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**FUTURE JOURNALIST**

and

**TRIO PARTICIPANT CLAUDIA MAGANA GOES TO HOLLYWOOD**

College doesn't always have to be work; sometimes it is fun to go out on trips not only to relax but also to expand knowledge on a chosen major. It is interesting to find out that people who were once considered only classmates can turn into really great and long-lasting friends. This is what I learned during the Hollywood trip by the Association of Students in Communication (ASC) on November 6th-8th 2009. I had fun, chilled out and most importantly made new friends. I had an interesting learning experience in Hollywood.

The first day of the trip we went to Sony Pictures Studios. The most exciting part of this tour was being at the stage where part of my favorite movie "The Wizard of Oz" was filmed many years ago. I was also in the audience for "The Doctors" sitcom. It was interesting to see the taping of this program and all the people involved in this process. After visiting these places, we went to Farmer's Market, where I went to a restaurant with my friends.

The next day was very exciting as well because we strolled on two different beaches. On the Santa Monica beach, I chilled and walked around with my friends. At the Venice beach, we completed an assignment given by one of the faculty advisors. It consisted of walking among beach goers and classifying which of their non-verbal communication behaviors could be considered normal or transgressive. I learned through this activity that what I consider normal may be offensive to other people. The last stop was at the Universal CityWalk where we had a bite to eat and strolled for a while longer.

On the last day of the trip, I spent time at the Hollywood Walk of Fame. I saw many of my favorite celebrities' stars on the sidewalk. Lastly, we went to John's Incredible Pizza where I enjoyed my favorite food.

The trip was one of the best ones I attended during the current semester. I would recommend it to CSN students even if they're not majoring in Communications or Journalism/Media Studies. This experience was totally two thumbs up!

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## TRIO IS ON ANGEL

Many of the services that TRiO has to offer are now available online!! You can now complete your workshop, read the TRiO newsletter (Real Talk), learn about upcoming TRiO activities & events, receive after-hours advising, and so much more!!!

**Step 1:** Get onto the Internet.

**Step 2:** Type the following into the address bar (yes, there is no “www” before this address: <http://onlinedepartments.csn.edu/default.asp>)

**Step 3:**

a. If you have taken an online class or logged onto Angel before, enter the same user name & password (last 8-digits of C-number and password) that you have used to previously log into Angel.

b. If you have NOT taken an online class or logged into Angel before, click on “**Activate Account/Forgot C Number**” (**this is located right above the log-in box**) and follow the instructions to activate your account. You will be able to login approx. 15 min. after you have activated your account.

**Step 4:** Once you have logged in, you will see a “Community Groups” Section. This is located on the left side of the screen. In the “Community Groups” section click on “TRiO”.

**Step 5: Congratulations!!** You are now logged onto the TRiO Online Learning Community!!!!

**2010-2011 Financial Aid Priority Filing Deadline:**

**May 1, 2009**

**FAFSA and CSN General Scholarships**

**<http://www.csn.edu/admissions/aid/options/scholarships.asp>**

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## FREE TUTORING

- As a TRiO Participant you may receive up to 2 hours per week of **FREE** one-on-one **tutoring** from TRiO tutors in **English, Biology, and Math**. Contact TRiO for a referral.
- **Inside the TRiO Lounge**  
English Lab every Thursday 2pm-4pm with Qiana (No appointment needed)  
Math Lab every Wednesday 11am-1pm with Sina (No appointment needed)
- **SMARThinking** 24/7 FREE online tutoring, writing services, and homework help services to help students succeed. Contact TRiO for User ID & password information. Visit SMARThinking @ <http://www.smarthinking.com>

## DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

### the TRiO Experience

Want to get involved and  
interact with other students?

Join the TRiO Experience

Contact Sharnee for more  
information @

[sharnee.walker@csn.edu](mailto:sharnee.walker@csn.edu)

### TRiO Study Groups

Want to form a study group  
for one of your classes?

Trio can help.

Contact Tony for more  
information @

[antonio.talavera@csn.edu](mailto:antonio.talavera@csn.edu)

### Never Too Late Student Support Group

Move, Mentor, Motivate

Interested??

Contact Stephanie for more  
information @

[stephanie.hill@csn.edu](mailto:stephanie.hill@csn.edu)

## HEY, HEY, HEY ... BEFORE YOU PROCEED ...

### Cultural Diversity

#### Scholarship:

Application deadline

May 1, 2010

<http://www.cdfnv.org>

**APPLY TODAY!!**

### CHECK YOUR EMAIL...

**EVERYDAY**

Thank You Very Much,

TRiO STAFF



### Important Dates/ Deadlines

Nov 19 - Jan 7 - Early Registration

Jan 7 - Spring 2010 Tuition  
payments due

Jan 11 - 18 - Continued Web  
Registration

Dec 10th-16th - Final Exam week

Jan 19 - Spring 2010 semester  
Begins

Mar 8 - Last Day To Apply for  
Spring 2010 Graduation

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# TRiO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

## MISSION

To provide guidance, advocacy, and academic support to low-income, first generation and disabled students seeking to earn an associate's degree and/or transfer to a four year institution.

## METHODOLOGY

Through a highly comprehensive and individualized one-stop educational opportunity program, the project helps participants develop persistence, self-discipline, responsibility and confidence within the context of a learning community. All services are FREE.

## Remain in Good Standing with TRiO

- Complete scheduled check-ins with your TRiO Advisor
- Attend at least 1 workshop per semester
- Attend at least 1 educational and/or cultural program per semester
- Turn in progress reports on time
- Maintain a 2.0 Semester and Cumulative GPA

## DID YOU KNOW...YOU'LL NEVER KNOW... WHEN YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW?

- December is the most popular month for nose jobs.
- Americans eat 10 million turkeys over the Christmas period.
- During the Christmas buying season, Visa cards alone are used an average of 5,340 times every minute in the United States.

- It is estimated that 400,000 people become sick each year from tainted Christmas leftovers.
- If you laid down end to end the number of mince pies

bought per year during the Christmas period, it would be 3 times the size of the great wall of China.

1 in 3 men wait until Christmas eve to finish their shopping.

## UNTIL NEXT TIME...



Jay-Z & Alicia Keys, "Empire State of Mind"  
 Lady Gaga, "Bad Romance"  
 Ocean Eyes, "Fireflies"  
 Britney Spears, "3"  
 Kings of Leon, "Use Somebody"  
 lyaz, "Replay"

### GOT BOOK?

**A New Earth**  
Eckhart Tolle  
**Half the Sky,**  
Nicholas D. Kristof  
**Fancy Nancy,**  
Jane O' Connor  
**Under the Dome,**  
Stephen King  
**Elf on the Shelf,**  
Carol V. Aebersold



**DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME... WHEN IT'S GONE... IT'S GONE**

### A Little Motivation

The Key To Success:



Be prepared to take advantage of **ALL** opportunities

# SEASONS GREETINGS FROM TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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*Wishing you all  
a safe and joyous  
Holiday Season  
and a prosperous New Year .*



*From Your  
TRIO Student Support Services Staff*