TRIO Day 2016 was a major success from beginning to end. The Town Hall Meeting was great. The students had excellent questions and were excited to ask their questions of the superintendent and school board members. The entire audience learned a great deal and went away feeling better informed.

The student achievers, school board members and superintendent gathered for a reception, held in their honor, to congratulate and convey their appreciation for all of their accomplishments. The banquet was phenomenal and was loved by the attendees. Every aspect of the banquet went exceptionally well.

The Office of Special Programs received numerous acknowledgments and thanks for a great event. President John Bardo shared the successes and impact of the TRIO Programs, Vice President Eric Sexton encouraged support for the programs, and Councilwoman LaVonta Williams shared praise for the programs and read the City’s Proclamation.

The school board and superintendent were honored to receive the Building Bridges Awards and the programs were excited to acknowledge the exemplary efforts of Michael Kinnard who has supported the programs for a number of years. School Board President Betty Arnold was the banquet speaker and was outstanding. She shared her background and educational and academic advancements and provided encouraging remarks to the students and participants. The audience held on to every word. The students from each program were recognized for their successes and accomplishments. The staff are very proud of each of them.

A big “thank you” to the staff, students, university personnel, school board and superintendent, and community for making TRIO Day 2016 a huge success and for the many people who shared how important all of the programs are to the community. Please plan on joining the programs in 2017 to celebrate National TRIO Day.

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