

# TRiO Student Newsletter

TRiO, Student Support Services at Xavier University, strives to enhance the student's educational experience by positively impacting their lives.



## Services & Benefits

- Academic Support
- Seminar Series
- Career & Professional Dev.
- Tutoring
- Financial Education
- Grant Aid
- Social & Cultural Events



## Resources

- Lap Top Computers
- Calculators
- Study Rooms
- School Supplies

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

The TRiO Student Support Services Program is happy to spotlight Jon Vardanyan

I am a 4<sup>th</sup> year student majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry. In my spare time, I enjoy exercising, playing basketball, and traveling. Additionally, I like getting myself involved with activities related to medicine in order to learn more about the field. My passion for this field has grown over the past four years as I have been involved in conducting research at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, volunteering at Bethesda North Hospital, and shadowing several doctors. I am excited to be graduating in May and continuing the path of becoming a doctor by attending medical school in August!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



## From the desk of the Director *Dr. Daniel McSpadden*

Greetings TRiO students,

Hope our third edition of the TRiO, SSS Newsletter finds you all doing well. I think spring is finally arriving! Spring Break has arrived and I'm sure many of you excited about the opportunity to travel and/or relax at home to recover from mid-terms and papers. It's been a great academic year, thus far. TRiO students you are doing well academically with approximately 40% of you making a 3.0 or better during the fall semester and I along with the TRiO staff are very proud of each of you. We hosted Xavier staff to present during our Lunch N' Learn series this semester. Topics range from "**Creating Your Elevator Speech**" for a job/internship, **Diversity and Inclusion** in the **College Environment**, **Professional Etiquette**, **Health & Wellness** and **Financial Literacy**. Our seminar sessions focused on planning for an internship and/or landing a job. Resume writing, interviewing techniques and Strength Quest sessions were among the highly popular topics this semester. Thank you to all who have assisted TRiO this semester and for being so interested in the success of our well-prepared, hard-working TRiO students.



I am so proud of the team we have here in TRiO Student Support Services (SSS). We love our jobs and hope it shows! Continue to play an active role in making TRiO, SSS the best experience it can be for you. If there is ever anything you or your colleagues need from us, please do not hesitate to ask.

Before the semester officially ends, we have **March Madness events with TRiO**, the **Atlanta Graduate School visit April 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>**. We will also be honoring our 2017 graduates and outstanding students during the **Graduation & Student Recognition Lunch on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** in the **Conaton Board Room**. In addition, our regularly scheduled **Treats with TRiO** and **TRiO Dine & Study night** in April will take place in March and April. Sign-up in the TRiO office.

### Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program

CONGRATULATIONS! Kimberly is a criminal Justice major, minoring in philosophy. She won the Keith Sherin Global Leaders Scholarship. She will study abroad in Salamanca, Spain. The program will begin this summer from June 1st to July 1st and she will be taking 3 classes during that period. She will also be living with a host family, hoping to emerge herself in the culture while there.





## TRiO Reminders

As we enter the mid-point of the semester, please make sure that you keep the following in mind:

**Registration for Fall Semester:** Advising for Fall 2017 begins **March 13<sup>th</sup>**. Meet with your TRiO advisor and/or your faculty advisor to discuss course options for the next semester. Please remember to stop by the office if you encounter problems registering.

**TRiO Program Requirements:** Make sure you are meeting the TRiO program requirements. Please review them and check-in with your advisor if you have any questions.

**TRiO, SSS does March Madness:** The TRiO staff and Student Advisory Council has planned community outings for the month of March. We will be **rolling skating on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** and doing the **Cincinnati Escape Room on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**. The **Atlanta Graduate School visit is April 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**. Mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you there. Sign-up sheets will be in the office.



**TRiO Graduation & Spring Recognition Luncheon Thursday, April 20, 2017 12noon-1:30pm**

**Conaton Board Room**

**All TRiO students are invited to attend our end of the year luncheon as we recognize our 2017 graduates as well as recognize the achievements of other students. RSVP in the office no later than Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Seniors need to confirm with Mary by Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> that you will be graduating so that a graduation stole can be ordered for you.**

## Congratulations Kanosha & Alexis!!!

Kanosha Gray, junior Athletic Training Major has been selected to present at the Great Lakes Athletic Trainers Assoc. Symposium in Chicago during spring break. Her presentation title: "Quadriceps Tendinopathy in Female Collegiate Soccer Player. Alexis Metts, junior Finance Major is the recipient of the Bringing Education & Success Together (BEST) Scholarship.





***YOUR SUCCESS BEGINS WITH US!!!***

**TRiO SSS** provides academic support, aid in course selection, and informs students about the full range of financial aid programs, benefits and resources for locating both public and private scholarships. Educational and informational services are offered to improve the financial and economic literacy of students. The program provides academic, professional financial and personal support that enables students to navigate through college. TRiO, SSS is committed to fostering a student centered educational environment that helps students persist and graduate with a bachelor's degree. Additionally, as it is the goal of TRiO SSS to retain each student until degree completion, TRiO SSS offers an opportunity for peer mentoring for each interested active participant. TRiO SSS also provides individualized advising with a professional advisor. Interested students feel free to stop by CLC 515 for an application and more information. Our website is: [www.xavier.edu/sss](http://www.xavier.edu/sss).

### **Program Description:**

Through a grant competition, funds are awarded to institutions of higher education to provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with college requirements, and to motivate students towards the successful completion of their postsecondary education. Student Support Services (SSS) projects also may provide grant aid to eligible SSS participants. The goal of TRiO SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants.

### **TRiO Program Requirements**

All TRiO students are required to meet with his/her Advisor (3) times a semester along with (1) Faculty Advisor meeting. The seminar series consist of (6) sessions. TRiO students must also complete a community activity and a Lunch n' Learn session. If required, students must complete study table hours and tutoring sessions. Please stop by the office to schedule your advising meeting and to get additional information.

