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TRIO Day 2015 was February 12, 2015. The Office of Special Programs (OSP) appreciated the participation of all attendees who participated and acknowledged the accomplishments of students and to honor those who have provided their unwavering support and contributions to the success of the programs and students. The monumental accomplishments of selected students was key.

This year's Building Bridges honorees Arnold L. Mitchem, Ph.D., president emeritus for the Council for Opportunity in Education and Virdena Gilkey, executive assistant to the Mayor and City Council helped advance the success of the lives of individuals eligible for the programs. The planning committee appreciated the keynote address of Gilkey who kept the audience on the edge of their seats with her powerful message. Mitchem sent a video, and shared his legacy and appreciation for the recognition. Eleven student achievement honorees were recognized by the programs for their exemplary leadership and academic achievement. The programs are honored for all their commitment, exemplary support and achievement.

The programs received proclamations from the Mayor of Wichita, the honorable Carl Brewer, Kansas Governor Sam Brownback, and Wichita State University President John Bardo, Ph.D. Mayor Brewer communicated the importance of participation and support in the TRIO programs to students. Vice President for Student Affairs Wade Robinson, Ph.D. stressed the importance of the programs and their role in the success of students. Robinson is a significant

advocate for the Office of Special Programs. Contemp-Oh! entertained the audience.

As the programs look at the legacy of TRIO, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP), and the Office of Disability Services (ODS); are proud of what the programs have accomplished. For example, the programs provide tutorial support for participants, financial aid and career exploration, and advising and counseling. A highly professional staff is dedicated and committed to the success and progress of participants. The staff members work seven days a week and evenings to ensure this success.

“The Building Bridges Honorees and the Student Honorees were exceptional.”

– **Deltha Q. Colvin (OSP)**

The planning committees, comprised of TRIO, GEAR UP, and ODS personnel, implemented an exciting and first class banquet. On behalf of the programs, all interested individuals are encouraged to mark their calendars for Thursday, February 11, 2016 to attend the next TRIO Day celebration. The staff members under the Office of Special Programs are the motivators and executors for the TRIO Day Program and the driving force to implement successful programs and services. They are appreciated and applauded for their efforts, dedication and commitment.

Thanks to all OSP stakeholders for their support. **TRIO, GEAR UP and ODS Works!** The programs look forward to their continued support and hope to see them at the program in 2016. Thanks to all of the staff members of each of the programs.

Deltha Q. Colvin,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deltha Q. Colvin".

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

The TRIO Legacy

A Time to Celebrate



Deltha Q. Colvin addresses the banquet audience

Wichita State University's Office of Special Programs (OSP) hosted its annual National TRIO Day celebration on Feb. 12, 2015 with more than 200 people in attendance. Although the national keynote speaker was unable to join the celebration due to illness, the planning committee did an outstanding job of rearranging the day's activities on short notice. The planned Town Hall meeting was ultimately canceled but all other events took place as planned with minimal disruption.

The planning for National TRIO Day began one year in advance, spearheaded by Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Deltha Q. Colvin. She opened the program agenda by welcoming the audience to the celebration. She commended the "outstanding work" that OSP programs do with students and the significant impact that the programs have had on a national level. She also recognized that the Upward Bound program was founded in 1964 and is celebrating 50 years.

Vice President for Student Affairs Wade Robinson, Ph.D. provided welcoming remarks on behalf of the university and congratulated Colvin for the success the programs have experienced under her leadership. The Honorable Mayor of Wichita Carl Brewer read the City of Wichita Proclamation declaring National TRIO Day and made brief comments on the exceptional leadership style of Colvin. He mentioned a recent trip to South Africa in which a Wichita delegation met with leaders in that country and how Colvin helped keep the

"I was amazed at the level of participation from the institution and the community."

– Kennedy Musamali (SSS)

group on task and on schedule. The comments drew some irony laughter from the audience as the mayor was pointing out that he wasn't as cognizant of the schedule as perhaps he might have been.

Kaye Monk-Morgan, director of Upward Bound Math Science Center read the proclamation from Wichita State while Martha Lewis, director of Disability Support Services read Governor Sam Brownback's proclamation. Kennedy Musamali, director of Student Support Services, recognized special guests including legislative aides from the offices of Senator Pat Roberts and Senator Jerry Moran. Other special guests included university administrators and community leaders. Riccardo Harris, director of North Wichita GEAR UP, delivered words of inspiration prior to dinner being served. During dinner a video, produced by Grady Landrum, director of Disability Services was shown while the jazzy sounds of Contemp-Oh! played live. The group is led by TRIO alum, Hal Cozart.



Mayor Carl Brewer declares National TRIO Day in Wichita

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“I enjoyed seeing the award winners and hearing their stories of success!”
– Richard Schwasinger (KKGU)



Student Achievers, left to right, RayJhaun Perkins (KKGU), Sage Lawrence (DSS), Aleeya Hubbard-Kinard (CUB), Lydia Ibarra (McNair), Amber McAnulla (VUB) and Zane Storlie (UBMS)

After dinner, LaWanda Holt-Fields, director of the McNair Scholars program, introduced the keynote speaker Virdena Gilkey, executive assistant to the mayor. Prior to her introduction, Mayor Brewer approached the podium and presented Gilkey with a gift and several kind words that expressed his deep appreciation for the work that Gilkey has done during his tenure as mayor. Gilkey’s speech was motivational, encouraging, and inspirational. She congratulated the students who were being honored and told them to not let anything get in their way of their dreams. She advised students to trust in a higher power and not always the folks who say one thing but their actions differ from what they say. Her message was powerful and many people in the audience could not hold back their emotional responses to her words.

Since Arnold Mitchem, Ph.D. was not able to be present, he sent his remarks on video and reminded the audience of the struggles of TRIO and its longevity. He expressed his sincere appreciation for being honored and that the award “gives me an additional

spark to return to the work to advance and expand educational opportunities.” He commended Wichita State for having nine TRIO programs and praised Colvin’s “no nonsense course” of leadership throughout the years on behalf of students.

Frances Ervin, director of Educational Opportunity Centers and Rhonda Hicks, director of Upward Bound Wichita Prep led the TRIO Student Achievement Awards portion of the program. Eleven students, nominated and selected by each of the OSP programs, were recognized for their remarkable accomplishments as a participant in the respective programs.

The students honored included Aleeya Hubbard-Kinard (Communication Upward Bound), Lydia Ibarra (McNair Scholars Program), Sage Lawrence (Disability Support Services), Tin Le (Talent Search), Amber McAnulla (Veterans Upward Bound), RayJhaun Perkins (Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP), Ali Rajabi (Office of Disability Services), Juan Santiago (Educational Opportunity Centers), Andrew Sengchanh (Student Support Services), Zane Storlie (Upward Bound Math Science Center), and Simeon Willis (Upward Bound Wichita Prep). A brief bio of the student was read and each student awarded a medallion by Colvin along with the program director. It was a moving experience and all the students expressed deep gratitude for the recognition.



Virdena Gilkey pushes message to do “whatever it takes to be successful”

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TRIO alumni who now work as OSP professionals

Shukura Bakari-Cozart, director of Veterans Upward Bound, Larry Ramos, director of Talent Search, Wilma Moore-Black, associate director of Communication Upward Bound, Vic Chavez, executive director of South Wichita GEAR UP, and Wade Robinson presented the TRIO Advocacy and Building Bridges honorees. Colvin accepted Arnold Mitchem's award on his behalf and Gilkey received hers from Colvin. Gilkey was humbled by the award and exhibited great enjoyment in being an honoree.

Corinne Nilsen, director of Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP and Richard Armstrong, Ph.D., director of Communication Upward Bound, introduced each OSP program staff. Alan Dsouza, Ph.D., instructed the audience to complete evaluations and Colvin ended the event with closing comments and recognitions. A special moment was calling all OSP directors to join her on stage to accept a medallion honoring them for their commitment and service to the students.

“The event also paid tribute to a true TRIO Trailblazer, Ms. Deltha Q. Colvin. Her hard work shows in that the special programs at WSU continue to grow, providing services to disadvantaged students at all levels.”

– **Hercilia Thompson (OSP)**

Preparing for 2015 National TRIO Day

The primary planning committee included the directors of all programs under OSP. Twenty coordinating committees made up of OSP staff met for months to work out all the large and small details of the event. Each committee arrived at the Rhatigan Student Center midafternoon to decorate, set up, and help out where needed. The Ezine committee coordinated photo sessions of individuals and groups. One of the best group photos was of the TRIO alumni who now work as OSP professionals. Another photo that drew praise was of the entire OSP staff. OSP departments include TRIO programs: Communication Upward Bound, Disability Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers, McNair Scholars Program, Student Support Services, Talent Search, Upward Bound Math-Science,

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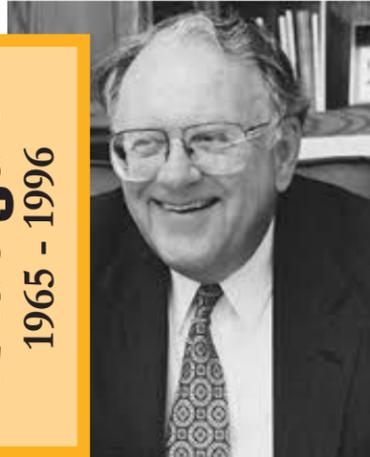


Directors from TRIO, ODS, and GEAR UP programs

TRIO and Student Affairs:

A 50 Year Legacy at Wichita State University

Rhatigan
1965 - 1996



The partnership between TRIO and Student Affairs has been strong since the inception of the TRIO programs.

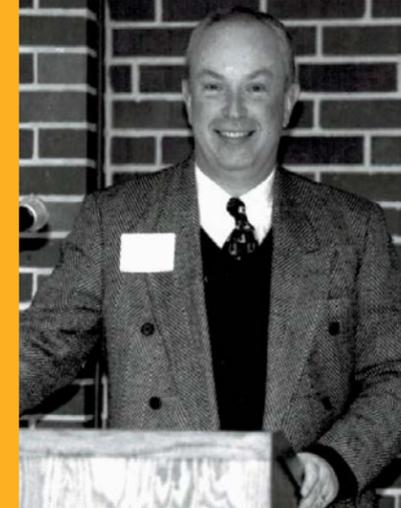


"When I first got here, minority and first-generation students were hard to find. TRIO programs allow students to aspire. When we started getting TRIO programs this was a major deal for the university. Providing opportunity is the first step, the next part of the TRIO legacy is increasing aspiration."

- Dr. James Rhatigan



Several TRIO and other special programs were established during Rhatigan's administration: Upward Bound Wichita Prep, Talent Search, Student Support Services, the Office of Disability Support Services, McNair Scholars Program, and Educational Opportunity Centers.



"My perception of TRIO is that it is probably one of the most important programs that exist on college campuses. I can't think of any better thing to do than to ensure that any individual, regardless of color, regardless of physical abilities, has the opportunity to go to college and get the support that they need to ensure their success. TRIO programs have done that and have a long legacy of doing that."

- Dr. Ron Kopita



Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP, Veterans Upward Bound and Communication Upward Bound were established during Dr. Kopita's administration. Dr. Kopita also played a key role in securing funding to help keep KKGU at WSU when they lost funding for one year.



"From my perspective, TRIO means opportunity. It means access. We're serving students in a record number of programs, not just at Wichita State, but across the state of Kansas. We have programs for people who have no other options. For me, the university having these programs and the long history we've had has provided the opportunity for people to advance and fulfill their goals and dreams."

- Dr. Wade Robinson



North Wichita GEAR UP, South Wichita GEAR UP and nine College Access Challenge Grants were funded during Robinson's administration.

Robinson
2009 - Present



The Division of Student Affairs has gone through many title changes over the years. Grace Wilkie Hall has been the center of intense TRIO Activity and housed the VP offices for several years.

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Upward Bound Wichita Prep, and Veterans Upward Bound. OSP also includes three Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP): Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP, North Wichita GEAR UP, and South Wichita GEAR UP. The Office of Disability Services and nine College Access Challenge Grants round out the programs under OSP.

At 5:00pm, a VIP reception began in the Gridley Room. Student honorees, university administrators, community members, and other special guests were invited to attend. The reception was a grand affair with many individuals commenting how elegant the newly renovated venue was. Indeed, the Don and Shirley Beggs Ballroom and the adjoining Gridley Room are lavish facilities to hold events such as National TRIO Day. In addition, the Venters Room was utilized to conduct interviews and conduct photo shoots of the various individuals in attendance. Once in the ballroom, the stage area was decorated with the banners of each program accented by the tables sporting the event's theme colors of copper and black. In honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, pennies were strewn about each table.

The event ended and all attendees left feeling good about their experience and with a much better understanding of what TRIO means to the students, university, community and the nation. Hopefully, these good feelings will translate into new advocates who can speak highly and knowledgeable of the programs with friends, family, co-workers, decision makers, and community leaders. If this occurs, then National TRIO Day accomplished its mission.



2015 TRIO Ezine committee: Alan Dsouza, Ph.D., (OSP), Wilma Moore-Black (CUB), Larry Ramos (chair/ETS), Ashley Cervantes (McNair) and Travis Feeny (UBWP)



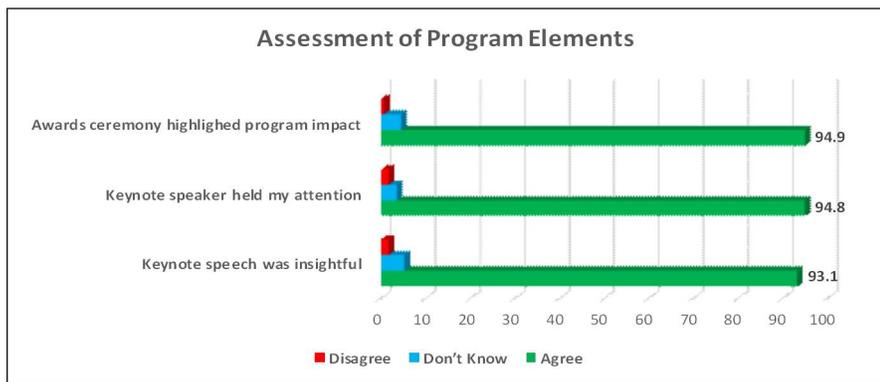
Representatives from all TRIO, ODS, GEAR UP and CACG programs

Evaluation

The success of the 2015 National TRIO Day celebration can be judged not only with the extraordinary positive energy that it generated, but also through a systematic evaluation of the event. The evaluation committee highlighted the importance of both the organization and the outcomes of the event in the evaluation sheet that each attendee was instructed to complete. A small gift was provided to those who filled out the evaluation. One hundred and seventy five attendees turned in their evaluations.

The attendees stretched all dimensions of the program: 18 percent were middle/high school students and 9 percent were college students. More than 20 parents/guardians and almost 40 community partners graced the event. Wichita State administrators, city and state legislators and community leaders provided an extraordinary presence.

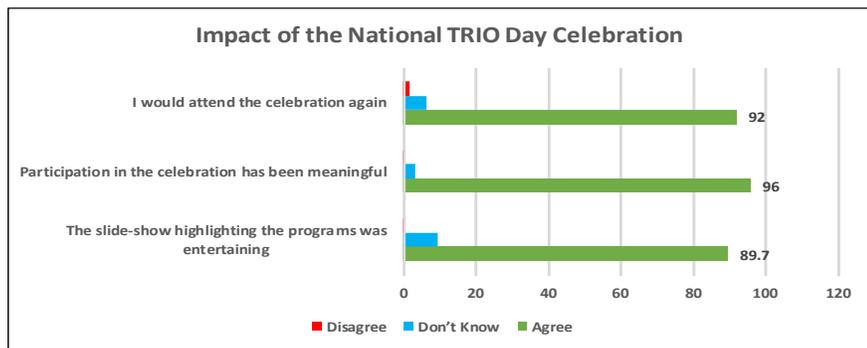
The primary reasons that motivated attendees to come to the event was “past years’ experiences,” “the keynote speaker,” and “pride and awareness of the importance and impact of the TRIO programs.” It was not surprising that the event was well-received by the attendees. Over 94 percent of the respondents found the awards ceremony appropriately highlighted the programs impact. An almost equal number of respondents found the key note speaker, Virdena Gilkey, both captivating and insightful. Some of the learning points quoted by the respondents were tied to Gilkey’s presentation, especially “making a difference in our and others’ lives,” and “do what it takes to succeed.”



Alan Dsouza, PhD addressing the audience

One recurrent learning point for the attendees was the extent and scope of the programs, especially that Wichita State had nine TRIO programs, three GEAR UPs and nine College Access Challenge Grant programs. The program communicated to the audience how the OSP departments were providing a blueprint for a life-time of success.

One way in which the impact of the event is determined is if the attendees found the experience meaningful and useful. An overwhelming 96 percent of the attendees found the experience meaningful and almost 90 percent rated the slide show accompanying the event as entertaining. A strong interest in attending the program again next year was affirmed by 92 percent of the respondents.



Most notable suggested changes to National TRIO Day included more student involvement and more interesting information about the programs. Nevertheless, several respondents found that the event was “well-organized.”

TRIO Student Achievers

The following students were recognized at National TRIO Day by their respective programs. All of the student achievers are listed on page 3 and several are featured in the TRIO Day Magazine, Issue 2, February 2015.



RayJhaun Perkins is a senior at Wichita South High School. He has participated in Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP since fall 2010. Since then, he has taken advantage of the program in multiple ways throughout his four years including attending the MO-KAN-NE Student Leadership Conference held at Emporia State University this past summer. He has also

gone on several campus visits, cultural events, and even joined in for the “Food Fight Spring Break 2012.” At school, he is involved in ROTC and wrestling. He is currently deciding which college to attend, but is interested in diesel technology.

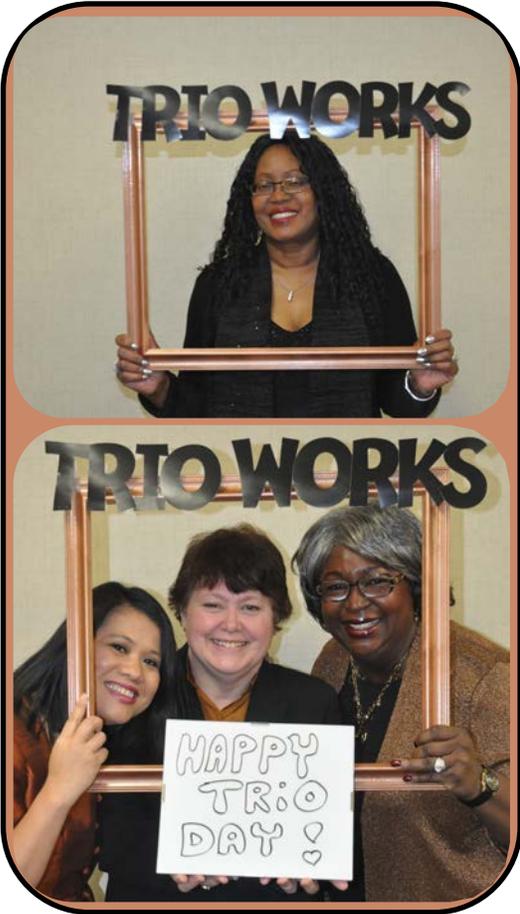


Amber McAnulla served in the Army National Guard for 10 years, including Iraq, prior to joining Veterans Upward Bound in 2009.

Upon returning home, Amber assisted with the Greensburg tornado reconstruction in 2007 and started school at Wichita State University in 2009.

Currently, Amber is a social work major, with minors in ethnic studies and sociology and has a Tilford certificate in diversity. Amber’s future plans include graduating in 2015 with her bachelor’s degree and pursuing her masters in social work. Her goals are to work with the veteran population at the veterans’ hospital and continue serving in some capacity with the VUB program and the WSU’s Student Veterans Organization.

TRIO Works!



Zane Storlie is a three year participant in UBMS and a junior at Campus High School. Known throughout the TRIO community for his academic ability, Zane is also one of the most determined students served by the program. Upon his enrollment in the program three years ago, Zane set a goal to develop social and leadership skills. Diagnosed with

Crones disease during his sophomore year of high school, Zane has managed to maintain strong grades, in spite of missing what seemed like months of school at a time.

While still not 100 percent, Zane has not allowed his medical condition to limit his ability or desire to fully engage in high school, UBMS or life. Zane’s participation in UBMS activities for the fall 2014 semester was nearly 90 percent... the strongest participation rate of all local students.

It is for his determination, hard work and leadership by example that the TRIO UBMS staff at Wichita State honor Zane Storlie as the TRIO Achiever for 2015.



Lydia Ibarra, is a senior at Wichita State pursuing a double major in sociology and psychology. She joined the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program during the 2013 – 14 academic year. As a result, Lydia had the opportunity to conduct scholarly research with sociology professor Jodie Hertzog, Ph.D. Their research was entitled, “Shaping

the Ideal stepfamily: Myths and stressors.” Lydia will continue to work with Professor Hertzog again this academic year. Lydia desires to further her education and ultimately complete a doctoral degree. She will graduate in May 2015 as the first in her family to obtain a college education. The staff is honored to recognize Ibarra as the McNair Scholars Program student achiever.





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