November 2012

Special Points of Interest:

- Campus Job Opportunity
- Important Dates
- Flip Your Script
- Local Address and Phone Number—please update


THANK YOU TO OUR SPECIAL GUESTS AND GENEROUS DONORS FOR HELPING TO MAKE OUR FALL TRiO FESP PICNIC A SUCCESS (INSPITE OF THE WEATHER)!

Special Guests

Senator Tonya Schuitmaker
Representative Sean McCann
Kalamazoo Public Schools Superintendent Michael Rice
TRiO SSP Director Charlotte Giscombe

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***Please Note the TRiO FESP Staff will be out of the office for training from November 12-15. The office and lab will be open normal hours, M-F 8a.m.-5p.m. So please plan accordingly if you need to meet with a FESP Staff member.

To meet with an advisor, please call ahead for an appointment to save yourself wait time.

"Everyone teaches, everyone learns" - unknown
Campus Job Opportunity

Steps Toward Exhibiting Mastery (STEM) Program

The Steps Toward Exhibiting Mastery (STEM) Program is hiring mentors for the following subject areas: mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, accounting, economics, sociology, statistics, and various engineering courses. Please visit the following page for a detailed job description and application instructions: http://www.wmich.edu/multicultural/stem/

ATTENTION ACTIVE TRiO FESP STUDENTS

All active TRiO FESP students need to complete the following assessment. This assessment takes about 15 minutes and the results are automatically sent to us. This assessment provides useful information and strategies to increase student college success. It will also be one of the requirements to earn Priority Registration for Summer I and II and Fall 2013. **If you earned priority registration for Spring 2013, you already completed this assessment and you do NOT have to do this again. :).**

College Student Inventory (CSI):
http://studentsurvey.noellevitz.com/WesternMichiganUniversityTRIO/2012-2013

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday, November 5** - LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM CLASSES
- **Monday, November 12** - Thursday, November 15 - TRiO Staff out of office
- **Friday, November 16** - Fall 2013 Internship Applications due to the Field Placement Office
- **Wednesday, November 21** - Thanksgiving recess begins at noon
- **Monday, November 26** - Classes resume

***Correction: Chris Cowles’ name was inadvertently left off the Spring 2012 Dean’s List in our October Newsletter - we regret the error!***
FLIP YOUR SCRIPT:

A Therapeutic Writing Exercise with Great Promise

The exercise is particularly appropriate and useful for students who come to college shouldering particularly high levels of stress and anxiety, and often, economic challenges.

Difficult personal and family relationships frequently hold students back emotionally and cause immense distress and sometimes, serious depression.

This exercise offers students the chance to examine family conflicts in a constructive and relatively safe and non-threatening manner.

Tuesday, November 13  3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Room 4035 in the College of Health and Human Services Building

Dr. Claudia Ricci, Professor of English, is an instructor for the Educational Opportunity Program at the University at Albany-SUNY.

She teaches courses in the Reading, English, and Journalism departments.

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A Hands-On Workshop on FLIP YOUR SCRIPT: A Therapeutic Writing Exercise

In the workshop, participants will be led through a series of exercises to help spark their own writing.

These exercises will include drawing, a “T shirt” communiqué, a twitter exercise, an email exchange, and if time, the beginning of a Flip narrative.

It is important with a therapeutic writing exercise to give participants plenty of space in which to reflect on what they’re thinking, and how they are framing the relationship they want to write about.

Wednesday, November 14  9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Room 3008 of the College of Health and Human Services Building

To reserve a spot for the workshop, please e-mail: jeanine.bartholomew@wmich.edu
TRiO FESP had 80 students take advantage of earning Priority Registration for Spring 2013 - this in an all time high! We will send additional information about the requirements for Priority Registration for Summer I and II and Fall 2013 soon. Requirements will include:

- All assessments will need to be completed (something you can start now if you have not already completed all of them)
- A Spring 2013 appointment with a FESP Advisor to complete your Spring ISDP
- Attend a workshop - we will have the options, dates, times available soon!

TRiO would like to Congratulate M’Myia Hughes who just celebrated her one year anniversary as the TRiO FESP Program Services Coordinator. Thank you for all the wonderful things you bring to the TRiO Office!