June 2013

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TRiO FESP Student Accomplishments!

34 TRiO FESP Students graduated during the Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 Semester!

Of these FESP Graduates, the following honors were earned:

- 5 students graduated Cum Laude (overall GPA 3.50—3.69)
- 6 students graduated Magna Cum Laude (overall GPA 3.70—3.89)
- 2 students graduated Summa Cum Laude (overall GPA 3.90—4.0)

In addition, we had several students earn their way onto the WMU Dean’s List:

Fall 2012 — 40 FESP Students made the Dean’s List*
Spring 2013 — 25 FESP Students made the Dean's List*

* It is important to note that TRiO FESP had 11 students who completed their intern teaching during Fall 2012 and earned a 4.0 and 16 students who completed their intern teaching during Spring 2013 and earned a 4.0. Due to the number and type of credits for intern teaching, these students were not eligible for the Dean's List but did a remarkable job and successfully completed their internship requirements!
TRiO FESP Summer Office Hours

The TRiO FESP Office and computer lab are open Monday—Friday from 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

Please note that it is recommended that if you want to meet with a FESP Advisor, please call ahead, especially during the month of June. We will be assisting with freshman orientation which requires us to be in different locations on campus.

Are you in Kalamazoo this summer and looking for something to do? The local community continual seeks volunteers to assist with a variety of activities and events! Volunteering is a great way to gain experience working with young people and build future references. For local volunteer opportunities, go to:

volunteerkalamazoo.org or call (269) 382-8350

If you are not in Kalamazoo and would like assistance seeking opportunities in your community, please contact a TRiO FESP Staff member for assistance.

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WMU is rolling out Degree Works for students and staff. This new program will allow for students and advisors to have an additional tool to discuss program planning that is specific to each student. This improvement is helpful to students in that the information each student accesses is tailored to their individual majors and minors, courses taken, courses that still need to be taken and any additional information that pertains to that student’s progress towards degree completion.

WMU’s description of Degree Works:

“Degree Works is a comprehensive, easy-to-use, web based academic advising and degree audit tool that aids students and their advisors in successfully navigating the curriculum requirements. Degree Works is an Ellucian product that integrates with the current Banner System. It provides a powerful academic planning and resource tool for real-time advising capabilities; providing meaningful and consistent direction and providing advisors and students with real-time communication.”

TRiO FESP Staff recently attended training to learn how to use Degree Works and will be incorporating this into our advising meetings. Some cool things that can be done:

- Worksheets to display different views of student degree audits so we can do some “what-if” scenario planning
- Planners to create individual plans for degree completion
- GPA Calculators that aid in setting GPA goals

Students will receive continued correspondence and user support information from the university and TRiO Staff will also be able to assist you. To learn more, go to:

http://www.wmich.edu/registrar/degreeworks/

For Students intern teaching Spring 2014 and beyond:

The Office of Field Placements and the CoEHD Advising Office have created a form that will need to be completed by you PRIOR to your intern teaching application packet being submitted. This form allows students to review the courses they have taken, any that still need to be completed prior to intern teaching and a viable plan to complete these remaining courses prior to your anticipated intern teaching semester.

Once you complete the form, you will need to schedule an appointment with M’Myia Hughes to review and approve your plan for submission. The goal is to assist students with preparing ahead of time for any remaining courses that could delay intern teaching if they are not completed. Any Spring 2014 interns will need to complete this form and an appointment with M’Myia by August 1, 2013. If you are not in town this summer, please call or email M’Myia to make arrangements.
Do you like to plan ahead? Curious about Fall move-in information? Thinking about Fall employment? If so, you will appreciate the info below. We are in no hurry for summer to end! We just want to allow our students who like to plan ahead access to housing and employment information.

**Residence Life Fall Move-In Information**

**2013 FRESHMAN**
Since you are in the TRiO FESP FYE Section, you can move-in early and participate in Fall Welcome! Your move-in information is as follows:

Your **MOVE-IN DATE** is Monday, August 26th.

Your **MOVE-IN TIME** is dependent upon the first letter of your last name:

9 a.m.—12:00 p.m. for last names starting with letters A-K

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

**Everyone Else**
The move-in schedule for non-freshman has not yet been posted.

Please rest assured that you will have this information in plenty of time and if you have questions or concerns about your Residence Life move-in date or room assignment, please contact Residence Life Staff directly at:

http://www.wmich.edu/housing/index.html

Or by calling:

(269) 387-4735

“it is easier to prepare than to repair!” — One of Marcy’s favorite quotes :)

**Employment Information**

Are you a student with at least sophomore status (26 credits earned) and an overall GPA of a 3.0 or higher who is interested in working as a TRiO FESP Mentor in one of our TRiO FESP FYE Courses?

Now is the time to apply! The job description and application can be found on our website or copies can be picked up in our office. The deadline to apply is Friday, June 28.

Questions? Please contact M'Myia Hughes before the deadline.

We also routinely hire on-call tutors in various subjects and as our students graduate, we will post and hire for TRiO FESP Office Staff. We post this info. in our newsletters and on our website so everyone can receive the posting information at the same time.

On and off campus job postings can be found year round at Bronco Jobs:

http://wmich.experience.com/experience/login
Fall TRiO FESP Initiatives

In TRiO FESP we continually try to model skills and plan events and activities that are beneficial to future educators. Some of these things include experiential learning opportunities, thorough and prompt academic advising information, relevant workshop topics and some general information. We also strive to continually evaluate our services and incorporate student and other stakeholder feedback. In addition to some of our current services and opportunities, we will be adding some new services in the fall. If you have any ideas or suggestions that will help us better serve you, please let us know.

Did you read this? If so, stop in the TRiO FESP Office and ask to meet Bridgette before September 27 to receive a surprise!

**Weekly Evening Advising Hours!** We are going to pilot extended advising office hours until 7 p.m. at least one evening per week during Fall 2013. If we find that students are utilizing these expanded hours and we need to add an additional evening, we will gladly do so.

**Strengths Quest—Teach To Your Strengths** will be implemented during the 13-14 school year. Students will meet weekly and begin to better understand their strengths and how to incorporate them into their teaching styles!

**Expanded Experiential Learning Opportunities**
- Tutoring opportunities at Mattawan High School
- Tutoring and mentoring opportunities at Barclay Hills Alternative High School
- WMU CoEHD Ambassadors who will meet with local middle and high school students to discuss having a college going mindset, choosing teaching as a major and attending WMU's CoEHD!

We will also continue to offer our existing opportunities, please continue to check the TRiO FESP newsletter for more information on how to participate!

Have you ever sat and wondered about social media use for educators or what will be expected of you as an educational professional? Wonder no more!

TRiO FESP has reached out to local educators to provide information and advice to future teachers. The TRiO FESP Professional Advice Manual will be available on our website and in our office Fall 2013.

A former TRiO FESP intern created a companion social media use brochure for educators that will also be available Fall 2013.