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# Thank You!!



TRiO Student Support Services recently submitted the 2007-2008 Annual Performance Report to the United States Department of Education. The U.S. Department of Education uses the information provided to determine if program goals and objectives for persistence, good academic standing, and graduation/transfer rates are being met. We are pleased to announce that due to the concerted efforts of TRiO participants, TRiO staff, and CSN faculty and staff we exceeded our goals and objectives for 2007-2008.

TRiO Goals and Objectives	Proposed Percent of Participants	Goal Attainment
<b>Persistence Rate</b> (students enrolled for following semester)	83%	93%
<b>Good Academic Standing</b> (C or higher)	80%	98%
<b>Graduation and Transfer Rate</b>	5%	28.9%

Also, our participant retention rate, which is an additional measure of success not mandated by the Department of Education, is 74% for fall 2007 and spring 2008 combined.

Thanks for all of your efforts, keep up the hard work!!



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## *the* TRiO EXPERIENCE

Have you heard about *the* TRiO Experience??

*the* TRiO Experience is a new social club on campus that encourages students to interact with each other through community service and fundraising activities, Real Talk, and fun activities. This semester *the* TRiO Experience has been able to put together and participate in many exciting activities including: Fright Night at CSN, a bake sale, a loose change drive, and a holiday stocking stuffer fundraiser.

Club membership is open to all CSN students! Have a friend that would be interested in joining *the* TRiO Experience?? Bring them to a meeting next semester. Don't forget...keep checking your email for the date of our first TRiO Experience meeting of the spring semester. Hope to see you there!!

Want to interact with us now???

Become our MySpace friend at

[www.myspace.com/thetrioexperience](http://www.myspace.com/thetrioexperience) or email us at

[thetrioexperience@yahoo.com](mailto:thetrioexperience@yahoo.com)



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

**\*\*\*PROGRESS REPORTS\*\*\***

**Were Due on October 17th,  
2008**

**To remain in good standing  
with TRiO**

**Please turn in your progress  
report by December 19th, 2008**

**Forms available in the TRiO  
Office**

**\*\*\*PROGRESS REPORTS\*\*\***

**CHECK YOUR  
EMAIL...**

**EVERYDAY**

**Thank You Very Much,**

**TRiO STAFF**



### Important Dates/ Deadlines

**December 7th-13th -**

Final Exam week

**December 13th -**

Fall Semester Ends

**November 19th - January 6th -**

Early Registration

**January 6th -**

Payment Due For Early Registration

**January 20th -**

Spring Semester Begins

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## ITS ALL IN THE FAMILY

By TRiO Participant  
Jenny Martin

In December of 2007 I sat at the UNLV graduation ceremony with my youngest daughter, Amber. We were watching my son in law get his Bachelor of Science Business Administration with a minor in Sociology. As a family we had watched him work a very demanding and stressful job, while attending college full time, maintaining a 3.75 GPA. It was hard to understand how one man could devote that many hours to his work and education and still have time left to be a wonderful father and husband. But he did it, with style. I was proud of him, but at the same time I envied his strength and dedication. I didn't ever believe I was strong enough, smart enough or dedicated enough to attend college. But on that memorable afternoon one of the graduates was an 82 year old woman. So....

In January 2008 I started attending classes here at CSN which was so exciting. I took two classes and just loved all aspects of being at the school. I would even come to the college early to sit and watch the young people. It started one of the most exciting times in my life. I was actually able to learn. I wasn't the dummy I thought I was all those years.

The true excitement came when three of my family members also enrolled at CSN. We have a three generation college experience happening here at CSN. My daughter Amber, who is 30, will be entering the nursing program soon and two of my grandsons, Brandon 19 and Joshua 17, are going for their AA with plans to move on to a four year college in 2010. We have become a family driven to be educated. The guys were both home schooled for high school which developed their self starter and self determination for an educational life style. Both guys maintain a 3.5 gpa and my daughter maintains a 4.0. I am somewhere in the middle.

My parents didn't graduate from college, in fact my father left school after the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He and my mother provided for us well, but didn't ever push me towards attending college. I became a parent at 17 and dropped out of high school. College seemed to be out of my reach; after all I had children to raise.

I will be the first in my family to get a degree, unless of course one of my grandsons beats me to it. However, the future plays out; the one thing I know is that I am proud of my boys and my daughter, but most of all I am proud of myself. That day in the future when I walk across the stage to accept my diploma, I hope to be accompanied by my grandsons and my daughter. We will finally reach a milestone that none of our ancestors have reached before us.

## 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)

### Never Too Late TRiO Student Support Group

Motivate, Move, Mentor

For details please contact  
Stephanie Hill @  
[stephanie.hill@csn.edu](mailto:stephanie.hill@csn.edu)

### TRiO Peer Mentoring

Share your knowledge with  
others!

Be a Peer Mentor!

Interested??  
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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.

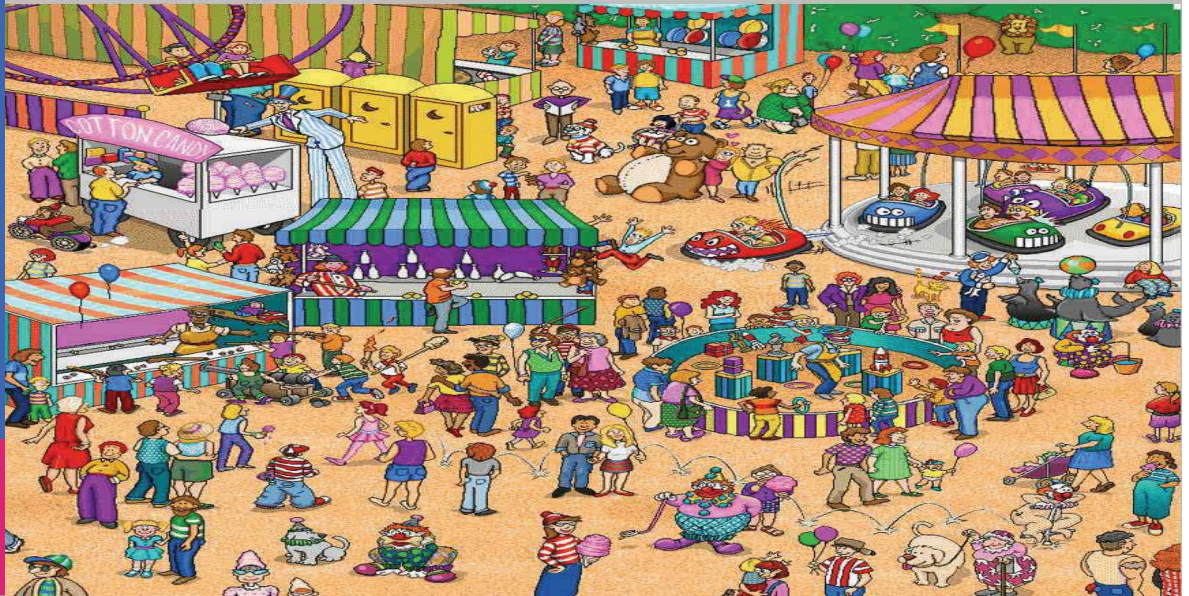
## Remain in Good Standing with TRiO

- Check in with your advisor monthly
- 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 Cumulative and Semester GPA

## WHERE'S WALDO?



Can You Find Me?



## UNTIL NEXT TIME...



T.I., "Whatever You Like"  
Beyonce, "Single Ladies"  
Katy Perry, "Hot N Cold"  
Kanye West, "Love Lockdown"  
Lady Ga Ga, "Just Dance"  
Jennifer Hudson, "Spotlight"

### GOT BOOK?

**Twilight**  
Stephanie Meyer  
**The Tales of Beedle the Bard**  
J.K. Rowling  
**The Last Lecture**  
Randy Pausch  
**Team of Rivals**  
Doris K. Goodwin



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

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From

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