August Adventure Education Opportunity!

Students currently registered in the TRiO Future Educator Success Program have a unique leadership development opportunity on Tuesday, August 23rd from 8:00AM—4:00PM. TRiO FESP students and staff will participate in a day long Adventure Education Team Building Day at the YMCA Camp Eberhart, located just south of Kalamazoo in Three Rivers.

More Information

The trip to Camp Eberhart is designed to facilitate team building and leadership skills through a series of group activities and challenges throughout the day. Students and staff will participate in a variety of team sessions before moving onto Camp Eberhart’s Climbing Tower and high ropes course. While the day is about growth and challenging yourself, Camp Eberhart embraces a “Challenge by Choice” philosophy, which ensures that no students or staff will be forced to complete tasks that they are uncomfortable or unable to perform.

This is a great opportunity to get to know both TRiO FESP staff, as well as other students, while building leadership and communication skills in a fun, outdoor setting!

Registration Information

Students will be required to sign a waiver in order to participate in the program, which must be signed prior to the day of the trip. This trip is FREE of charge to all currently enrolled TRiO FESP students, and lunch and transportation will be provided to students. Participating students will also receive a FREE TRiO FESP t-shirt!

Students can register for the trip by contacting Roxie Swank at r5morris@wmich.edu.

Space for this opportunity is limited, so students who are interested in participating should register soon!

Change to Flat Rate Tuition

At a meeting on Thursday, June 9th the Western Michigan University Board of Trustees made the decision to increase tuition by 6.66%. For students already registered for Fall 2011 classes, it is important to note that this tuition increase does affect flat rate tuition. Where flat rate previously covered 12-16 credit hours, it will now only cover 12-15 credit hours.

As reported by the Western Herald, freshmen and sophomore students can expect to pay around $600 more in the 2011-12 school year than they did in the 2010-11 academic year.

For more information, please refer to the report on the tuition increase, available online at: http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2011/06/021.html
Looking for TRiO FESP Updates?

Have you been wondering what is going on at WMU or in the TRiO FESP office during the summer? The answers can be at your fingertips—literally! Both TRiO FESP and WMU are on Facebook, so you can keep abreast of what is happening over the summer!

TRiO FESP posts weekly updates to our Facebook page about things happening, tips for success, and more on a weekly basis!

Find TRiO FESP on Facebook

There are many ways to find TRiO FESP on Facebook!

1. Check the signature line of emails coming from the TRiO FESP office.

2. Search on Facebook for TRiO FESP or simply click here to go straight to the TRiO FESP Facebook page.

3. There are also links to the TRiO FESP Facebook page embedded in every newsletter where you see the Facebook logo, and on our website!

So, don’t delay—like us today!

TRiO FESP Profile of the Month

This July, TRiO FESP is proud to feature a current student: Katie McOscar.

As a current student office assistant in the TRiO FESP office, Katie is a regular presence in the TRiO FESP office.

Katie transferred to Western Michigan University in the Spring 2011 semester. She previously attended Jackson Community College and Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Currently, Katie is a WMU Junior majoring in Elementary Education with minors in Math and Science. After graduation, she hopes to find a job, wherever that may take her.

When not working and studying, Katie loves to spend time with her family and friends, and take long walks on the beach.

Katie’s Quote of the Month:

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

— Nelson Mandela —

Student Watch and Escort Services

Many students schedule late classes, either to avoid those early mornings or because it’s the only time available. The question becomes, if you feel nervous about walking back to your car or dorm, what do you do?

Western Michigan University offers students several free safety options to take care of these late night concerns.

Students interested in receiving an escort after classes need only call (269) 387-RIDE to schedule a vehicle or walking escort. Per the Public Safety website:

Vehicle Escorts

The student vehicle escort service consists of up to two vehicles driven by radio equipped students working from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., seven days a week, during fall and spring semesters.

These students provide rides between parking lots and residence halls to females.

Walking Escorts

Walking escorts are also available for males and females from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week.

The student watch program consists of three pairs of students who wear highly visible vests and are equipped with portable radios.

For more information, please visit http://www.wmudps.wmich.edu/police/escort.html.
Study Tip of the Month

Procrastination

Procrastination is an issue that plagues many college students, from the A student to the not-so-A student.

How do you beat procrastination?
Unfortunately, there is no surefire way to beat procrastination, but there are a few methods you can attempt to help you combat it!

1. **Try using a planner** to schedule your academic responsibilities. Put in all of your classes and assignments. Even record in dates when you want to start each assignment (usually a week ahead of time).
2. **Schedule in your study time** so you know when and where you are going to get your work done.
3. **Stick to your plan.** If you decide that you want to work on a paper, do not be distracted! Treat study time as you would class or work time and do not let it be moved for anything else!
4. **Find a motivated friend and schedule study time** to give yourself some motivation.
5. **Set goals and reward yourself for your accomplishments.** If you finish a paper a week early, do something to celebrate your accomplishment.
6. **Be patient with yourself** and understand that building a new habit takes time!

### Congratulations to Scholarship Winners!

In early Spring, TRiO FESP students were encouraged to submit an application to receive one of the many scholarships available from the College of Education and Human Development.

Each year, the College of Education and Human Development awards a variety of scholarships to currently enrolled CoEHD students, to be disbursed throughout the coming academic year.

For the 2011-12 academic year, TRiO FESP students were awarded a wide variety of academic scholarships to assist them with tuition and fees in the coming academic year.

The TRiO FESP staff is proud to congratulate all of the recipients of the 2011-12 scholarships, which include:

- **College of Education and Human Development Undergraduate Scholarship**
  - Dannielle Curtis
  - Rebecca Kowalski
  - Brenda Lawton
  - Nicole Parry
- **Doris A. Lance Scholarship**
  - Chris Cowles
- **Fund for the Advancement of Minorities in Education (FAME) Scholarship**
  - Hope Hooton
  - Jesse Washington-Braggs
- **Lofton Burge Educational Scholarship**
  - Sara Coleman
  - Tera Kaser
  - Kyla Marshall
- **Lofton and Georgiann Burge Scholarship for Undergraduates in Elementary Education**
  - Chalene Holmes
  - Amber Parker
  - Josette Standish
- **Lucille J. Haines Educational Scholarship**
  - Cherie Shooltz
- **Merze Tate Scholarship**
  - Angel Fournier
- **Samuel Kenneth Jr. Scholarship**
  - Katie McOscar
  - Emily Proctor

In total, twenty-two current TRiO FESP students were awarded CoEHD scholarships for the coming academic year, with another twenty-one receiving TRiO FESP grant aid.

For students interested in applying for the CoEHD Scholarships for the 2012-13 school year, more information is available online at: [http://www.wmich.edu/education/scholarships/undergrad_sch.htm](http://www.wmich.edu/education/scholarships/undergrad_sch.htm)

Scholarship applications are accepted from December 1–March 1 each year and TRiO FESP is here to help you in putting together your scholarship application.

*Once again, congratulations to all of the scholarship recipients!*

“Do not worry about your difficulties in mathematics. I can assure you that mine are greater still.”

Einstein
### Important Dates

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