“Everyone teaches, everyone learns” - unknown

May 2013

Special Points of Interest:

- Welcome Fall 2013 Freshman
- Thank you Katie T.
- Wicked/Bully Bust/Miller Auditorium contest winners!
- FESP Student Accolades
- Welcome TRiO FESP 2013-2014 Graduate Assistant
- Employment and Learning Opportunities

Western Michigan University and TRiO FESP welcome the freshman class of 2013 to campus for Freshman Orientation during the month of June! Existing FESP Students: please take a moment to say hello to these students if you see them on campus and call ahead to the TRiO FESP Office to schedule an appointment if you need to see an advisor. We will have normal office hours but due our providing assistance during Freshman Orientation, advisors will not be in the office the entire day.

CONGRATULATIONS to our TRiO FESP Spring 2013 Graduates!

Thank you to TRiO FESP Graduate Katie T. for donating an MTTC Study Book to TRiO FESP!

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TRiO FESP Students Kacey R. and Kyra E. participated weekly in an experiential learning opportunity during Fall 2013. They assisted with selecting, creating and facilitating anti-bullying curricula to middle school students at Delton Kellogg Middle School. This opportunity allowed our students to gain classroom experience, learn about middle school youth and classroom dynamics, facilitate and evaluate lesson plans and explore different styles of interaction in a safe, structured and supportive environment.

These students volunteered their time to enhance their formal education and personal growth. We will continue to offer additional experiential learning opportunities—please look for more information in our future newsletters!

Sample Conversation

Kacey (WMU): I am going to be a middle school social studies teacher someday!
Leiah (DKMS): I do not like Social Studies!
Kacey (WMU): Why not?
Leiah (DKMS): Because there is too much study and not enough social...

Conversations like these can only happen experientially! So we encourage all of our FESP students to seek opportunities to learn about and be with children. See us today for ideas and opportunities!

WICKED/Bully Bust/Miller Auditorium Contest Winners!

Unbeknown to TRiO FESP and Delton Kellogg Middle School Staff and Students at the time of our sessions, the producers of Wicked collaborated with the non-profit organization Bully Bust to host a contest at Miller Auditorium for anti-bullying groups to win tickets to see Wicked (this was announced in April). We submitted our proposal detailing our collaboration and our work to create an anti-oppressive and anti-bullying environment at DKMS and won 30 tickets. This opportunity was amazing and will leave a lasting impression on all who participated! See photos on the next page.
TRiO FESP and DKMS Anti-Bullying and Teacher Preparation Collaboration

Above: Kacey giving instructions to the DKMS Students. Below (facing forward in TRiO shirts): Kyra and Dannielle learn team building and group ice breaker activities to use with students.

Right: DKMS Students arrive at Miller Auditorium to see WICKED!

Thank you to the DKMS Staff and Students, Kacey and Kyra, the producers, cast and crew of Wicked, Tracey Lawie of Miller Auditorium and the Bully Bust Organization for working with us to enhance teaching and learning opportunities!
TRiO FESP Students participate in many on and off campus activities that promote positive and healthy lifestyles.

Recently, we received glowing comments from Kevin Dodd, Program Coordinator of Seeding Change, about our TRiO FESP Students participating with PeaceJam activities. “TRiO FESP Students are some of our best volunteers!”

Thank you to Gabriela M. and Kailynn C. for volunteering your time to work with young people in our community and for representing TRiO FESP in such a positive way.

If you or a fellow FESP Student have something awesome to share, please let us know so we can publish it in a future newsletter!

Left: TRiO FESP Student Darcy R. shared her talents with S.A.F.E. Place in Battle Creek, MI by painting a mural for the children’s room. Great work Darcy!

Below: Kailynn C. (center) is crowned Miss Black and Gold 2013, hosted by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Jesse W. B. of Alpha Phi Alpha (3rd from right), is also in TRiO FESP.
Welcome WMU and TRiO FESP Spring 2013 Graduate Dannielle Curtis as the 2013-2014 TRiO FESP Graduate Assistant! Many of you know Dannielle from her previous work in our office so please stop by and welcome her as she makes the transition into her new role starting Summer I 2013.

Right: Dannielle and Marcy mailing her graduate school applications with love on a cold winter day...yes, those are office Snuggies!

Below: Dannielle walking the Red Carpet after commencement on April 27, 2013

Fall Employment Opportunities
Please check the TRiO FESP June Newsletter and the FESP website in June 2013 to apply for mentoring and tutoring positions.

KYD Network May Friday Action Network Meeting
Addressing Barriers to Learning; Behavior Management Panel of Experts

What: FREE workshop to learn effective school behavior management strategies
When: Friday, May 10, 2013 from 10 a.m.—12 p.m.
Where: West Main Professional Development Center, 1627 West Main Street

Why attend? This is an opportunity to supplement some of your formal education with free training facilitated by current educational professionals, network with others working in the field of education and youth development and begin to interact with community members and others who will work with your future students. This is also something to add to your resume.