The TRiO staff welcomes you back to Highline for the Summer quarter! With Spring break over, it’s time to start up the new quarter, but first, we would like to highlight some of the events that happened Spring quarter. In addition, you’ll hear from a TRiO graduate from the class of 2013, as well as more information regarding TRiO Bridge happening later this summer. Summer is a wonderful season that offers the Pacific Northwest the much needed sunny weather that we lack during the other seasons. We hope you enjoy your Summer, and for those of you taking Summer classes, we wish you success in your courses. Our doors are always open, and we encourage you to take advantage of TRiO’s Student Support and Retention Services.

By Rachel Sanders

A Fond Farewell

At this time, I have to announce that I will be moving on from the college and leaving Highline. It has been such a privilege to work with each of you and I will truly miss all of you. I know you are in good hands with our TRiO staff and please have patience as we make the transition. For all the students I have advised and for every student in the program, I have learned a lot from each of you and you have taught me important lessons about persistence and care for our TRiO community. I am proud of all of you!

I will continue to be an advocate for underrepresented students and I will be moving on to a position with the State of Washington Professional Educators Standard Board, Office of the Governor.

Know that this is very bittersweet but that I leave you in great hands! Thanks for your support and again keep in touch, you are important part of my life and experience at Highline.

Alexandra Manuel
TRiO Bridge

By Rachel Sanders

TRiO Bridge is a transfer specific class that will prepare you to successfully apply to a four year college and university. All Highline students who plan to transfer are encouraged to register for the course. The goals of TRiO Bridge are to:

1) Develop thorough knowledge of the transfer process
2) Become career ready
3) Master your understanding of financial aid, scholarship and personal money management
4) Find the right fit for a university
5) Know what makes a great scholarship application
6) Complete your personal statement and resume

Not quite sure if TRiO Bridge is for you? Here’s what students say about the TRiO Bridge Course.

“I love the variety of speakers, very inspirational and informative. Loved being able to develop a community with my peers.”

“I learned how to research universities, gained writing skills and utilized my strengths.”

“I gained information about transfer colleges and knowledge about financial aid and numerous scholarships.”

Interested in taking TRiO Bridge? Here’s what you need to know:

Course Name: College 200
Credits: 3 credits
Quarter Offered: Fall 2013
Item Number: 1046
Class Dates: August 19-22, 26-29, and September 3-6
Time: 9am-12:30pm
Questions? Contact Ay Saechao at 206-592-3303 or asaechao@highline.edu

Blast From the Past

By Suzan Rodriguez

This was a great quarter that provided many events for our students. There was the Scholarship Resource Roundtable event that gave students an opportunity to become more familiar with finances and scholarships opportunities. Students were informed about important deadlines and an open forum allowed students to share how they find scholarships. TRiO also hosted a Veterans Resource Roundtable, which allowed students to build relationships, share information, and enjoy free pizza. A campus visit to the University of Washington Tacoma provided students the opportunity to tour the campus, meet with advisors, become informed on transfer requirements, and introduced to UW Tacoma’s TRiO staff.

TRiO’s Mid-Quarter Progress Report Reception was highly attended this quarter due to the additional of a Transfer Panel. The panel included two current TRiO students who will be transferring to four-year schools this coming fall. Josias Jean-Pierre and Bobbi Hale shared and discussed their experiences in the transfer process. To conclude a very busy quarter, the End of the Year Celebration was held at the Des Moines Beach Park. Barbequed hamburgers, chicken, and vegetable kabobs were cooked on-site and students brought side dishes to completed the bountiful meal. After every one had eaten, a limbo competition was started and provided laughter and smiles for participants and observers. The event was wrapped up with an award Ceremony to acknowledge those who had just graduated the day before, as well as recognizing the recipients of the annual TRiO awards.
Finally, summer break has finally arrived! You’ve worked hard to muster up the strength to battle final exams, finish culminating projects, and finalize ridiculously long essays. So, what’s next? The answer to the question stems from your point of view. What does summer mean to you?

We asked TRiO students what summer meant to them and what they planned to do. Josias, who graduated last quarter, said that summer means a time to “vacation, party, and have fun.” He plans to spend his summer at Camp Berachah and working on transitioning to Northwest University. “Fun in the sun and fun family time” is how Rosie, a TRiO employee and Highline student, described summer. She plans on spending a lot of time with her daughters and family, having barbeques, going to the beach, and staying up late watching scary movies.

So, we ask: how will you spend your summer? We suggest the following as top priorities for the summer: sleep, relax, have fun, and study. You’re probably thinking who would choose to study during the summer, especially if you’re not taking classes. Successful students prepare to succeed by beginning early. We recommend you look at your classes for fall quarter and either buy your textbooks now or contact the instructor about how you can prepare for the class. By spending an hour or two a week looking over material for your classes, you will be setting yourself up for a successful fall quarter.

The key is to re-energize your body and mind by getting plenty of rest and participating in fun activities, while taking small steps each week to prepare yourself for fall quarter.

“Be the change you want to see in the world.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

We interviewed Josias Jean-Pierre, who graduated this past Spring, about his experience at TRiO. When asked what he gained from being a part of TRiO, he said that TRiO, specifically Chris Panganiban, helped him become more financially competent. In addition, he said TRiO Bridge was the biggest help, especially with using your life experiences to develop a good thesis, writing personal statements, and helping you push your comfort zone.

Josias also took advantage of several of the events sponsored by TRiO, including the Civic Leadership Conference and campus visits. “Student voices are needed...we can make a difference, but it starts within us,” Josias explained when talking about his experience at the Civic Leadership Conference.

We asked Josias what advice he would give about succeeding at Highline. “Get involved and push yourself to study every day,” said Josias, mentioning he often spent more than thirty hours per week studying. We also asked about advice when transferring, and he quickly replied, “start early, don’t limit yourself, and apply to several schools.”

Josias will be attending Northwest University, majoring in Communications with a minor in English and an emphasis in Theology.
TRiO Annual Awards

Justine E. Baez Memorial Award
Susan Meyer, Mother of
Justine Baez

Most Inspirational Student
Josias Jean-Pierre

Outstanding New Participant
Ta Say
Suzan Rodriguez

TRiO Student of the Year
Meron Woger
Melissa Van Houten

TRiO Citizenship
Cynthia Boss

TRiO Perseverance
Bobbi Hale
Rosie Torres

TRiO Most Involved Participant
Ros Damm
Terene Salvano

TRiO Graduates

*The following students indicated their degree completion at Highline during the academic year 2012-2013*

Pamela Ackerman
Ahmed Ali
Simachew Alamneh
Justine Baez
Brandon Cottingham
Jennafer Cunningham
Lorren Dana
Nimo Ege
Abby Farr
Rachel Flores
Nayeli Flores-Reyes
Charlotte Foster
Lawanna Gale
Tefsay Gebreyohannes
Beana Greene
Bobbi Hale
Victor Hernandez
Josias Jean-Pierre
Lorena Jimenez-Sepin
Ganesh Kadariya
Khoi Lam
Ung Le
Badriyyah Mahmood
Kareen Maloney
Moriah Marlin
Omar Medina
Mayra Mendoza
Peter Mirgoroelskey
John Nguyen
Truong Nguyen
Mai Nguyen-Turcott
Christina Norwood
Ngalula Okonda
Jessica Pettit

Anna Phea
Selene Poulsen
Tiras Ritho
Caroline Rodriguez
Ta Say
Joshua Simpson
Svetlana Slobochikova
Tajhliah St. Judes
Lisa Snyder
Lacey Swan
Lloyd Thomas
Amrik Tumber
Savali Tupufia
Meron Woger
Yosef Woger
Tony Yang

Congratulations!