning activities that support building your academic, transfer, community support and financial literacy competencies in order to prepare to successfully transfer. Please join us for this exciting class, you can register under the Fall class listing. Lastly, we hope you are continuing to learn and grow over the Summer. Other things to look forward to in the coming year include a new career connections initiative, academic preparedness initiative and a vibrant menu of TRiO events for the fall.

Enjoy the Summer!

Alexandra Davis
We’re very proud to unveil our brand new TRIO Department website! 

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The goal was to make it easier to search for news, events, and happenings in the program. To this end we’ve improved the search functionality, made the archives easier to navigate, and added the ability to make appointments with our advisors via youcanbook.me. In addition, we also feature TRIO students story, just click their name to see their profile and story. And most importantly, we’ve simplified the menu structure to make it easier to navigate through the site. We hope you like it.

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In May, we visited Western Washington University. TRIO students had the opportunity to gain information about all the great academic programs and services on campus from the admission representatives.

Finally, at the Mid Quarter Reception & TRIO Transfer Panel Discussion we had current & alumni TRIO students (Vu Nguyen, Keyanna Chambers, Molly Alvarado, Dave Kleppinger, and Josiah Williams) share and discuss their experiences through the transfer process. The audience asked questions and reflected their understanding of the transfer process. This helped them better understand what they need to do and how they can prepare when it’s their turn.

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By Sabrina Johnson

This quarter, we interviewed Madhav Subedi and he shared with us some ways to be successful at Highline Community College. Networking, talking with friends and instructors is a substantial way that helped Madhav with his classes at Highline CC. He also stated, “Before registering for classes, ask your friends about it” This helped Madhav know if the instructor is a good fit with his learning style.

Madhav also shared with us a quote that helped him during tough times “Be the change you want to see in the world.” — Mahatma Gandhi”. Madhav stated that he wants to be someone that people want to follow and he wants to see change in the world and help make a difference. Madhav was also awarded the Washington Opportunity Scholarship!

Madhav Subedi is attending UW Tacoma in the Fall of 2012 Majoring in Computer Science
The following students indicated their degree completion at Highline by the end of Summer quarter 2012.

Molly Alvarado  
Hetal Ajudia  
Katherine Anderson  
Brianna Appia  
Naimeh Bah  
Breeanna Bowman  
Keyanna Chambers  
Hope Dixon  
Janita Dixon  
Nataliya Dutchak  
Michelle Eckhart  
Nimo Ege  
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Christanoell Forleumu  
Beana Greene  
Alejandra Hernandez  
Michael Howey  
Renee Jones  
Lila Katel  
Jason Kharbanda  
Nita Lisenby  
Alexandra Longmire  
Carley Metcalf  
Marliena Mils  
Marquita Mosby  
John Nguyen  
Thuy Nguyen  
Vu Nguyen  
Irene Njoroge  
Jeffery Potter  
Shaquita Pressley  
Enrique Ramirez  
LaDonna Robertson  
Alexandra Roe  
Alena Rogers  
Lisa Snyder  
Grace Ssebugwawo  
Madhav Subedi  
Emiko Tagami  
Derek Thompson  
Mario Walker  
Josiah Williams