December 2012

Special Points of Interest:

- Final Exam Mid-Week Break—free food, door prizes!
- TRiO FESP Student Feature
- TRiO FESP Cumulative G.P.A.'s
- TRiO FESP Computer Lab Extended Hours
- Free On and Off Campus Transportation
- Priority Registration Requirements for Summer I & II, Fall 2013
- FESP Community Partners & Experiential Learning
- Scholarship Information
- FESP Leadership/Team Building

Final Exam Mid-Week Break in TRiO FESP!

Do you need a break from studying and test taking? FESP Students are welcome to stop by the TRiO FESP Office on Wednesday, December 12 from 11 a.m.—4 p.m. for sloppy joes, chips, brownies, juice, door prizes and conversation!

Extended TRiO FESP Computer Lab and Study Room Hours
Please remember that the TRiO FESP lab is open M-F, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. and extended hours on Tuesday and Thursday evenings—open until 7 p.m.
TRiO FESP Community Partners in Experiential Learning

TRiO FESP would like to thank the following community partners for creating experiential learning opportunities for our students. With the assistance of these partners and the young people they serve, we are creating learning opportunities in a host of settings that allow our students to interact with youth, parents and guardians, school and agency staff and contribute to our community.

- Boys and Girls Club of Kalamazoo—Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities & Employment
- Institute for New Leadership—Social Justice Initiatives
- Delton Kellogg Middle School—Anti-Bullying Weekly Workshops
- Great Lakes Peace Jam/Seeding Change—Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities
- Barclay Hills Education Center—Tutoring and Mentoring Starting Soon!
- Northside Association for Community Development – Functional Literacy Initiatives Starting Soon!
- Girl Scouts of America—Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

TRiO FESP Staff recommend that students begin to explore opportunities outside of the classroom and WMU’s campus. These types of activities will assist you in skill building, developing rapport with students, provide exposure to various populations and settings and provide opportunities for mentorship, networking and potential employment.

Did you know that you can ride the Metro Transit Bus System ON and OFF Campus for FREE? If you have never been on the bus and would like someone to assist you with how to ride and understanding the schedules, please schedule an appointment with a TRiO FESP Staff member. To ride for free—just show your WMU I.D.!

Students, we know that life gets busy and hectic, and it can sometimes feel like there is just not enough time in the day to get things done. We are exploring the idea of offering extended advising hours one evening per week and would like your feedback! Please let us know your thoughts, ideas & suggestions at: coehd-fesp@wmich.edu
For ALL UNDERGRADUATE Students:

1. MI-CAPP Endowment Scholarship Information: http://www.micapp.org/Scholarships.htm

   The **deadline to apply is December 14, 2012**. However, you need to be nominated by a TRiO FESP Staff Member so you will need to make an appointment with one of us to work with you on your application packet and nomination letter. It is recommended that you have **this appointment completed by December 7** so you will have time for revisions and submission.


   There are several scholarships available from the CoEHD. You only need to submit one application and the selection committee screens your application for applicable scholarships. It is important to note that the CoEHD has to award at least $25,000.00 to TRiO FESP Students! **The deadline to apply is January 14, 2013.**

3. The Kalamazoo Community Foundation Scholarship Search/Application Information:

   *Various deadlines depending upon the scholarship.*

ONLY for FRESHMAN and SOPHOMORES* who received a Pell Grant for the 2012-2013 Academic Year:

1. TRiO FESP Grant Aid Applications - Request an application from the TRiO FESP Office

   * Freshman status at WMU is considered having earned 0-25 credits, Sophomore status at WMU is considered having earned 26-55 credits. TRiO FESP Grant Aid can be applied to Spring 2013 or Summer I 2013 and status is based upon the time of the award. **The deadline to apply is January 28, 2013.**

For Students interested in Study Abroad:

1. Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship: WWW.IIE.ORG/GILMAN

2. MI-CAPP Study Abroad Scholarship: http://www.micapp.org/Scholarships.htm


   Studying Abroad requires careful course planning and evaluation so please schedule an appointment with a TRiO FESP Advisor so we can assist and consult the CoEHD Advising Director Laura Ciccantell for approvals.
PRIORITY REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SUMMER I & II AND FALL 2013

To Receive Priority Registration for Summer I, II and Fall 2013:

- Have all 4 TRiO FESP Assessments completed & submitted (many of you are done with this)
- Meet with a FESP Advisor and complete a Spring 2013 ISDP—please call for an appointment
- Attend ONE workshop of your choice:

1. How To Map-Out Classes to Graduation: Jan. 14 from 3-4 p.m. or Jan. 15 from 5-6 p.m.

2. Working with Underserved & Diverse K-12 Populations: Jan. 22 from 5:15—6:45 p.m. or Jan. 23 from 1:45-3:15 p.m.

3. Money Management from A-Z: Jan. 28 from 1-3 p.m. or Jan. 29 from 5-6:30 p.m.

4. Educational Settings in K-12 Teaching: Feb. 4 from 5:15—6:45 p.m. or Feb. 5 from 1:45—3:15 p.m.

   The locations for the above workshops TBD (To Be Determined)

5. College Success Seminars: Spring 2013 Schedule Not Yet Available. Topics include; Note Taking Strategies, Textbook Reading Strategies, Test Taking Strategies, College Vocabulary Development, Reconciling Your Learning Style with Your Prof’s Teaching Style, Increasing Your Reading Rate, Time Management Techniques & Tips, Navigating E-Learning, Coping with Test Anxiety and Research Reading for College Literature Reviews. If you attend any College Success Seminar, you will need to pick up a verification form in the TRiO FESP Office prior to attending and return it after attending. The Spring Schedule will be posted soon at: http://www.wmich.edu/tutoring/services/college-success-seminars

Important Priority Registration Deadlines

To earn Priority Registration for Summer I and II 2013—Everything MUST be completed by February 8, 2013 (this will also earn Priority Registration for Fall 2013)

To earn Priority Registration for Fall 2013 ONLY—Everything MUST be completed by March 8, 2013
TRiO Students discuss educational topics with Kalamazoo Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice and State Representative Sean McCann at the TRiO FESP Picnic.

Above: TRiO Students and INL Youth meet to work with youth from the Kalamazoo and Holland Boys and Girls Club & The Hispanic American Council.

Left and below: TRiO FESP Students participate in team building and classroom activities at Camp Eberhart.

TRiO Student Perspectives…..

How has TRiO FESP been helpful to you?
TRiO has been helpful to me by guiding me through my education here at Western. Also it has allowed me to be apart of some amazing opportunities such as: camp, Upward Bound this summer, and tutoring. These opportunities have helped me build a resume and to broaden my experiences.

How have you noticed TRiO FESP being helpful to others?
I see students walk into the office every now and then distressed about something but every time they leave TRiO, they're relieved. I also see students that just stop by the office to say hello and to see some familiar faces. No matter what the case may be, students are always pleased when they walk out of TRiO FESP.

One benefit of being in TRiO:
The people. I can honestly say I have met another family because of TRiO FESP—Michelle

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