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TRiO Experiences THE LION KING



Over 50 million people have come worldwide to discover the wonder, majesty, and truly one-of-a-kind experience of THE LION KING, claims the Disney's production.

On November 2nd, 30 diligently hard-working in "good standing" TRiO students became part of the over 50 million viewers who experienced the powerful musical score, extraordinary costumes, and heartfelt story.

The LION KING has astounding visuals and breathtaking spectacle of animals brought to life by

marvelous performers around the globe. The detailed costumes and painstaking make-up amazingly transports each viewers to the stunning



The TRiO group all smiled after an educational and cultural exploration. The trip was sponsored by the Wells Fargo Foundation.

vistas of the African savanna. Indeed! THE LION KING captivated the TRiO students from start to finish!

To share the experience, Laila Davis, a TRiO student shares her educational and cultural exploration. *Two words. Fun and moving! I highly recommend The Lion King for the family, friends, couples—everyone! It is truly excellent. The Lion King made me laugh and made me cry. The use of the African language(s), music, singing, and dancing was all so authentic and captivating! I felt as if I was actually in Africa.* Continue on page 3

Spring 2011 Priority Registration Starts November 12th!

Returning students (students currently attending classes) have Priority Registration from Friday, November 12 through Thursday, November 18. You may register ONLINE only on the day and time according to

your last name.

Continuing registration for all students begins Friday, November 19th—January 13th.

You must pay for all your classes no later than the closing time on January

13, 2011 or your registration will be cancelled. Payments by mail must be postmarked by January 6, 2011. Beginning January 18, you must pay for your classes on the same day that you register.

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TRiO Welcomes a New Interim Director



*Emily Rafael
Interim Director,
TRiO SSS*

Emily Rafael has assumed the position as the new Interim Director for TRiO late October.

Emily has served the College of Southern Nevada as the Coordinator of the Learning and Earning Program since 2005. CSN's Learning and Earning Program is a direct intervention, dropout prevention grant program targeted to assist at-risk high school juniors and seniors.

Prior to her employment with CSN, Emily served in the US Air Force as a Cryptologic Spanish Linguist, and worked at UNLV admission's office. She also currently serves as a Unit Training Manager for US Air Force Reserves.

Emily received her Master of Science in School Guidance and Counseling from Nova Southeastern University;

Bachelor of Science in Social Psychology from Park University; and three associate's degrees, including two from the Community.

Emily is very eager and grateful to be a part of the TRiO team who are truly dedicated and very passionate in assisting students achieve their educational goals.

Welcome aboard, Emily!

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TRiO Spotlight: This is How I Frame My Future

By Alexia Tyler

Currently, I am a student at College of Southern Nevada and a participant of a wonderful program called TRiO, which assists students who are first generation, low-income, and/or has documented disability to be academically, personally, and professionally successful.

TRiO has provided me with help and guidance in college. TRiO has pushed me in the right direction and let me know that there are other possibilities out there and so much more you can do. You are not

limited to just one place. You can be successful!!! TRiO is always there to help, with all the information and knowledge that they have given me, I have taken it and ran with it.

TRiO is not only just a program, it's a family. Over the summer in June 2010 we took a trip to San Francisco, California. We visited so many places : University of California, Berkley, North Beach, Golden Gate Park, and Chinatown. We took a cable car ride, saw America's Most "Crookedest" Street, Alcatraz Island, De Young Museum, and went to

University of Reno. That's just to name a few!

The TRiO trip to San Francisco was a great opportunity. I was so excited to take the trip. The Trip was so interesting and filled with so much information. This trip gave me the opportunity to travel and experience new things. The trip meant a lot to me because it let me see myself outside of Las Vegas, and opened my eyes to new places, experiences, and opportunities. ***This is How I Frame My Future*** being free and open to new places, experiences, ideas and opportunities! *"The Sky is the limit"*.



*Alexia in
San
Francisco*

Priority Registration Starts November 12!

November 12 th , Friday	
8:00AM - 12:00PM	A-B
12:00PM - 4:00PM	C-F
4:00PM - 7:00PM	A-F

November 16 th , Tuesday	
8:00AM - 12:00PM	M
12:00PM - 4:00PM	N-O
4:00PM - 7:00PM	M-O

November 18 th , Thursday	
8:00AM - 12:00PM	S-V
12:00PM - 4:00PM	W-Z
4:00PM - 7:00PM	S-Z

November 15 th , Monday	
8:00AM - 12:00PM	G-H
12:00PM - 4:00PM	I-L
4:00PM - 7:00PM	G-L

November 17 th , Wednesday	
8:00AM - 12:00PM	P-Q
12:00PM - 4:00PM	R
4:00PM - 7:00PM	P-R

Priority registration continues through **Online Registration** for **Returning Students** only

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This show "takes you there"! I felt as a part of the family.

Although I've seen the movie, the show reminded me that when we think we have lost, we actually gain, and in the end we discover that we never lost at all. Ha-kuna Matata! Don't worry

about what you didn't do right in the past. Let it make you, but never forget who you are in the process. Your past doesn't define you. Much like Simba, I too needed to step into position and claim what was mine in many areas in my own life!

The educational and cultural experience that the TRiO students gained from THE LION KING show was one-of-a-kind. The show not only has a social-emotional learning of a redemption, but also a moral-ethical emphasis of trustworthiness and responsibility.

Welcome Back Sharnee!



Please join us in welcoming our new staff member Sharnee Walker our new Learning Specialist. Sharnee graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno in 2005 with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Human Development and Family Services. She has

completed her Masters in Education Specialist (Ed.S) in School Psychology at UNLV. Prior to joining the TRiO family, Sharnee worked in the Medical field as a Chiropractor's Assistant (CA). As an undergraduate student Sharnee was a part of the

TRiO program, and truly treasures the experiences that she had, and looks forward to giving back to the students what TRiO gave to her. Sharnee enjoys helping others, spending time with family and friends, and having fun! Please drop by the office and say hello!

FREE TUTORING

- 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 11am - 1pm 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

Never Too Late Student Support Group
Move, Mentor, Motivate

Interested??
Contact Emily for more information @ emily.rafael@csn.edu

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

2011-2012 Financial Aid
Priority Filing Deadline:

May1, 2010

FAFSA and General CSN
Scholarships

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

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 2010 Dates/Deadlines

Oct 11 - Last day to apply for fall 2010 graduation

Oct 22—TRIO Progress reports due by 5pm

Nov 5 - Last day to change from credit to audit

Nov 7 - Last day to withdraw with a grade of "W"

Nov 12—PRIORITY Registration starts!!!!

Dec 12 -19 - Final Exams

Dec 19 - Semester ends

Financial and Economic Literacy

Segments of this article is adapted from Amy Fontinelle's *Eight Financial Tips For Young Adults*

Unfortunately, personal finance has not yet become a required subject in high school or college, so you might be fairly clueless about how to manage your money when you're out in the real world for the first time. If you think that understanding personal finance is way above your head, though, you're wrong. All it takes to get started on the right path is the willingness to do a little reading - you don't even need to be particularly good at math.

To help you get started, we'll take a look at eight of the most important things to understand about money if you want to live a comfortable and prosperous life.

This is part 1 of 8 series of Financial Literacy.

Learn Self Control

If you're lucky, your parents taught you this skill when you were a kid. If not, keep in mind that the sooner you learn the fine art of delaying gratification, the sooner you'll find it easy to keep your finances in order. Although you can effortlessly purchase an item on credit the minute you want it, it's better to wait until you've actually saved up the money. Do you really want to pay interest on a pair of jeans or a box of cereal?

What Is Interest?

Interest, typically expressed as an annual percentage rate, is the fee paid for the

privilege of borrowing money. This fee is the price a person pays for the ability to spend money today that would otherwise take time to accumulate. Conversely, if you were lending the money, that fee/interest compensates you for giving up the ability to spend that money today.

If you make a habit of putting all your purchases on credit cards, regardless of whether you can pay your bill in full at the end of the month, you might still be paying for those items in 10 years. If you want to keep your credit cards for the convenience factor or the rewards they offer, make sure to always pay your balance in full when the bill arrives, and don't carry more cards than you can keep track of.

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Do you like classes with a lot of group discussion?
Do you hear blah, blah, blah when sitting in lecture?
Do you like classes with labs?

Figuring out what is important and what to study is hard! Listening to your professors and reading the textbook is a big challenge that many college students face. But there is a solution... learn how you learn! Students learn in a variety of ways and one learning method cannot be applied to all students. Your academic success is completely up to you!

TRiO is now offering learning style assessments so stop by the TRiO office today and see Tony or Sharnee and start figuring out how you learn!

Featured University: Boise State University

****Disclaimer: TRiO does not favor or endorse any college or university. The featured university is for students to learn more about other colleges. ****

You can feel it in the air. It's unmistakable. All across campus, from the south banks of the Boise River to the farthest deep blue reaches of Bronco Stadium, something truly remarkable is happening here. At Boise State, you get the sense that anything is possible. That you can go far. That everything you need to succeed is right before your eyes.

Maybe it's our unbeatable location in the heart of the capital- the hub of government, business, the arts, health care, industry and technology- and our strong connections to hundreds of companies and organizations in the region. Maybe it's because we're Idaho's metropolitan research university, or that our campus glows with spirit and excitement. Maybe it's our breathtaking surroundings, mountain biking, camping and hiking. For all these reasons and more, you just can't help feeling that Boise State is the university of opportunity.

As a student, you'll quickly discover that creating opportunities for you is our top priority. The more the better, we think. Why? Opportunity guarantees your success. Opportunity-whether it's in the classroom, in the lab, or on the playing field-prepares you with all the knowledge, skills and confidence you need to excel in the world of tomorrow. Opportunity provides you with a university experience like no other.

Opportunity in all directions. Opportunity in all the right places. That's Boise State.

Fall 2010 Workshop Schedule

Join us for fun, innovative, and informative workshops to help you have a great semester!!! Unable to join us?? You can now complete your workshop online!!!

Just ask how!!!

Please RSVP for workshops at trio@csn.edu

Refreshments will be provided

Fall 2010 Workshops

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Workshop</u>
September 2010	Wednesday, September 15 th	11:00am	<p>Getting Healthy – Come Learn How!!!</p> <p>Come learn 5 simple and important things you can do immediately to improve your health. We'll also discuss how putting these things into practice can directly impact your student success!!</p>
	Thursday, September 30 th	2:00pm	<p>Demystifying Math</p> <p>MATH – you either love it or hate it! If you want to improve your score on your next math exam by one entire letter grade, bring a copy of your last math test (for your eyes only) so that you can analyze new math test-taking strategies.</p>
October 2010	Wednesday, October 6 th	1:00pm	<p>Overcoming Test Anxiety</p> <p>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.</p>
	Thursday, October 21 st	10:00am	<p>Career Boot Camp</p> <p>Are you at a crossroads? Still hoping to discover what you want to be when you “grow up?” Want to do more intentional career planning? If you answered yes to any of these then this workshop is for you!</p>
November 2010	Wednesday, November 3 rd	12:00pm	<p>Stop wasting \$\$! Utilize Your Resources</p> <p>Are you using your resources?? Do you want to stop throwing money away every semester?? CSN has so many great resources available to students! Learn what they are and how they can benefit you!</p>
	Thursday, November 18 th	3:00pm	<p>Getting Healthy – Come Learn How!!!</p> <p>Come learn 5 simple and important things you can do immediately to improve your health. We'll also discuss how putting these things into practice can directly impact your student success!!</p>
December 2010	Wednesday, December 1 st	11:30am	<p>Need \$\$ For College??</p> <p>There is so much free money out there!! Find out how to fill out your FAFSA and look for scholarships online.</p>



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