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CSN Celebrates Its 39th Commencement Ceremony

The CSN TRiO SSS is **truly proud to congratulate its 41 graduates this academic year**. These students have tremendously and diligently worked very hard to ensure they achieve their dreams by consistently meeting with their TRiO advisors to receive the necessary guidance and by following their prescribed academic plans.

Commencement will be held on Monday, May 23, 6PM, at the Thomas & Mack Center on the UNLV Campus. Tickets are NOT necessary for family and friends to attend the graduation ceremony.

Graduates must follow the following guidelines as instructed by the Registrar Office:

- Graduates must be at the line up area in the Cox Pavilion of the Thomas & Mack Center **no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 23rd**.
- Purchase a cap and gown through **Friday, May 20th** at any of these CSN Campus Bookstores:
Charleston bookstore: 651-5606
Cheyenne bookstore: 651-4645
Henderson bookstore: 651-3055
- Graduation announcements and class rings are also available for purchase at the bookstore.
- Attire: cap and gown must be worn, tassel to the right. All participants are expected to dress appropriately, in honor of the occasion, and to exhibit mature behavior during the ceremony.
- The ceremony will last approximately 1 ½ hours.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Seating: family and friends should arrive early to be assured a good seat.
- Ample parking is available. Signs will be placed to guide you and your guests.
- Professional photographers from GradTrak will take a color photograph of each graduate as you leave the stage. A proof will be mailed to you with purchase information. [Click here for more information on Graduation Images.](#)
- If you need special accommodations, contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 651-4045. Deaf and hard of hearing students please call 651-4448.
- Graduates do not need to notify the office if you are not walking in the ceremony.
- Spring 2011 Graduates, your Diploma or Certificate of Achievement will be mailed to you during **the week of June 27th**. You can check the diploma mailing status by going to: <http://www.michaelsutter.com/csn>

If you have additional questions, please call the Office of the Registrar at 651-5610 or 651-5620.

Congratulations!

Reception immediately following the graduation ceremony in the Thomas & Mack Concourse graciously hosted by the 2010-2011 ASCSN Student Government.

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From the desk of the TRiO SSS Interim Director

Dear TRiO Participants,

Do you remember how excited you were walking up the stage to get your pretend diploma on your graduation day in high school? Could it be because of the new outfit underneath your gown that your so-proud parents or guardians bought for you? Could it be that you felt the pseudo-freedom stepping into adulthood (I'm sure you now realize that adulthood is not that easy with more responsibilities)? Or, could it be a sign that you survived the school lunch cafeteria, 5 days a week for 12 years! Whatever it was that got you excited about graduation, I hope you have not lost that feeling to participate in your college commencement ceremony. Graduating in college means so much more! It is a day to commemorate all the hard-work, tears, and sleepless nights that you have invested while you were working on your Associate degree. It is a time of celebration with your family and friends and to remember that it is a remarkable achievement that you are honored at the commencement ceremony.

This academic year, we have 41 students who poured their heart, mind, and soul in earning their well-deserved degrees. To recognize the success of our graduates, and also transferring students, the TRiO SSS will be hosting a TRiO Graduate/Transfer Banquet exclusively with their families this month.

Bailey, Starr	Garner, Ronald	Marx, Chelsea
Berroyer, Sharmaine	Griffin, Qiana	Miller, Dafina
Bishop, Amanda	Guillen, Jorge	Ogden, Tiffany
Buffone, Brent	Holmes-Robinson, Shaina	Perez-Cruz, Jamie
Cane, Melanie	Jimenez, Cynthia	Rayford, Johnetta
Canseco, Nur	Jimenez, Rosalyn	Regalado, Vanessa
Castillo, Steve	Johnson-Wiggins, Valerie	Rodriguez, Andy
Collins, Lillie	Jones, Rosary	Sanchez, Jesus
Crawford, Quinetta	Key, Alexis	Sanchez, Sarai
Crosby, Suddenly	Lerman, Sarah	Smith, Joie
Cross, Elizabeth	Lewis, Ebony	Thurman, Holly
Davis, Laila	Lule-Laguna, Adriana	Tyler, Alexia
Davis, Michael	Marshall, Patricia	Villalobos, Maritza
Escamilla, Magda	Merkx, Donald	

To our graduates, I would like to share a quote from Michael Dell, owner of Dell Computers and one of the richest people in the world.

"[Now] it's time for you to move on to what's next. But you must not let anything deter you from taking those first steps. [D]on't spend so much time trying to choose the perfect opportunity, that you miss the right opportunity. Recognize that there will be failures, and acknowledge that there will be obstacles. But you will learn from your mistakes and the mistakes of others, for there is very little learning in success."

Congratulations and well-deserved!!!

Emily

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TUTORING (Fall 2011)

- **TRiO tutorial request forms** will be accepted starting the week before the semester starts.
- As a TRiO Participant you may receive up to 1 hour per week of **FREE** one-on-one **tutoring** from TRiO tutors in **Biology and Math**. Contact TRiO for a referral.
- **Inside the TRiO Lounge** you can receive up to 4 hours per week of drop in Math tutoring
Math Lab every Tuesday 2PM - 4PM with Sina (No appointment needed)
Math Lab every Friday 1PM - 3PM with Sina (No appointment needed)
- **SMARThinking** 24/7 FREE online tutoring, writing services, and homework help services for student success. 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

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

Do you wish to contribute to our monthly newsletter?

Please
Contact Emily @ emily.rafael@csn.edu

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

CONGRATULATIONS to **TRiO Alumni Marvina Truss-Barber and Monique Sulls!!!**
Both have been accepted to UNLV Graduate College
We are **PROUD** of you!!!!

CHECK YOUR EMAIL...

EVERYDAY

Make it to your **CHECK-IN** appointment or call 651-4441 if you need to re-schedule

Thank You Very Much,

TRiO STAFF

Important 2011 Dates/Deadlines

May 16-22: **FINALs**

May 22: **Spring Semester Ends**

May 23: **Commencement**

June 6: **Summer Semester Begins**

Spring 2011 Workshops

Join us for fun, innovative, and informative workshops to help you have a great semester!!!

Please RSVP to workshops at trio@csn.edu

Refreshments will be provided

Spring 2011 Workshops			
Date	Day	Time	Workshop
February 2011	Wednesday, Feb. 9 th	2:00pm	Math & Science Success Strategies Math & Science – you either love it or hate it! If you want to improve your score on your math exams and remove obstacles that may be getting in the way of your progress, come join us to learn how to manage math anxiety and explore effective math study skills.
	Thursday, Feb. 24 th	1:00pm	“I’ll Do It Tomorrow” Is time slipping away from you?? There is no one size fits all, so it is important for you to understand yourself and how to optimize your schedule. Learn how to make the most of the 168 hours you have each week to accomplish what you have and want to do.
March 2011	Thursday, Mar. 10 th	2:00pm	Speed Reading 101: Mastering the College Textbook Felling a bit overwhelmed with the reading in your classes?? Wondering how you’ll manage to read it all?? Want to learn a few techniques to improving your reading speed and comprehension?? This is the workshop for you!!!
	Thursday, March 17 th	1:30PM	Special CAPS Presentation: “Say What?” - Mastering the Art of Interpersonal Communication Skills Need to freshen up your communications skills??? This is the workshop for you!! Communication is the basis for all relationships and is the key to success in our personal, social, and professional lives.
April 2011	Wednesday, Apr. 13 th	1:00pm	Eats, Shoots, and Leaves: The No Nonsense Approach to Punctuation Need to review the most common punctuation errors?? This is the workshop for you! Learn the common misuses of punctuation & how to avoid them!
	Thursday, Apr. 28 th	1:00pm	Overcoming Test Anxiety & Procrastination Does the idea of taking a test send you into a panic? Learn strategies on test preparation and overcoming test anxiety. Taking a test no longer needs to be overwhelming when you practice these successful techniques.
May 2011	May 9 th – May 20 th	During office hours	Final Stretch Event It’s almost finals time!! Stop by the TRiO Lounge for some refreshments to get energized!!

Your academic experience at CSN is what being successful is all about. Be sure to stop by and see what’s new at TRiO’s Student Support Services Office!!

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Room 1120, Tel. 651-4441

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Unable to join us?? You can now complete your workshop online!!!
Just ask how!!!



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