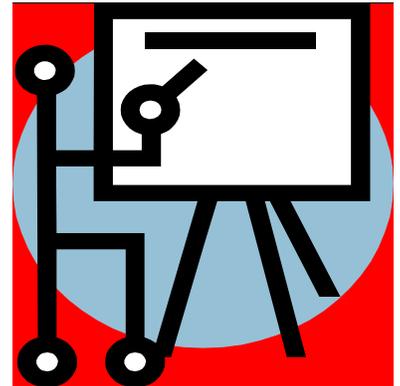


July 2014

Special Points of Interest:

- Fall Move-In Information
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"Everyone teaches, everyone learns" - unknown

**FALL MOVE-IN
INFORMATION**

MOVE-IN DATE: Monday, August 25

MOVE-IN TIME: Determined by the first letter of your last name

Students with last names starting with letters A-K: 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

Students with last names starting with letters L-Z: 1 p.m.—4 p.m.

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coehd-fesp@wmich.edu
<http://www.wmich.edu/trio-future-educators/about>

MTTC Professional Readiness Exam Updates Test #96

The Michigan Department of Education has recently determined that ACT and MME scores can be accepted in lieu of passing the MTTC Professional Readiness Exam (PRE), test #96. We have reviewed our student's scores and have prepared individual reports for TRiO FESP Students. Students impacted by this change have received emails with their reports attached and notes added to Degree Works. We will also review reports during Fall advising appointments. If you have any questions prior to your appointment, please contact M'Myia or Marcy and we will be happy to assist you.

Passing Score Options for the MTTC PRE

ACT Minimum Score Equivalencies

Reading 22 or higher

Mathematics 22 or higher

English + Writing 24 or higher

MME Minimum Score Equivalencies

Reading 1108 or higher

Mathematics 1116 or higher

Writing 1129 or higher

Be Prepared, Not Scared...
For the MTTC Professional Readiness Exam and Subject Area Exams

The MTTC Exams are intense and rigorous, but like anything new and unfamiliar, preparation and practice will likely increase favorable results and outcomes. There are several opportunities for assistance and support so please take advantage early, consistently and frequently to increase readiness!

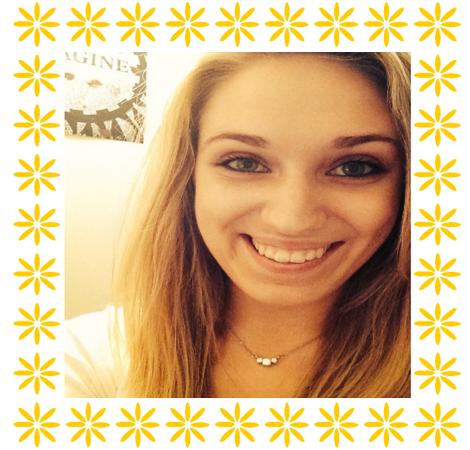
First Year Student Orientation



TRiO FESP rolled out the red carpet to welcome incoming first year students during June orientation. TRiO FESP Students, Joe and Kellie, and TRiO FESP Graduate Assistant, Audreanna, welcome students.



**Kellie K. is a TRiO FESP
Student Office Employee
and a TRiO FESP FYE
Mentor**



Please tell us why you decided to become a teacher: I decided to pursue a career in teaching because I have always wanted to help people. I want to help students recognize their true potential, and I will do everything I can to help them towards success. I am passionate about education and I am hoping to make my students feel the same. If the passion is there, always go after it.

What is your major and when/how did you declare this major?: My major is Social Studies and Secondary Education with a minor in History. Originally I was a pre-nursing student, but I quickly realized that my passion for history and education demanded me to switch majors. I am a huge history nerd, and because of that, I want nothing more than to share this passion with my students. Most people consider history boring and I will make it my life long responsibility to change people's minds about history.

Please share how you became involved in TRiO FESP: I became involved in TRiO FESP four years ago during my freshman year at WMU when a friend recommended it to me. Being a first generation college student, I did not know what to expect from WMU and I quickly lost my way. However, TRiO FESP came along and pulled me out of the dark, and I am so grateful for that. For four years now, I have loved everything this program does to ensure success for all of it's students.

What have been some of your experiences with TRiO FESP?: Being involved in TRiO has presented me with many opportunities. First of all, TRiO FESP put me back on the right track during my first year, and it is safe to say they saved my college experience. Second of all, I was given the opportunity to become an FYE mentor for freshman. It was great working with new freshman and to help them adjust to college easier than I did. I was also offered a job to work in the TRiO FESP Office and it is truly the best experience I have had while at WMU. I am able to become even closer to the awesome TRiO FESP advisors and staff and am able to be more involved with everything this program has to offer. The third and most memorable experience I have had with TRiO FESP was the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. and speak with Senator Debbie Stabenow and other members of Congress about our program and it's benefits. Being in the nation's capital with an excellent group of people made me realize how lucky I am to be a part of something so amazing. With that, being a history nerd and in D.C., I was in heaven! We even went inside the White House, and that is an experience I will never forget and I will share with my students until the day I retire.

What advice do you have for fellow TRiO FESP participants?: My advice is to GET INVOLVED. This program offers students so many wonderful opportunities and it would be silly to pass them up. Also, do not be afraid to make an appointment with advisors here, they are the best people on this campus and they are willing to go to the world's end to help you!

Please share a quote you live by: "There are two basic motivating forces: fear and love. When we are afraid, we pull back from life. When we are in love, we open to all life has to offer with passion, excitement, and acceptance. We need to learn to love ourselves first, in all our glory and our imperfections. If we cannot love ourselves, we cannot fully open to our ability to love others or our potential to create. Evolution and all hopes for a better world rest in the fearlessness and open-hearted vision of people who embrace life." - John Lennon



Important Dates

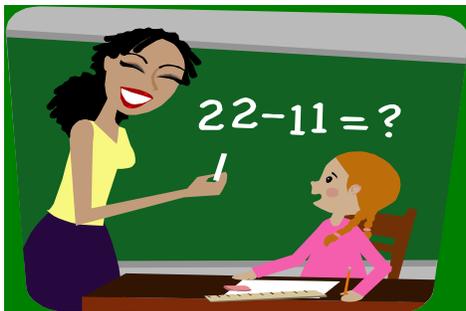


Wednesday, July 2—Summer II drop/add ends
Friday, July 4—Independence Day Recess—WMU Closed
Tuesday, July 8— Last day to receive a 50% refund for complete withdrawal
Monday, July 21— Last day to receive a 25% refund for complete withdrawal
Monday, July 21— LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW
Friday, August 15—Summer II session ends

Volunteering is an excellent way to build references, build skills and explore career opportunities. TRiO FESP is frequently approached by local non-profit agencies and schools to provide tutoring and mentoring assistance to pre-K-12 learners. Please let Marcy or M'Myia know if you are interested.

Campus and Community Volunteers Sought!

WMU's Disability Services for Students seeks volunteers for the 2014-2015 academic year to drive a utility vehicle that transports students with mobility needs to and from their classes. Rides will be scheduled in advance by a DSS staff member, and training will be provided. For more info., contact Disability Services for Students at (269) 387-2116 or at dss-transportation@wmich.edu



The Eagle's Nest, a non-profit located in Schoolcraft, Michigan is seeking volunteers to provide after-school tutoring to K-12 learners. This service is one of many that Eagle's Nest provides to meet the needs of young learners. Volunteer tutors are needed beginning Fall 2014. If you are interested, please email Marcy: marcy.peake@wmich.edu

FUN FYI FACT: The TRiO FESP Office is open normal business hours, M-F from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the summer unless WMU is closed.

Please call ahead to make sure that M'Myia or Marcy will be available to meet with you so we can honor your time and best meet your requests. Our telephone number is: (269) 387-3500