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What is National TRIO Day?

“National TRIO Day” is a day on which the nation is asked to turn its attention to the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives, to the investment necessary if they are to become contributing citizens of this country, and to the talent which will be wasted if that investment is not made.

What is TRIO?

TRIO is a set of federally-funded college opportunity programs that motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds in their pursuit of a college degree. Over 850,000 low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities—from sixth grade through college graduation—are served by more than 2,800 programs nationally. TRIO programs provide academic tutoring, personal counseling, mentoring, financial guidance, and other support necessary for educational access and retention. TRIO programs provide direct support services for students and relevant training for directors and staff.

Where Did TRIO Originate?

The TRIO programs were the first national college access and retention programs to address the serious social and cultural barriers to education in America. (Previously only college financing had been on policymakers' radar.) TRIO began as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty. The Educational Opportunity Act of 1964 established an experimental program known as Upward Bound. Then, in 1965, the Higher Education Act created Talent Search. Finally, another program, Special Services for Disadvantaged Students (later known as Student Support Services), was launched in 1968. Together, this “trio” of federally-funded programs encouraged access to higher education for low-income students. By 1998, the TRIO programs had become a vital pipeline to opportunity, serving traditional students, displaced workers, and veterans. The original three programs had grown to eight, adding Educational Opportunity Centers in 1972, Training Program for Federal TRIO programs in 1976, the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program in 1986, Upward Bound Math/Science in 1990, and the TRIO Dissemination Partnership in 1998.

-Council for Opportunity in Education
TRIO Day 2013 was a major success for TRIO, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) and the Office of Disability Services (ODS). The theme: The TRIO Legacy was important in carrying the message of the day. Some 250 participants honored university personnel, USD 259 and community supporters, recognized the accomplishments of students and thanked the phenomenal program staffs.

Vice Mayor Janet Miller provided a Proclamation from the City of Wichita proclaiming February 6, 2013 TRIO Day in the City of Wichita. Proclamations were also received from Governor Sam Brownback on behalf of the State of Kansas and Wichita State University (WSU) President Dr. John W. Bardo on behalf of WSU. President Bardo and First Lady Deborah Bardo helped the audience to see the advantages of Wichita State University as a choice for college. A welcome message was shared on behalf of President Bardo. It was my honor to provide words on behalf of Vice President for Campus Life and University Relations Wade Robinson and encourage students to consider WSU as an educational option.

Regional GEAR UP Coordinator, Pastor Riccardo Harris offered words of inspiration to the audience. Keynote speaker Terrell D. Davis, principal at Truesdall Middle School in Wichita, Kansas held the audience with his powerful and compelling message. He shared with the audience the importance of their role to support the programs and students. Student speakers Brittany Carson and Abraham Rodriguez discussed the importance of the programs in their lives. This year’s Building Bridges honorees have done much to advance the programs and lives of individuals eligible for the programs. The student achievement honorees were recognized by each program for their exemplary leadership and contributions.

The TRIO, GEAR UP, and ODS staffs planned an exceptional evening program. I am so honored on behalf of the program staffs to thank the individuals who participated in the celebration. The staffs were the motivators for the TRIO Day program and the driving force to implement successful programs and services.

Evaluation results were overwhelming in their support of the success of the TRIO Day event. I want to thank all stakeholders for your support of a great evening. TRIO Works, GEAR UP Works, and the ODS provides quality services! We look forward to your continued support and seeing you at the next program.

Hear Colvin speak about TRIO Day: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vaxzneX46ak
The TRIO Legacy was a natural theme for the National TRIO Day celebration for Wichita State University (WSU). This year’s event was held Feb. 6 in the multi-purpose room at the Eugene Hughes Metropolitan Complex. The Office of Special Programs, TRIO programs, Office of Disability Services (ODS) and the Kansas Kids @ Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP) planned and hosted the event. Approximately 250 people including students, parents, faculty, staff, university administrators, public school personnel, city and state officials, congressional legislative aides, community leaders, and special guests attended the celebration.

The event has continued to evolve over time. In the past, National TRIO Day was about providing services to students on college preparation, career development, and motivating them during day-time activities. It now showcases program students’ academic successes and honors those in the community who have supported the programs in unique and special ways. National TRIO Day serves as a cornerstone for the programs to collectively toot their horn and ask others to “look at what we have done.” As a strategic marketing tool for WSU, the university is able to boast about having the most TRIO programs on a single campus and the positive impact these programs have on the community as well as the GEAR UP program and ODS.

WSU President John W. Bardo who provided the official greeting said, “I really feel TRIO is one of the better programs that the federal government ever created, and I’m so pleased that we remain a major part of it.” Likewise, the majority of people who attended the event has been or stays impacted by one or more of the programs in small and large ways. While people may not fully understand the breadth of TRIO programs and what each does, their individual experiences are usually what brings them to the event and then by the time they leave, they are like “wow, I never knew TRIO was so big at WSU.”

Vice President for Campus Life and University Relations Wade Robinson reiterates the extent of TRIO programs when he remarks, “These programs range from helping middle school students to GED preparation to doctoral study completion. The programs are a critical component to making society better for everyone.”

At the beginning of the evening’s festivities a VIP reception was held for those who were receiving awards as well as dignitaries such as Mel Thompson, legislative aide for Senator Pat Roberts, who rarely misses an opportunity to express his delight and admiration for the programs. State Representative Melody McCray-Miller, who has served on the Educational Opportunity Centers Advisory Board, and Michael Heppler, educational consultant and former graduate school administrator at Oklahoma State University, have supported McNair scholars for

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many years. First Lady Deborah Bardo commented that she was very happy to be part of such a prestigious event.

Contemporary Jazz combo, appropriately named Contempo, provided music before, during, and after the event. Many of those in attendance were very impressed with the music selections and commented how the entertainment contributed to the peaceful and relaxed environment associated with National TRIO Day. Not surprisingly, the band’s leader, Ray Cozart, is a Student Support Services participant, and his two children have been in TRIO Talent Search. This is yet another example of how vast the TRIO web is spread out over the community. During the event, the members of the National TRIO Day magazine committee -- Alan Dsouza, Travis Feeney, Wilma Moore-Black, and Larry Ramos-- fanned out across the venue to gauge how valuable the TRIO programs are to individuals. Students and staff alike had high praise for the programs and provided poignant responses when asked how TRIO programs are effective or why the programs are needed.

Allison Middle School sixth grade student Kamaria Cozart said “When I went in the summer, I got prepared for the next year. It helped me to get organized and helped me to learn about new things.” Referring to the Middle School Summer Enrichment Program, Cozart, in the simplest terms described the same benefit as Williams had.

The WSU National TRIO Day was well attended by all sections of the TRIO/WSU Community. Twenty nine percent of the attendees were TRIO students, and 39% WSU staff and faculty. A record number of 32 % guests attended, especially parents of TRIO students. The estimated attendance at the National TRIO Day was 250 people.

Student Corner: Monica Williams

Monica is a student at Wichita State University and a participant in the McNair Scholars Program. When asked why we need TRIO programs Monica replied, “As a member of a TRIO program I think it offers a lot of opportunities to students that typically would not have those before. McNair Scholars Programs has really supported me through decision-making, growing, and planning for the future.”

Hear more from Monica:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FuvBmNOG4Qw

The Honorable Janet Miller, vice mayor for the city of Wichita, briefly addressed the audience and conveyed congratulatory remarks on behalf of Mayor Carl Brewer who was unable to attend the event. Miller read a proclamation from the mayor’s office. In addition, Upward Bound Math Science Director V. Kaye Monk-Morgan shared proclamations from Governor Sam Brownback’s and WSU President Bardo. Ricardo Harris, regional

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coordinator for Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP and the senior pastor at Resurrection Community Church, provided words of inspiration and reflection. Dinner followed and a special video tribute to the TRIO programs, Office of Disability Services, and Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP was shown while the audience stood in line for the delectable buffet dinner. The video produced and edited by Ashley Cervantes of Communication Upward Bound, featured interviews with students from the various programs. ODS Director Grady Landrum coordinated and produced photographs of all staff members in a PowerPoint slide presentation shown before and after the event. During dinner, Contempo played a blend of jazz-fusion making for a delightful experience for all those in attendance.

Following dinner, Martha Lewis, director of Disability Support Services introduced student speakers Brittany Carson and Abraham Rodriguez. Both students are TRIO undergraduate students at WSU and expect to graduate in May. Each provided a testimonial on how the TRIO programs have helped to shape them both academically and personally. Carson remembers the support she received as a student from the Upward Bound Wichita Prep staff who encouraged her to tap into her unique potential and take advantage of all the opportunities that she possibly could. That encouragement paid off for Carson as she not only became a high achieving student in the classroom that rewarded her with being named a TRIO/GEAR Up scholar but she was also able to recently study abroad in Morocco. Rodriguez, who credited the GEAR UP and TRIO Talent Search program with helping him and his parents to learn about college while a student in Garden City, KS, gave a heartfelt account of his appreciation for the programs. Rodriguez is both a Gore and Gates Millennium scholar, but he credited the GEAR UP experience for something even more accomplishing than those honors. While working as a student assistant for the program, he met his wife.

The evening's keynote speaker was Terrell Davis, Truesdell Middle School principal and pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. McNair Scholars Program Director LaWanda Holt-Fields introduced Davis, who gave a rousing address that had the audience on the edge of their seats. The theme of his speech was what we do with the children in the wake of massive budget cuts to public education and lack of support by our political and educational leaders to oppose weakening of the education system in Kansas. Davis, a wonderful orator, made a very strong argument for all individuals in our community to take action and not allow the focus of the current state of education in Kansas to take a back seat to other issues. He applauded the TRIO programs for the work being done to support low income and potential first generation college students. Davis wished that more vulnerable students could be assisted and challenged our state leaders to ensure that all children receive a good education that prepares them for the future. Davis ended his speech by sharing a story about a man who noticed a
turtle sitting on a fence post. In the man's wonderment, he did not think how the turtle got there. Of course, someone had to lift the turtle and place it there. In a similar manner, someone has to lift up a student so that he/she can be high above to see the world from a new perspective.

An award is presented annually to a student in each of the programs for outstanding TRIO Student Achievement. Frances Ervin, director of the Educational Opportunity Centers Program and Rhonda Hicks, director of Upward Bound Wichita Prep, assisted with presenting these awards. Deltha Q. Colvin placed a medallion on each student, who was also given a certificate. The directors of each program joined students on stage to receive the award. The full list of students receiving these awards can be found on page 9.

“Without TRIO programs students, like me, would be lost in preparing and navigating the higher education landscape,” Brandon Orebaugh (Veterans Upward Bound) said. Mohammad Panahi (Student Support Services) shed light on this sentiment when he commented, "When I stumbled upon SSS I felt worthy again. I felt like I really belonged at WSU." Another student recognized on this evening was Laura Barrows (Educational Opportunity Centers Program) who said, “EOC (Educational Opportunity Centers) gives people, like me, the opportunity to realize your dreams. They stick with you through the whole process.” The appreciation for the TRIO programs isn’t just limited to the students either. Barrows’ mother Korrin captured the essence of how most parents feel when they see their children do well in school when she said, “TRIO programs are very personal to me. My daughter was a recipient of the EOC program services and she successfully completed the GED. I am proud of her achievement and have seen the program work in transforming her and other participants’ lives.”

The National TRIO Day program attendees found the featured speaker, Terrell Davis as motivating. He along with the student speakers were rated high on communicating the importance of education (97%).

The programs don't work in a vacuum and certainly can't have the kind of impact on students that it has without the support of people outside the programs who work in the schools and in the community. Each of the programs depends on many people to make happen what they do. In that light, a number of individuals were recognized with the highest award from the TRIO programs—the Building Bridges Award. People honored included individuals from the...
university, private sector, public schools, government, and community agencies. Fourteen awards were presented on this evening with Lt. Col. Larry Britton, executive director of Veterans Upward Bound, Larry Ramos, director of Educational Talent Search, and Wilma Moore-Black, associate director of Communication Upward Bound guiding the proceedings. Each recipient was presented with a plaque from Ms. Colvin to commemorate the event. This year's awardees can be found on page 7.

The impact that each of these individuals has had on the TRIO programs cannot be overstated. Their support and leadership are both key ingredients for the programs to have the kind of impact that they do at even the most micro-level. Paula Martin, executive director of the Harlem Center for Education who has a long history with TRIO, encapsulated the feelings of the Building Bridges awardees when she stated, “TRIO is extremely important to me. I’ve been in the business of working with young people now for going on 40 years. It has been a rewarding experience seeing young people who many times come to us who don’t think they have a chance, and have been told they really don’t have skills to achieve a higher education level, and then to see them go on to have a lifetime of success.” These sentiments are a common theme among these individuals. They have a passion for students’ successes and they go above and the beyond to make that happen.

After all the awards were handed out Corinne Nilsen, executive director for Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP and Richard Armstrong, director Communication Upward Bound, introduced each program’s staff and provided a brief description of the program’s purpose. Alan Dsouza, policy analyst for the Office of Special Programs, encouraged the audience to complete an evaluation of the evening’s event. Colvin then shared some parting comments including the recognition of the directors of each of the programs. The band played a few more songs as the audience briefly mingled and made their way to the exits officially ending the festivities. In retrospect, National TRIO Day 2013 was largely successful in honoring students, supporters, and the staff. When asked about the planning of this event, Colvin summed her thoughts by remarking “I think the planning was excellent. As I told the audience, the staff takes a year to plan this event. When we get through everybody says ‘oh, it was an excellent program, it look like it came off without a hitch, there were no problems.’ They’ll never know the extent of the work that went into making this a successful program.” That being said, planning for next year is already underway as the TRIO legacy continues.

Although TRIO/GEAR UP & Disability Services always believe in long-term impacts of their services, the immediate impact of National TRIO Day did not go unnoticed. While 98% attendees felt that the celebration had been meaningful to them, 95% indicated that they would like to attend this event again.
The building bridges awards are given by each of the Special Programs to individuals who have tirelessly worked to contribute to the academic, personal, and career exploration of individuals (student and adult learners) in Wichita and state of Kansas. Each of these awardees has collaborated with the programs, have provided long-term and continuous support, involvement, and made connections between their workplace and the programs.

Ted D. Ayres, vice president and general counsel of Wichita State University, has received the A. Price Woodard, Jr. Humanitarian of the Year Award from Diversity Kansas (2009), and was also named “Person of the Year” by the Wichita Chapter of the NAACP in 2010. Ayres has been and continues to be a strong supporter, advocate, and advisor to the TRIO/GEAR UP and Disability Service offices and staff. Ayres is committed to diversity at WSU.

Courtney Bell, career counselor from South High School has been a strong supporter of the TRIO Talent Search program for many years. Her commitment to the TRIO programs is invaluable, especially to the students she has referred for assistance. Her unwavering support is highly appreciated.

Gunice D. Colvin works on airplane fuselages at Spirit AeroSystems Inc. Colvin uses state-of-the-art technologies to provide customers with high-quality, high-value, cost-competitive products and services. Colvin has been a life-time supporter of TRIO programs, TRIO directors, and students to ensure their academic successes.

Jennifer Heinieke, from the Wichita Public Library has been a great supporter and collaborator for the Veterans Upward Bound Program at WSU. She has actively been involved in the “America Reads” program where they read the classic: “The Things They Carried.” Heinieke provides a liaison for veterans at the library.

Michael Heppler, co-founder and CEO of Creation’s Best (an educational achievement, improvement, and relationship development consultancy), and former educator from Oklahoma State University was rated high for his seminar presentation at the original Oklahoma Louis Stakes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Ph.D. Camp in 2010. Heppler has made his presence felt during the Heartland McNair Scholars Research and Leadership conferences. He has travelled across the country carrying a message about the abundance of opportunities for student scholars to experience the best of life.

Ann Hinds, who started as a hotel restaurant manager is currently the general manager of Krispy Kreme in Wichita. She provides world-class service to her clients, but has also been a strong supporter of TRIO programs, especially through her crispy and sweet treats during many of the TRIO events and activities.

Audrey Johnson, program director of Elm Acres Youth Residential Center II of DCCCA Inc. has provided leadership to DCCCA’s residential youth

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program in Pittsburg, Ks. She works with the GEAR UP program making time available within the YRC program schedule that assists GEAR UP in promoting continued education information and activities that help youth. Johnson supports a culturally diverse environment that promotes and acknowledges a positive change in thinking.

Rhonda K. Lewis, Ph.D. is a professor of Psychology at Wichita State University. Lewis’ research interests include adolescent health and development, minority health, community development, and program evaluation. She is particularly interested in examining the effects of preventive interventions conducted in communities, adolescent pregnancy and the health behaviors of African Americans. Lewis has evaluated GEAR UP and other TRIO programs to validate their success and impact.

Paula Martin, executive director of the Harlem Center for Education, New York City, N.Y., heads programs that provides tutors, SAT prep classes, computer training and other educational enhancement offerings for area youths and adults. Martin has assisted the Upward Bound Wichita Prep program and other TRIO programs strengthening administrative and program and student development. Martin says of students, “we try to get their heads wrapped around the idea that there is something after high school.”

Representative Melody McCray-Miller, Kansas House of Representative, 89th District began her association with TRIO through the Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) Program. As a true TRIO advocate, she has served as a sponsor of the Annual Kansas TRIO Leadership Day at the Kansas State Capitol. Rep. McCray-Miller has made numerous visits to meetings to encourage and support the staff and advisory board of the EOC program. She takes the work of TRIO seriously and continues to publicly urge support for TRIO programs through her legislative functions.

Kathy Randels, college career coordinator at West High School has been closely associated with the Communication Upward Bound program. Randels has been a GEAR UP advisor to USD 259. She has been diligent in connecting TRIO/GEAR UP services to students.

Wade Robinson, Ph.D. has been the vice president for Campus Life and University Relations since 2009. Prior to coming to WSU, Robinson was at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The Office of Special Programs is under Robinson’s responsibility and he has helped the programs grow and have a greater appreciation for their image and status on the campus and in the community. Robinson is a major advocate for TRIO/GEAR UP students and programs.

Sheelu M. Surender, associate director for scholarships, Office of Financial Aid has been a big champion of TRIO/GEAR UP/ODS students as they continue studies at Wichita State University. She has been actively involved in TRIO/GEAR UP scholars program and has helped in establishing several productive connections between students with financial aid and scholarships.

Shadi Tafaroji, manager of desktop computing in the University Computing department is in control of the electrons in this part of the universe, directing them to provide adequate computer and database support for all TRIO/GEAR UP/ODS Programs.
Communication
Upward Bound - AuJane’ Patterson

Strong leadership skills are high on the list of strengths for AuJane’ Patterson, who was named the Outstanding Student for TRIO Communication Upward Bound. She has been elected as the president of the freshman class at Heights High and remains involved in student council and as a peer leader during her sophomore year. AuJane’ has worked “diligently,” as she put it to maintain a 4.0 GPA. AuJane’ plans to study medicine at University of Missouri-Kansas City or Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, GA, one of the top historically black colleges and universities.

Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP – Dekotah Huckabay

Dekotah is currently a junior at South High School in Wichita and is one of GEAR UP’s most active students. He is always among the first ones to text the coordinator about signing up for events and also to make sure he knows what time he will be picked up. Through GEAR UP, this year Dekotah has been able to visit Wichita State University, Fort Hays State University, Exploration Place, and many job exploration sites. After high school he plans to go to a four year university and major in business.

Disability Support Services – Vernon “JR” Simpson

“JR” currently has a 3.30 GPA and plans to graduate this fall with his bachelors in criminal justice. He has served as president of our own Distinguished Abilities Student Organization and participated in the Criminal Justice Student Organization as well. He is an active member in his church as well as a dedicated father and husband.

Upward Bound Wichita Prep – DeMarquez Frazier

For the last three years DeMarquez has participated in the UBWP community service events, National TRIO Day celebrations, the summer residential program, tutoring and homework assistance and campus visits. His complete profile can be found on page 14.

Educational Opportunity Centers Program – Laura Barrows

After being out of school for seven years, Laura decided to try to re-enter the academic world. Academic guidance and support provided by the EOC Program included an option to test for a GED. Laura tested and passed and earned her diploma. She was now able to go to college, get a good job and she knows her options were endless. EOC assisted her to apply—and she was accepted to Butler Community College, took two classes, and passed her classes with a 3.00 GPA. Today, Laura is hospitality manager at the Hyatt Hotel here in Wichita.

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Talent Search – Aspen Thomas

Aspen Thomas, a high achieving sophomore at Northeast Magnet High School, has been a part of the TRIO Talent Search program since the eighth grade. For more on Aspen see her profile on page 13.

McNair – Monica Williams

Monica Williams is a senior at Wichita State University working toward a dual degree in Spanish and Spanish Education with a minor in psychology. After student teaching this semester, she plans to graduate in May of 2013. She graduated from Maize High School and was named valedictorian in the spring of 2009. That fall, she began attending Wichita State as a Dean’s scholar. In June of 2010, she became a McNair scholar. During her junior year of college, she did research alongside Jeri Carroll, Ph.D. over alternative education, culminating in a manuscript entitled From Dropped Out to Checked In: A Snapshot of Alternative Education. Recently, she worked as an AVID tutor at Wichita High School West and continues to work on improving both her Spanish fluency and her educational abilities. Currently, she is doing research once again and preparing for her final semester.

Student Support Services – Mohammad Panahi

After graduating from Andover High School in 2007, Mohammad enrolled at Wichita State University to obtain a psychology degree with a minor in sociology. The program helped him in transitioning to college easily by providing tutoring and a nice supportive environment to keep him motivated. With the help of his SSS advisors he has been able to bring his GPA up tremendously and has been on the Dean's list since 2010. Mohammad has also been employed by SSS as an intern in the technology learning lab since last year. He will be graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in May, with plans to attend graduate school for clinical psychology.

UBMS – Sergio Ziad

Ranked in the top two percent of his high school class and number one in the UBMS graduating class, Sergio Ziad is only beginning to experience the success that he will undoubtedly continue to earn. He is also featured in a profile on page 13.

Veterans Upward Bound – Brandon Orebaugh

After graduating from Wichita North High School, Brandon enlisted in the Air Force and was assigned as an avionics mechanic, which he loved. He traveled extensively during his service to his country, which culminated in a combat tour in Iraq. Brandon took advantage of the services offered by VUB and TRIO including classes in algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus and English as well as tutoring. He received academic and career counseling from Nicole Childers, VUB curriculum coordinator. He is currently a full time student at Wichita State, taking 15 credit hours and maintaining a 3.00 grade point average overall. Brandon also participates in WSU’s intramural rowing team. Brandon feels confident and believes he is a better student because of the services and assistance he received from Veterans Upward Bound. He is now pursuing his dream of obtaining a degree in aeronautical engineering at Wichita State University.
Chesney Moon is an energetic senior at West High School where she takes advantage of each opportunity to prepare for a college education. She is good at solving problems and has positioned herself to handle a rigorous curriculum. She plans to enter a four-year nursing program for her bachelor’s degree, get a master’s in nursing and work in a dermatology office. Chesney also wants to earn a double degree in journalism. For the last three years in the TRIO Communication Upward Bound (CUB) program, she has been a leader and role model to other students.

Chesney is involved in the AVID program, Health Occupation Student America, and the Future Community and Career Leaders of America. When getting involved in the CUB program housed at Wichita State, Chesney says she was seeking a “better understanding and preparation of what I will be expected to do in college.”

“Education means so much to me because it’s how you learn,” Chesney says. “Education is the base to everything you know and everything you want to do. It teaches you to do things the correct and proper way and inform you of knowledge you didn’t know before. I highly appreciate someone teaching or educating me because I know it will help me in the long run and enable me to teach others.”

During the summer residential programs, she was active with the TRIO Quest projects, job training and dress for success activities for career prep and development. When looking at her future goals, she would like to “organize a positive organization for young people like me one day and become a humanitarian.”

During the first Shining Gala Stars hosted by the African American Faculty Staff Association at Wichita State in September 2012, Chesney was a finalist nominee for the outstanding high school award.

Endurance. Diligence. Determination. Perseverance. Any one of these words could be used to describe many of the students GEAR UP is fortunate to serve. And Brittney Sade Walker is no exception. In fact, all of those qualities can be found in Brittney and they are the traits moving her forward in her academic career.

ENDURANCE: Brittney grew up in a household where her parents were absent quite often. She was the middle child with two older brothers and two younger siblings. Because she was the oldest female in the house, she was required to take on responsibilities of adulthood early on. She was surrounded by an environment that was unsafe and threatening. At age 13, she was removed from her home and placed in foster care.

DILIGENCE: Despite being moved from home to home, Brittney worked hard to be successful. As one of her references expressed, Brittney “worked hard to avoid the pitfalls that her environment presented her.” Brittney herself admits that her middle school years were chaotic but, “I worked hard in high school.”

DETERMINATION: Brittney wasn’t exactly sure what career path she wanted to pursue. After attending an afterschool GEAR UP program regarding health careers, Brittney knew that sports medicine was the field she wanted to follow. In her own words, “After completing my general studies at DC3, I want to transfer to Wichita State University where I will study sports medicine. My ultimate dream job is to become a sports trainer for the Pittsburg Steelers!”

PERSEVERANCE: Brittney’s educational path has been full of obstacles, yet she hasn’t given up. “I know that college is a must for me to fulfill my dreams. I am aware that it will not be easy, but having had to overcome obstacles has taught me perseverance, stamina and hard work. I know that without GEAR UP college would only have been a dream. GEAR UP is making my dream a reality.”
Because of his last name, Sergio Ziad is usually last on most lists. That is not the case with the listing of Upward Bound Math Science (UBMS) graduating seniors. Ranked in the top two percent of his high school class and number one in the UBMS graduating class, this young man is only beginning to experience the success that he will undoubtedly continue to earn.

While notably an “A” student, Sergio admits that his grades “don’t always come easy.” He works hard because he feels “it is a waste of my education and hard work to let anything slip away.” Crediting his parents for his work ethic, Sergio states that I “do the best I can until I’m satisfied.” Known for his academic acumen, Sergio is also an artist, musician and has a great sense of humor.

Grades are not the only area where he works hard. He has been involved in the National Honors Society and Business Professionals of America for two years. He is also enrolled in the bio-med program at Wichita North High School. He is a five-year participant in UBMS, has completed over 80 hours of community service and is an active member of his church, where he has played the drums in the band along side his father for many years. Sergio says, “These activities have taught me the value of time and patience, helped prepare me for a college degree in chemistry and a career as a trauma surgeon.”

Sergio has been a quiet leader in the UBMS family. He is willing to help where needed, both with students and staff alike. He has built a reputation as hard-working, capable, and competent. Student’s readily respect him for his abilities and his sensitivity to others. Sergio is amongst the best of what TRIO UBMS has to offer!
DeMarquez Frazier has proven to be an exceptional young man while participating in the Upward Bound Wichita Prep (UBWP) program. He first graced the program with his presence during the summer 2009 residential component as a rising ninth grader. When the UBWP staff was seeking to select a student DeMarquez was at the top of the list.

DeMarquez is a respectful, determined, kind and a super gentleman. He shows respect to his mother and to his little brother. It is easy to see that he is a hard worker and committed to go to college. He is a great example of a dedicated student, a great big brother and a good role model to younger students. DeMarquez is also a great example of a dedicated and dependable UBWP student.

For the last three years, DeMarquez has participated in the UBWP community service events, National TRIO Day celebrations, the summer residential program, tutoring and homework assistance and campus visits. Because of his determination, persistence and high goals for himself, the UBWP staff is happy to recognize DeMarquez as the UBWP student of the year.
National TRIO Day is made possible with the hard work of the following committees:

**Banquet Dinner**
* Deema de Silva, PhD (SSS)
  Sharon Robertson (SSS)

**Building Bridges Awards**
* Lt. Colonel Larry Britton (VUB)

**Decorations and Banners**
* Martha Lewis (DSS)
  Shanda Burch (DSS)
  Kimberlee Cook (DSS)
  Shari Miller (DSS)
  Krista Burton (KKGU)
  Amber Schwartz (KKGU)
  Logan Stork (ETS)

**Entertainment**
* Rhonda Hicks (UBWP)

**Evaluation**
* Alan Dsouza, PhD (OSP)
  Nicole Childers (VUB)
  Kelley Graham (KKGU)

**Marketing**
* Wilma Moore-Black (CUB)
  Richard Armstrong, PhD (CUB)
  Suzanne Strunk (CUB)
  Demetria Wilson (CUB)

**Speakers/Hospitality**
* LaWanda Holt-Fields (MSP)
  Deltha Q. Colvin (OSP)

**Invitations, Reservations, Name Tags & Guest Check-in**
* Larry Britton (VUB)

**Reception**
* Hercilia Thompson (OSP)
  Corinne Nilsen (KKGU)
  Deltha Q. Colvin (OSP)

**Magazine**
* Larry Ramos (ETS)
  Alan Dsouza, PhD (OSP)
  Wilma Moore-Black (CUB)
  Travis Feeney (UBWP)

**Save the Date Postcards**
* V. Kaye Monk-Morgan (UBMS)

**VIP and WSU Proclamations Committee Members**
* Hercilia Thompson (OSP)
  V. Kaye Monk-Morgan (UBMS)
  Lydia Santiago (UBMS)
  Kelly Banks (UBMS)

**Room Reservations/Microphone Reservation**
  Hercilia Thompson (OSP)

**Program Brochure Committee**
* Frances Ervin (EOC)
  Barbara Kae (VUB)
  Diane Ridpath (EOC)

**TRIO Student Achievement Awards**
* Frances Ervin (EOC)
* Rhonda Hicks (UBWP)
  Deltha Q. Colvin (OSP)
  Hercilia Thompson (OSP)

**Videotaping and Photography/Slide Show**
* Wilma Moore-Black (CUB)
  Grady Landrum (ODS)
  Ashley Cervantes (CUB)

**TRIO Day Favors**
* Corinne Nilsen (KKGU)
  Amber Schwartz (KKGU)

**TRIO Day Student Ambassadors**
* V. Kaye Monk-Morgan (UBMS)

* Denotes Committee Chair

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TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the 1966 Congressional Resolution designated the last day of the month of February of each year, to be National TRIO Day; and

WHEREAS, The Special Programs for Students from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, commonly known as the TRIO Programs, are integral to the federal strategy aimed at advancing equal opportunity in postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, The 2,809 TRIO Programs- Educational Opportunity Centers Program, Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Student Support Services Program, Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound/Math Science, Veterans Upward Bound, and TRIO Staff Training presently provide more than 798,000 disadvantaged youth and adults the upward mobility afforded by higher education; and

WHEREAS, forty-five TRIO Programs in the State of Kansas serve over 12,459 students with $12,413,166 in federal support funding; and

WHEREAS, nine TRIO Programs at Wichita State University serve over 2,853 students in Wichita and the State of Kansas with $2,871,152 in federal support funding; and

WHEREAS, TRIO programs are targeted upon students whose family incomes fall below 150 percent of poverty where neither parent graduated from a 4-year college; and

WHEREAS, thirty-seven percent of TRIO students are White; thirty-five percent are African-American; nineteen percent are Hispanic; four percent are American Indian; four percent are Asian; and

WHEREAS, The TRIO Programs are an important retention mechanism for physically handicapped students in higher education, currently serving more than twenty-two thousand disabled students; and

WHEREAS, TRIO Programs have a record of success in providing students information about college, motivating them to attend college and enabling them to succeed in college; and

WHEREAS, The TRIO programs in the last three decades have several thousands of educational success stories including two Rhodes Scholars and the first Hispanic astronaut:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim February 6th of 2013, as

National Trio Day

in Kansas and ask that all citizens join in this observation.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 25th day of
January, A.D. 2013

BY THE GOVERNOR:

[Signature]

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State
PROCLAMATION

of

The City of Wichita, Kansas

Founded in 1870

Whereas, education should be made accessible to anyone who desires the opportunity to learn and expand their knowledge and to enhance their experiences in order to seek a postsecondary degree; and

Whereas, Wichita State University (WSU) TRIO programs such as Communication Upward Bound, Disability Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers, Educational Talent Search/Project Discover, McNair Scholars, Student Support Services, Upward Bound Math/Science, Upward Bound Wichita Prep, Veterans Upward Bound, as well as the Special programs such as Kansas Kids@ GEAR UP and the Office of Disability Services have concentrated their efforts in making available those educational and accommodative opportunities that students have in the past been denied in reaching their academic goals; and

Whereas, in recognition of these TRIO and Special programs that provide such academic services to help disadvantaged students of limited income, first generation, and disability; and

Whereas, WSU TRIO and Special Programs deserve recognition for their dedication in assisting members of Wichita and the surrounding communities with the educational needs of its citizens;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, Carl Brewer, Mayor of the City of Wichita, Kansas, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 6, 2013 as

TRIO Day for Wichita State University

and encourage citizens to join TRIO & Special program directors, staff, and students in paying special tribute to WSU President, Dr. John Bardo.

February 6, 2013

Date

[Signature]

Mayor, City of Wichita
PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL TRIO DAY

WHEREAS Congress established a series of programs known at the TRIO Programs, to help low income, first generation students and persons with disabilities enter college, graduate and move on to participate more fully in America’s economic and social life, and

WHEREAS 2,809 TRIO Programs nationwide currently provide over 798,000 disadvantaged youth and adults the upward mobility afforded by higher education, and

WHEREAS Wichita State University is committed to providing comprehensive educational opportunities through teaching, scholarship, and public service, and

WHEREAS Wichita State University hosts nine TRIO Programs: Communication Upward Bound, Disability Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers, Ronald McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program, Student Support Services, Talent Search/Project Discovery, Upward Bound Math Science, Upward Bound Wichita Prep and Veterans Upward Bound, and

WHEREAS, nine TRIO Programs, GEAR UP and Office of Disability Services at Wichita State University serve over 5,759 students in Wichita and the State of Kansas with $6,182,152 in federal and state support funding, and

WHEREAS, A 1986 Congressional Resolution designated the last day of the month February of each year to be National TRIO Day, and

WHEREAS, Governor Sam Brownback and Mayor Carl Brewer have proclaimed February 6, 2013 as National TRIO Day in the State of Kansas and the City of Wichita,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Dr. John W. Bardo, President of Wichita State University, do proclaim February 6, 2013 as National TRIO Day at Wichita State University and do encourage all WSU faculty and staff to participate in the TRIO Day celebration.

FURTHERMORE, I offer my thanks to all who work for and with the WSU TRIO Programs to help make the dream of higher education a reality for all the citizens of Wichita and Kansas.

[Signature]
Dr. John W. Bardo, President
Wichita State University
Signed this 6th day of February 2013
Candid Moments
TRIO Day 2013

See and hear sights and sounds from 2013 National TRIO Day:
http://www.youtube.com/user/wsuspecialprograms?feature=watch

The TRIO Legacy