Welcome back! It’s time to REACTIVATE your membership in TRiO.

Please stop by 119 Sisson Hall to reactivate as a participant. If you would like to discuss the current semester and initiate services, please call to set up an appointment.

Mark’s Musings - Fall 2016

Welcome back! To all of our participants who are returning to continue their studies, it’s great to see you again. Welcome to those new students to SUNY Potsdam, and to TRiO. I hope that each and every one of you had a wonderful summer, and we look forward to supporting you during this semester.

As always, we at “TRiO Towers” have been very busy while you have been away. We have refined and improved many of our services offerings, and are hopeful that these changes are going to allow us to be even more effective in assisting you navigate life at SUNY Potsdam.

We also have some new temporary staff with us for the Fall. Firstly, let me introduce you to our intern, Samantha “Sam” Nichols. Sam is a senior, studying Anthropology. She hopes to find a position in higher education, doing similar work to TRiO. Please make sure to say “hi” and welcome her when you meet her. I am really excited about the skills that she will being during the semester; we are going to learn a lot from you, Sam!

She is going to be fully immersed in every aspect of our program, so don’t be surprised if you see her sitting in one of the meetings you may have with members of TRiO staff. She will be there to observe, but please feel free to speak with her as you would with any other member of TRiO staff if you have any issues...she is definitely a part of the team!

We also have three new mentors joining us. Sandra Cruz, Anikka Wright, and Moussa Kane will all be working with our freshmen TRiO students, helping them to get used to college life. All three are invaluable members of our team, and I sincerely thank them for the commitment that they are undertaking. Even if you are not a freshman,
please seek them out if you have a question, and we are not available. We’re all here to help you!

Finally, I have to admit that I have been blown away by the number of happy faces that adorn our Wall of Fame outside Sisson 119. The display shows every student who made Dean’s or President’s Lists for academic achievement last semester. The wonderful realization for me is that the number of folks who make that list is growing rapidly each year...I think I’m going to need a bigger board!

If your picture is not up there, why not give yourself the goal for it to be there in the Spring? Everyone loves to see a smiling face; it would be great if yours was one of them!

Have a great semester, and remember, TRiO is here to help. There is no such thing as a stupid question, the only stupid thing to do is not ask it!

**Tutoring Information**

The beginning of the fall semester is the perfect time to meet with a TRiO staff member to set up your semester calendar, review study strategies and set your goals. We will work with you 1:1 to identify and determine strategies to empower your success. Call (315) 267-2347 or come to the TRiO Main Office, 119 Sisson Hall to make an appointment. Our meeting will also be a perfect opportunity to request a tutor. Keep in mind the following information about TRiO 1:1 peer content tutoring:

- All TRiO participants initially submit one tutor request - second tutor requests are given individual consideration;
- All tutor requests must be made in person with a TRiO staff member.
- TRiO participants may meet with their tutors up to two hours per week at mutually convenient times and locations;
- TRiO tutors are SUNY Potsdam students who have earned 3.3 GPAs or better in the courses they tutor and have the written recommendations of faculty members;
- TRiO tutors’ complete orientation sessions and have regular (bi-weekly) supervision;
- Participants are expected to contact their tutors at least 24 hours prior to wanting to meet to clarify the content of upcoming session;
- Participants and tutors are expected to arrive on time and prepared for sessions;
- TRiO staff contact participants, tutors, and appropriate faculty on a regular basis to assess services, by the tutor and for the participant;
• TRiO staff require tutors to report missed sessions and/or classes, unprepared participants and other issues affecting the effectiveness of services;
• Participants may be asked to meet with TRiO staff to develop learning strategies to compliment tutoring; Tutoring is intended to supplement participants’ class attendance, independent work, work with classmates and meetings with faculty;
• Tutoring reassignments are considered upon the request of participants and/or tutors - reassignments are contingent upon availability of other tutors;
• Tutoring is a collaboration between participants, tutors, faculty and TRiO staff. To assure your success, we expect you to be an active, engaged member of your support system!

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about requesting a tutor or about a current tutoring assignment. TRiO staff are here to help you be successful!

SUNY Potsdam’s Add/Drop period lasts for the first week of classes, Monday, August 29 through Friday September 2nd. Stop by to see a TRiO staff member if you need some advice!

TRiO Academic Success in Spring 2016

President’s List (semester GPA 3.50 or higher)

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New Mentors

Sandra Cruz  
Junior  
Major: English Creative Writing  
Minor: Business of Music  
General Honors

Moussa Kane  
Senior  
Major: Biochemistry  
Minor: Arabic

Anikka Wright  
Junior  
Major: Sociology  
Major: Spanish
Graduate and Professional School Day

This year, the Career Planning Office is sponsoring the Graduate and Professional School Day. Whether you are in the early stages of considering graduate school, or have already begun the process of applying, this is a great opportunity to learn about some programs. We strongly encourage all students to attend.

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

4 - 6:30 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room

Barrington Student Union

SUNY Potsdam

Potsdam, NY 13676

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Search for SUNY Potsdam TRiO
TRiO Student Support Services is a federally funded program, which serves 200 eligible students throughout the year. The goal of the program is to provide the academic support necessary to help students remain in school and reach graduation.

Students are selected to participate in the TRiO program based on a request for assistance and federal eligibility. Students may stop by 119 Sisson Hall to fill out a short application.

TRiO participants must have a demonstrated need for academic support. They must be U.S. national, or a U.S. permanent resident with a Form I-551, or I-551C) Permanent Resident Card, Resident Alien Card, or Alien Registration Receipt Card), or a non-citizen eligible for Federal Financial Aid, and must be enrolled ¾ or full-time in an undergraduate program. Participants must also meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Be a first generation college student, i.e. neither parent has a four-year college degree
- Fall within income limits set by the U.S. Department of Education and verified by the TRiO office
- Have a documented physical and/or learning disability

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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