April 2013

Special Points of Interest:
- FREE—Camp Eberhart Leadership Day
- Important Dates
- TRiO FESP Services and Accomplishments
- MI-CAPP Scholarship Awards Banquet 2013
- TRiO FESP in Washington D.C.
- 25th Annual Teacher Education Career Fair

"Everyone teaches, everyone learns" - unknown

FREE Leadership and Teambuilding Day with TRiO FESP Students & Staff. Spaces are limited so sign up TODAY in the TRiO FESP Office or call us at (269) 387-3500.

WHEN: Friday, April 12, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
WHERE: YMCA Camp Eberhart
WHAT: horseback riding, canoeing, rock wall climbing, food and more!

IMPORTANT DATES

April 16—WMU Teacher Education Career Fair
April 22-26—Final Exam Week
April 24—TRiO Final Exam Week Open House
April 27—WMU Commencement
May 6—Summer I Begins
Do you ever wonder, “What does TRiO FESP have to offer to me?”
If so, here are just a few things we have to offer:

- Prompt and thorough academic advising
- Priority registration
- Leadership, networking & teambuilding opportunities
- Community and educational exposure and opportunities
- Mentoring and tutoring
- Scholarship search and application assistance
- Employment assistance
- Leadership and hands-on learning field experiences
- Fun, support, friendship and more!

TRiO FESP Students and Staff should be commended for a great 2011-2012 Academic Year!
Each year, we are required to complete and submit an annual report to the Federal Department of Education. This report is known as the APR and it measures our numbers from the previous academic year. We recently submitted our information for 2011-2012 and are excited to inform you that we EXCEEDED our goals in these areas of measurement: Persistence, Students in Good Academic Standing and Number of Students Served. These numbers increase our chances of receiving continued funding in future grant competitions. This is an accomplishment that is made possible by every FESP Student and Staff, our partners in the College of Education and Human Development, our partners across the WMU Campus and our partners in neighboring communities - THANK YOU!

TRiO FESP anticipates the graduation of 27 TRiO FESP Students in April 2013. Great job and great modeling for others, thank you soon-to-be graduates! So far, one of our April 2013 graduates has been accepted into graduate school at WMU—Way to go!
Every year, the MI-CAPP Education Foundation Committee awards $500.00—1000.00 scholarships to eligible TRiO high school and college students. This year, TRiO FESP had 8 students apply and 1 of our students, Jennifer Nummerdor, won an Academic Achievement Scholarship. She was joined by another WMU winner from the TRiO Student Success Program (SSP), Jerry Warburton. There were 6 college student scholarships and 6 high school student scholarships awarded and over 65 applications were received.

We encourage all of our eligible students to consider applying for this scholarship next year! Thank you to Andre Carr of TRiO FESP for participating in the scholarship readings and to all FESP Staff for working with student nominees on essays and application packets.
Every year, the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) hosts an annual Seminar on Relations with the U.S. Department of Education and this year, over 400 College Access Professionals met in Washington D.C. to discuss the educational, economic and social value of advocating for TRiO funding. These professionals met with members of Congress, the Senate and the U.S. Department of Education. TRiO FESP also sent student representatives.

TRiO FESP Alumnae, Katie Tocco, TRiO FESP August 2013 Graduate, Dannielle Curtis and TRiO FESP Junior, Michelle Gerrick, met and spoke with Michigan Senator Debbie Stabenow and Congressman Fred Upton’s Educational Aide, Nick Culp. These students were able to share the impact TRiO FESP has had on their educational journeys as well as learn and enhance leadership skills, communication skills and receive mentoring from College Access Professionals.

TRiO FESP Staff were able to meet with our U.S. Department of Education Program Officer, Harold Wells, to discuss our current programming, the state of educational funding, the Sequester and other upcoming issues relevant to TRiO and other educational programs.

This is just one example of experiential learning that is made available to TRiO FESP Students. These students were able to utilize skills learned in WMU courses, synthesize current events and share their messages about the impact of TRiO FESP educational services and supports.
25th Annual WMU Teacher Education Career Fair

WHAT: Numerous school districts from across the United States seeking to fill teaching jobs

WHEN: Tuesday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Bernhard Center, East Ballroom

Who should attend? Anyone who has graduated or will soon be graduating in April 2013, anyone interested in talking with representatives from school districts about hiring projections and trends and anyone who may just want to observe others having conversations with educational professionals. Some districts may also have non-certified positions to fill.

Attendees are encouraged to dress professionally and bring copies of their resumes

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