TRIO Day 2015

TRIO Day is being celebrated on February 12, 2015 on the Wichita State University campus. The staffs of the programs in the Office of Special Programs (OSP) in the Division of Student Affairs are doing an excellent job getting ready for the day. The staff is excited that Arnold Mitchem, Ph.D. will talk with students, university and community personnel at a Town Hall Meeting at the CAC Theater. He will answer questions covering a variety of subjects. Everyone is also looking forward to the reception and banquet that will occur later that evening. Two Building Bridges Honorees will be recognized: Arnold L. Mitchem, Ph.D. national advocate and international leader and Virdena Gilkey, executive assistant for the Mayor and Wichita City Council and first lady of St. Mark Cathedral Church of God in Christ. It is satisfying and exciting to be recognizing these prominent individuals.

Each TRIO, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) and the Office of Disability Services (ODS) programs will honor the accomplishment of one of their students. The hard work and contributions of the students are phenomenal. It is so great that the programs have the opportunity to recognize individuals for their support and contributions to the family of programs served by the OSP. It is very exciting, in preparation for the events and the commitment of those involved. It is also exciting to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Upward Bound Wichita Prep Program at Wichita State and the legacy established by Wichita Prep.

OSP hopes that all individuals will join in celebrating and recognizing the success of the programs, the accomplishments of Wichita State President John Bardo, Ph.D. and First Lady Deborah Bardo, Vice President for Student Affairs Wade Robinson, Ph.D., the Mayor of the City of Wichita Carl Brewer and many more Wichita State and community personnel.

There are nine TRIO programs, three GEAR UP programs, ODS, and eight College Access Challenge Grants funded through the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR). The programs continue to appreciate the support of Diane Lindeman of KBOR. On behalf of OSP, thank you and congratulations to the magazine committee for an extraordinary publication; they have done an excellent job.

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