BLUEPRINT FOR A LIFETIME OF SUCCESS

TRIO Programs TRIO Day Magazine
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2011 National TRIO Day Magazine Committee Members:
Larry Ramos-Chair, Dr. Alan Dsouza, Travis Feeney and J. Logan Stork
TRIO Day 2011 was a major success. Nearly 200 participants honored USD 259 and community supporters, recognized the accomplishments of students and thanked the program staffs.

Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer read the Proclamation from the City of Wichita proclaiming February 17, 2011, TRIO Day in Wichita. Proclamations were also received from Governor Sam Brownback on behalf of the State of Kansas and Wichita State University President Donald Beggs on behalf of WSU. A welcome message was shared on behalf of President Beggs and Vice President for Campus Life and University Relations Wade Robinson.

The Reverend Wilbert Lewis provided words of inspiration to the audience. Keynote speaker Tyrone Flowers from Kansas City held the audience with his compelling message. He shared with the audience the events leading to his being placed in a wheelchair. This year’s Building Bridges honorees have done much to advance the lives of individuals eligible for the programs. The student achievement honorees were recognized by each program for their exemplary leadership.

The TRIO, GEAR UP and ODS staff planned an exciting and first class evening program. On behalf of the program staffs, we thank the individuals who participated in the program. They were the motivators for the TRIO Day Program and the driving force to implement successful programs and services.

Evaluation results support the success of the TRIO Day Program. Thank you stakeholders for your support. TRIO Works! We look forward to your continued support and seeing you at the next program.

Deltha Q. Colvin, Associate Vice President for Campus Life and TRIO Director, Wichita State University
A SUCCESS STORY...

The TRIO Day planning committee consisted of all Special Programs (SP) directors from the following programs: Communication Upward Bound (Rick Armstrong); Disability Support Services (Martha Lewis); Educational Opportunity Centers Program (Frances Ervin); Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP (Corinne Nilsen); McNair Scholars Program (LaWanda Holt-Fields); Office of Disability Services (Grady Landrum); Student Support Services (Deema de Silva); Talent Search (Larry Ramos); Upward Bound Math Science (Kaye Monk-Morgan); Upward Bound Wichita Prep (Rhonda Hicks); and Veterans Upward Bound (Larry Britton). In addition, Alan Dsouza, OSP Policy and Research Analyst and Hercilia Thompson, Assistant to the Associate Vice President for Campus Life served on the committee. Deltha Q. Colvin, Associate Vice President for Campus Life, chaired the planning committee. Sub committees were formed to organize specific components of the event such as publications, awards, keynote speaker, decorations, registration, media relations and evaluation. Program staff from the TRIO programs, Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP and the Office of Disability Services served on the various committees. A list of all the committees and their members can be found on page 18.

The day was the warmest day (78°) on record for February 17th in Wichita. Considering the area had nine inches of snow and subzero temperatures the week before, National TRIO Day (NTD) at WSU couldn’t have been held on a better day. Nearly 200 people attended the event which was held in the Ballroom of the Rhatigan Student Center. Thirty two percent of the attendees were TRIO students, 39 percent were WSU staff and faculty and a record 19 percent were guests, a majority of which were parents of TRIO students. The decorations committee adored each table with red candles, programs and center pieces. Banners for each department were placed along the sides of the stage making for a festive atmosphere. Anderson Ji, Talent Search alum and current tutor, played the piano as guests arrived. The event began promptly at 6 p.m. and ended by 8 p.m. In between, the program was packed with several speakers and acknowledgements. Prior to the event, the TRIO and Office of Special Programs directors were interviewed on what they thought the purpose of National TRIO Day meant. The following are excerpts from those interviews.

“The TRIO programs have an opportunity to showcase their accomplishments and thank the community for their support of our efforts.” -Deltha Colvin, Associate Vice President for Campus Life

“It’s a celebration of the achievements of the participants and graduates of TRIO and allows the community to join in and support the success of our students.” -Colonel Larry Britton, Veterans Upward Bound

“To showcase what we do to other university offices, government officials and the public.” -Grady Landrum, Office of Disability Services

“TRIO Day means a celebration of academic success.” -Frances Ervin, Educational Opportunity Centers

“Gives us an opportunity to recognize the great help that is provided to so many of our students to help them get ahead and get a leg up on college—great programs.” -Dr. Rick Armstrong, Communication Upward Bound

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STUDENT CORNER

Samia is a Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP 6th grade student who participates in the Homework Assistance Program where she receives tutoring in mathematics. She also benefits from the mentoring that KK@GU provides at her middle school. She believes that KK@GU “helps kids get better grades and do better in school.” She dreams of someday becoming a reporter or a fashion designer and considers chess and playing the piano her favorite hobbies. At the conclusion of National TRIO Day, Samia stated that she felt that TRIO Day was fun and that the keynote speaker, Tyrone Flowers (shown with Samia on left) had an inspirational message. When asked what she felt Flowers’ message was, she explained, “His message was to encourage kids to go to college and succeed in life, no matter what.”
“It’s an opportunity to celebrate the successes of students that we serve and the participants that are involved in the programs all over the country. It’s just an opportunity to say ‘yea’, look at our kids” -Kaye Monk-Morgan, Upward Bound Math Science

“Gives us the opportunity to show how TRIO shines and how it touches the many lives of so many students.” -LaWanda Fields, McNair Scholars Program

“TRIO Day is a phenomenal event because it shows a legacy since 1965. We change lives, build individuals one by one, so we are building the nation, socially, personally, academically, economically—I love TRIO Day” -Rhonda Hicks, Upward Bound Wichita Prep

Other TRIO staff members were also interviewed to find out their thoughts on the evening’s purpose. The following comments reflect a wide range of perceptions depending on their longevity with the program and familiarity with the programs represented at the event.

“It’s a great opportunity to focus on the skills that I have learned in the classroom.” -Curtis Chiles, Talent Search Tutor

“It’s my first time attending so it will help me understand more about TRIO and what it offers. Tonight, I want to learn what the purpose of TRIO is.” -Hien Nugyen, Disability Support Services English/Writing Specialist

“A lot of work!” -Shanda Burch, Disability Support Services Senior Administrative Assistant

“A day to serve.” -Tia Owens, Talent Search Educational Development Assistant

“Celebration!” -Ratna Suarijanto, Educational Opportunity Centers Program Statistician

“I’m looking forward to learning more and hearing what the speakers have to say about TRIO.” -Emily Alden, Student Support Services Lab Intern and SSS participant

Community supporters, parents, students and other members of the audience were asked what TRIO has meant to them. The following are some of those comments:

“TRIO has been a blessing to my children and to me as a parent.” -Beth DeForest-Kelley

“I am a student of UBWP. This is my first National TRIO Day. My brother is also in UB. I joined UBWP to get good grades. I hope to learn something new from today’s celebration.” -Simeon Williams

“TRIO gives people an opportunity to pursue higher education and career advancement and equips them with the tools and information they need to succeed.” -Mary Joe Waddill, EOC Advisory Board

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“I see a lot of good for students. Students get to experience college life and the programs are marvelous.” - Bill Brier, State of Kansas, Vocational Rehabilitation

“It’s good for kids to start young instead of waiting until they get to high school to prepare for the future.” - Sheri Davis (parent)

“TRIO adds more opportunities to focus on other things besides classroom education. It exposes students to art, music and to life. It’s been excellent for my granddaughter.” - Delores Cox (grandparent)

Deltha Q. Colvin began the program by welcoming the audience to WSU and to the National TRIO Day celebration. She acknowledged the many TRIO alumni who were in attendance and cited the names of notable TRIO alumni around the country including former NBA star Patrick Ewing, actress Angela Bassett, medical doctor Jeff Raines, Kansas Board of Regents member Mildred Edwards, and Spirit employee Brian Black. Afterwards, she introduced Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer who read a proclamation from the City of Wichita honoring the TRIO programs. The proclamation can be viewed on page 15.

Mayor Carl Brewer read the City of Wichita TRIO Day Proclamation

Reverend Wilbert Lewis, a long-time supporter of TRIO, was called to the podium to offer some thoughts and reflection. He stated his admiration and support of the TRIO programs and led a moment of silence prior to the dinner.

Larry Britton, director of Veterans Upward Bound, announced the 2011 Building Bridges Award recipients: Senator Pat Roberts, Senator Jerry Moran, Mayor Carl Brewer, Mildred Edwards, Diane Lindeman, Mel Thompson, James Rhatigan, Wade Bruendl, Denise Wren, Pam Stead, Brian Black, Carrie Edwards, James Gibson, Joani Purdy and Jennifer Roberts. Each recipient was honored individually and called to the stage to receive their award from Associate Vice President for Campus Life Colvin while a brief description of their involvement was read. Information on each recipient can be found on page 7.

Proceeding the Building Bridges Awards, Frances Ervin, director of Educational Opportunity Centers, announced the 2011 Student Achievement Award recipients. The students received a medallion and certificate from Colvin and the student’s program director. Recipients included Carson Daniels (Upward Bound Wichita Prep), Madison Davis (Talent Search), Nick Cox (Communication Upward Bound), Erin Waggoner (Office of Disability Services), Jacqueline Garcia (Educational Opportunity Centers Program), Steel Flemming (Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP), Lin Lau (Upward Bound Math Science), Beth Deforest-Kelley (Disability Support Services), Charity Lowe (Student Support Services), Yolanda Byers (McNair Scholars Program) and Jerry Querbach (Veterans Upward Bound). Information on each recipient can be found on page 10.

Kaye Monk-Morgan, director of Upward Bound Math Science, announced that she had received additional proclamations from Governor Brownback and WSU president Donald Beggs. These proclamations can be read in their entirety on page 16 and 17, respectively. Following her remarks the audience enjoyed a delicious barbecue dinner complete with salad, potato salad, steamed vegetables, roasted beef and chicken, and chocolate cake. Water and iced tea completed the meal.

Erin Waggoner, ODS, receives her Student Achievement Award from Deltha Q. Colvin and Grady Landrum

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Following the meal, LaWanda Holt-Fields introduced the keynote speaker Tyrone Flowers from Kansas City. Flowers delivered a powerful speech aimed at inspiring and motivating the audience. Flowers mentioned that he was a very good basketball player and was all set to play college ball when he was shot and eventually paralyzed, confining him to a wheelchair. However, he indicated that had it not been for that unfortunate event, he may never have had the success he has enjoyed by teaching youth to maximize their potential and do the very best they can in the face of perceived insurmountable obstacles. He talked about the impact EOC made on him. He said the staff did not judge him, but that they embraced him. The EOC counselor that was assigned to him explained how college worked by providing him with guidance and advice. He went on to say that many of the adults in the audience were in positions to make the same difference on students. Flowers said that the most meaningful award he has ever received is being named a TRIO Achiever in 2009 because TRIO was there when he needed something the most.

He ended his talk with the four P’s. Nothing in life is permanent; don’t take things personally, keep a positive attitude, and be passionate in whatever one does. He received a rousing standing ovation for his talk.

Larry Ramos, director of Talent Search, introduced all programs under the Office of Special Programs and presented a special attribution from the OSP directors to Associate Vice President for Campus Life Colvin. She received a bouquet of beautiful flowers and a spa gift certificate.

Deema de Silva, director of Student Support Services, provided acknowledgements to the following committees who work on the planning of National TRIO Day: TRIO Day Magazine (Larry Ramos, chair); Video/Photography (Grady Landrum, chair); and Advertising/Press Releases (Rick Armstrong, chair). Alan Dsouza, policy analyst director then explained the importance for the audience to complete an evaluation that was placed at each table. After a few moments passed—to give the audience time to begin completing the evaluations, Colvin thanked the audience for attending and called closure to the event. Immediately following, the NTD magazine committee interviewed several individuals to gain their responses to the event. Below are some of the comments received:

“TRIO is the ultimate program to help people realize their potential. It starts from the top at WSU, from the administration to the directors, teachers and mentors who work in TRIO. Students sat beside us tonight who said they wouldn’t be here if someone didn’t believe in them. You give students encouragement, assistance, hope and inspiration. I admire you all so much and you are such an inspiration. It’s the best program with the greatest return that I know of in government—bar none. If they were ranking, WSU would be number one and would have such a tradition of being number one that it would put UCLA to shame in basketball. You have great athletics here, but this program is beyond all athletic achievement. We are so proud of what you do and the results that you get. Congratulations and God Bless you always.” -Mel Thompson, Senator Pat Roberts Office

“To be honest with you, I was so impressed with the whole idea of TRIO supporting diversity on campuses throughout the United States. What TRIO does is recognize how key diversity is. And being at a midwestern, predominantly white university, I celebrate TRIO.” -Darryl Carrington

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“It was really, really good. I loved the speaker. We got a chance to say thank you to the community, teachers, staff and the students. It was properly celebrated.” -Chul Soon Choi, Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP

“I thought it was fantastic. The guest speaker was off the chain and it is always good to see people that I know and grew up with that are continually doing great things in the neighborhood and helping lives, changing lives. It seems that TRIO continually grows—every year I come it’s a new surprise and I hear more information about how well things are going. And nationally, one of the biggest in the country and that says big things. You guys are doing a fantastic job.” -Robert Love (community supporter)

“I learned a lot about the TRIO programs. There are a lot of things I didn’t know. I enjoyed seeing all the students and the awards.” -Amber Schwartz, Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP

“Tonight’s speaker had a proper message. It was about direction, life, caring, hope and always having a dream. He shared his personal experiences of continued life-long learning and all the efforts and energy it took for him to overcome all the obstacles. He saw them as just another opportunity to do something different.” -Wilma Moore-Black, Communication Upward Bound

“I thought tonight’s program was really exciting. One of the things I enjoy most about TRIO is the family environment that’s created. And having the opportunity to come back and not only celebrate and share some of the things that I’ve been fortunate enough to accomplish is because of the things I experienced in TRIO as an employee and the benefits I gained is as much as the student participants—so it’s exciting to come back and share in some of these students accomplishments to being to help them envision where they can be next.” -Mildred Edwards, Kansas Board of Regents

“I think it was phenomenal, inspiring and educational. But more so than anything, the support that you are giving these kids from a governmental level to the support of the university and the community is awesome. Because it needs to be a collaborative effort in order to help kids be successful.” -Tyrone Flowers (keynote speaker)

“Today’s program was very inspirational. It was fun and it moved fast. There was an atmosphere of camaraderie and celebration—celebration of our students’ achievements.” -Dr. Deema de Silva, Student Support Services

Impact of National TRIO Day

Although TRIO/GEAR UP and Disability Services always believe in long-term impacts of their services, the immediate impact of National TRIO Day did not go unnoticed. While 99 percent of attendees felt that the celebration communicated the importance of TRIO/GEAR UP and Disability Services programs, a record 98 percent indicated that they would like to attend this event again.
Fifteen outstanding individuals who support the TRIO, ODS and GEAR UP programs were honored with a Building Bridges Award. Each recipient was presented with a certificate from Deltha Q. Colvin that read: 

*Building Bridges Award Presented to ........... in Appreciation and Recognition for Commitment to Educating Students. “THE BLUEPRINT FOR A LIFETIME OF SUCCESS”, National TRIO Day, Wichita State University, February 17, 2011.*

Colonel Larry Britton, director of Veterans Upward Bound, called the recipients forward and provided the audience with information about that individual. The National TRIO Day 2011 Building Bridges Award recipients are as follows:

**Senator Jerry Moran** is a TRIO supporter and supporter of nearly 250,000 veterans living in Kansas as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and now as a senator from Kansas. He has been a regular speaker at the TRIO Kansas Legislative Breakfast in Washington D.C.

**Senator Pat Roberts** is a TRIO supporter who is committed to increasing Kansas’ investment in math, science and technology. He has been a regular speaker at the TRIO Kansas Legislative Breakfast in Washington D.C.

**Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer** is the first African American elected as the Mayor of Wichita. He has been the Wichita mayor since 2007 and was a member of the Wichita City Council from 2001-2007. He has been a speaker for the UBMS Program.

**Mel Thompson** is a staff member in Senator Roberts' office. He is a supporter of TRIO and has attended numerous National TRIO Day activities at WSU. He has also spoken at Student Support Services banquets and Disability Support Services luncheons.

**Dr. James Rhatigan** is a former VP for Student Affairs and a supporter of TRIO Programs on campus since the early 1970s. He has been a mentor to Deltha Q. Colvin. He now serves as a consultant with the WSU Foundation.

**Dr. Denise Wren** is the Assistant Superintendent of USD 259 high schools. She is a supporter of UBWP by approving the government class taught to students in the summer residential program for credit in high school.

**Diane Lindeman** is the Director of Financial Aid at the Kansas Board of Regents. She has been a supporter of TRIO through the College Access Challenge Grants for the past two years.

**Brian Black** is a former Talent Search student at the University of South Carolina-Columbia. He is active in the Wichita community and is a staff member at Spirit Aerosystems which has provided many scholarships to TRIO students at WSU.

**Pam Stead** is the principal at Enterprise Elementary School. She provides educational access for parents at Enterprise in the evenings.

**Wade Bruendl** is a supporter of KK@GU. He is the senior vice president of Meritrust Credit Union and he provides office space for the program’s Wichita, Region 5 office.

**Carrie Edwards** is the creative designer at TCV Publishing which publishes the Community Voice. She is a volunteer for CUB, assisting with several program publications.

**James Gibson** is the director of the Vet Center in Wichita. He supports Veterans Upward Bound by providing services and programs for VUB Students.

**Joani Purdy** is the project coordinator of Project Encore, an online high school completion program. Purdy works with the Educational Opportunity Centers Program in assisting program students.

**Jennifer Roberts** is a senior administrative assistant at WSU’s Liberal Arts Center, and is a strong supporter of Disability Support Services.

**Dr. Mildred Edwards** is a strong supporter of all TRIO and GEAR UP programs and is an alum of Student Support Services. She currently serves on the Kansas Board of Regents.
Eleven exceptional students received Student Achievement Awards this year. Frances Ervin, director of Equal Opportunity Centers Program presented the awards, stating, “It has been said that knowledge plus character is the true goal of education. And, tonight, we are recognizing eleven aspiring individuals and honoring them for their acquisition of knowledge and the magnificence of their character.” Deltha Q. Colvin and the nominating program directors granted each student a certificate of achievement that read, “The TRIO-Special Programs at Wichita State University Recognizes .......... as TRIO Achiever of the Year, exemplifying the TRIO spirit of excellence and achievement. Presented at the National TRIO Day Celebration on this February 17, 2011.”

The 2011 National TRIO Day student achievers are as follows:

Communication Upward Bound: Nick Cox is a senior at Wichita South High School and was recently named a 2011 WSU Dean’s Scholar.

Disability Support Services: Beth DeForest Kelley graduated from WSU in the fall of 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in ethnic studies after persevering through many personal and academic struggles.

Educational Opportunity Centers Program: Jacqueline Garcia earned GED credentials as a prerequisite to entering Butler Community College where she will graduate in the spring with an Associate of Arts degree. She will continue on to WSU where she will work toward a master’s degree in social work.

Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP: Steele Flemming is a senior at Pratt High School and in the top 10 percent of his graduating class. He is receiving a partial athletic scholarship to Hutchinson Community College and would like to major in psychology.

McNair Scholars Program: Yolanda Byers, a senior in business administration, international business and economics at WSU, will graduate in the fall of 2011. She plans to pursue a master’s degree in economics.

Office of Disability Services: Erin Waggoner will be graduating with a degree in aerospace engineering and hopes to get a job at NASA where she has worked as a CO-OP student for the past two years.

Student Support Services: Charity Lowe, a full-time WSU student, is majoring in business administration. She is a part-time SSS staff member and is raising six children.

Talent Search: Madison Davis, an AVID student at Brooks Technology and Arts Magnet School, is a continuing honor roll student and a future psychologist. She also won the silver medal in the 2010 Middle School TRIO Quest PhotoEssay competition.

Upward Bound Math Science: Lin Lau is a senior in the International Baccalaureate Program at Sumner Academy in Kansas City, KS. Her goal is to attend college and prepare for a career as an advanced nursing practitioner.

Upward Bound Wichita Prep: Carson Daniels, a senior at East High School, excels in computers and mathematics. He is also a self-taught musician and has been training himself to play the piano since the age of 14.

Veteran’s Upward Bound: Jerry Ouerbach is a WSU undergraduate student who is returning to education after 20 years. He earned a 3.9 G.P.A. his first semester.

Congratulations to all of the 2011 student achievers for their excellence and achievement!
Goals are something one sets before he or she wishes to accomplish a task or mission, according to Kurt Powell II. Goals encourage people to push themselves to an extent that helps them see their true potential. That’s why Kurt always has goals, whether short term or long term.

As a senior at West High School, Kurt has been involved in the Communication Upward Bound program for three years. His multiple long-term goals include: becoming a civil engineer and getting a master’s degree in architectural engineering and a second master’s in business administration. The primary short-term goal for Kurt is concentrating on improving his grade point average so it will be reflected on his transcript when he graduates in May 2011.

Kurt’s other immediate goals include buying a new car, opening a retirement fund, finding a better paying job and finishing his Eagle Scout rank. He has gained valuable leadership experience from both Boy Scouts and JROTC. “I have learned that to achieve goals you have to plan,” Kurt said. “That planning should not be an individual job. I try to always consult someone when I plan for my future. Boy Scouts has helped me so much the past 12 years. I believe that if I had not been in Boy Scouts I would have gotten into a lot of trouble. Boy Scouts has taught me more about life and living right more than anything else. My time in Boy Scouts has helped prepare me for a life full of goals and I plan to achieve them all.”

Kurt has also demonstrated his musical talents by participation in marching and concert bands. He has been on the drill team and served as a battalion operations officer, battalion supply officer and junior assistant scoutmaster.

During his involvement with the CUB program, Kurt has proven to be a role model who shares his character traits with other participants. He is also someone who loves to have fun and knows the meaning of respect and discipline.

Jacqueline is an adult learner who came to the EOC Program with hopes of earning her GED credentials, but now has high dreams of earning a master’s degree from Wichita State University. She had been trying to improve her English in order to pass the GED exam for years, but did not know how to study or prepare for it. Like many adults who had been outside of the educational system for a while, she was seeking to identify and understand current resources that would aid in her desired success. As Jacqueline worked to improve her English speaking skills, she realized that her career choice would be greatly impacted by her ability to master the English language.

After attending the EOC Program’s Learning Style Workshop and also being provided ESOL counseling, Jacqueline gained a ton of self-confidence. She was able to score well and pass her GED Exam resulting in a State of Kansas High School Diploma. As is done for all adults who earn a Kansas High School diploma, EOC offered services that would enable Jacqueline a direct pathway to college. Among the services provided to her were academic counseling, college applications technical assistance and financial aid technical assistance to prepare her for college entry. In the midst of college preparation, life happened and Jacqueline prepared to move out of state. Her plan to enter college was delayed. When these personal plans did not solidify, Jacqueline returned to the EOC Program and participated in workshops on career exploration and scholarship search.

Through her perseverance and college prep services, Jacqueline entered Butler County Community College to work on general education courses in preparation for transferring to Wichita State University. She will complete her associate degree in the spring of 2011. Jacqueline anticipates transferring to WSU in the fall of 2012 where she plans to obtain a master’s degree in social work. She created an educational plan and stuck with it. She is deserving of this honor that celebrates her accomplishments.
Gabriel Garcia is a one of kind individual. He has motivated himself to become a bright, honest, hard-working and caring young man. At the young age of 13, Gabriel’s grades became very important to him because he had been introduced to the reality of college and what it can do for you. In high school, Gabriel became a pioneer and helped start a HALO (Hispanic American Leadership Organization) group at North High School. He was president of the organization both his junior and senior years. He said he started it because “There wasn’t a program where Hispanic students could unite and give back to the community.” While also in high school, Gabriel became a mentor for Real Men, Real Heroes and mentored local elementary and middle school students. In high school he also became involved in the Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP program. Gabriel joined GEAR UP because of the valuable resources, knowledge and help about college that they provide.

While in high school, Gabriel had over 200 hours of volunteering. He volunteered for Via Christi and helped with elderly patients. He volunteered with Connecting Through Community for three years helping students who are physically challenged. During his senior year, Gabriel was awarded five scholarships and grants for a grand total of $24,000. He was awarded the Dell Scholarship, Sedgwick County Scholars Scholarship, Alumni Business Scholarship, and scholarships from the Hispanic Chambers of Commerce and the Historic Midtown Citizens Association.

Gabriel is currently a freshman at Wichita State University, majoring in accounting. He is also working as an AVID Tutor at his Alma Mater, North High School.

Aquila is full of life, delightful, sharp, profound, caring and affectionate. These are some of the words used to describe Aquila. There are other words that could be added to that list including “well-rounded” and “accomplished.” Aquila is currently a senior at Northeast Magnet. She has been very active in the Talent Search program since she was in middle school. For example, she participated in the Middle School Summer Enrichment Program for three years and attended the National TRIO Student Leadership Conference in Washington, DC for each of the past two years. She has been passionately involved in school activities since the 9th grade. At Northeast she has been involved in the yearbook and several theater productions. Aquila is also an accomplished cross country and track athlete. She has been running varsity since her freshmen year. Her team won a regional championship and made it to state competitions on three occasions.

Aquila is also involved in Future Educators of America since her lifetime passion is education and English. She plans to get her degree at WSU and become a high school English teacher. When asked, “what do you love to read?”, she said, “everything.” Laughing and realizing how “geeky” it sounded she confessed: “I like reading about spelling and knowing where words come from.” She also enjoys poetry and fiction.

In her “spare” time, Aquila works at the movie theater where she gets to see movies for free once in a while, but most importantly, she is able to save the money she earns. She was able to fund a trip to New York over spring break with the International Thespian Society. Needless to say, Aquila is a special young lady whom the program staff is very proud to be associated with.
Student Profiles

UBMS

Miss Lau is a four-year Center participant from Kansas City, KS, where she attends Sumner Academy. Lin is the third of her siblings to participate in UBMS and promises to continue to succeed as she pursues a degree in nursing this fall. She will leave high school with the benefit of college exposure through UBMS and 11 college credit hours. When adding in credit by examination and IB credits, Lin will likely hit her campus having already earned enough credits to be significantly ahead of the game.

A first-generation immigrant to the United States, Lin speaks eloquently about her family’s decision to immigrate in her senior essay. In her essay she writes, “Eight years ago, my parents brought my siblings and me to the United States with an ultimate hope for us to achieve—to obtain an education. They believed that education was the solution to many of the problems that we faced in everyday of our lives. At the time, I was too young to understand the purpose of why they brought me to this new world, however, when I entered middle school, I came to notice that my parents did not have the opportunity to communicate as freely as before because they could not speak nor understand English. Losing their ability to communicate and manage to work in order to support the family instilled a filial affection inside of me to become my own education manager.”

Lin has created an education resume that is indicative of her ability and that will facilitate her dream of a profession in service to others. She is one of UBMS’ best and brightest!

UBWP

Carson Leon Daniels is a senior at Wichita East High School where he maintains a 3.0 GPA. In the spring of 2009, during an initial interview in becoming an Upward Bound Wichita Prep student, Carson indicated that he wanted to become a UBWP student so that he could strengthen his academic skills and pursue a postsecondary degree.

Since that time, Carson has held fast to that goal, excelling in computer and math classes as well as refining his love of music and history. Carson is a self-taught musician who has a passion for music. He has been training himself to play the piano since he was 14 years old, getting closer daily to mastering this instrument through tutorials and the YouTube experience.

Carson has been an unwavering UBWP participant for the last two years with a strong commitment to improving himself through involvement in the tutorial program and the life skills’ education activities of the Upward Bound Saturday Sessions component. He has won many outstanding achievement awards during the summer and academic sessions from top attendance to top academic awards. He is especially proud of a 4.0 GPA academic achievement award as an outstanding student in the 2010 U.S. Government class, an accredited course for future UBWP, U.S.D 259 seniors.

Carson is the son of Constance Walker who has been a major influence in Carson’s life. “She is the strongest person I know,” says Carson who is thankful for the sacrifices made by his mother in raising him alone. Carson does not have siblings in the home, so many of his days while his mother worked were spent with other family members who helped instill in him the desire to succeed through education and determination.

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Veteran, VUB Participant and Author… Thomas Junkins is Veterans Upward Bound’s most senior participant. After participating in several of the program’s creative writing courses conducted by WSU English Academic Lecturer and VUB Instructor, Bryan Flores, he found a signature interest — writing. He has written and published a book of memoirs, *I Did It My Way*, and a novel, *Sam and Angel*. *I Did It My Way* is a chronicle of his life; from childhood, through his NAVY years during World War II and his family life. His story is personal and very touching.

From his first weeks with Veterans Upward Bound, Tom has been a stalwart supporter of the VUB program. Wherever he goes he is a supporter of Veterans returning to school and completing a postsecondary education. In his words, “Every chance I get, I mention the benefits I have received from Veterans Upward Bound.” At the annual VUB banquet, September 2010, at the Marcus Welcome Center at Wichita State University, he delivered a poignant, impromptu speech lauding VUB and its staff, stating that the program has also made a significant difference in his grandson’s life who has the honor of being VUB’s first college graduate.

Tom is an active member in the Cowley County Writers Guild and is currently writing the sequel to *Sam and Angel* and more books detailing different segments of his life. Tom says that everyone has a story to tell and he is busy writing his.
PROCLAMATION

of

The City of Wichita, Kansas

Founded in 1870

Whereas, according to the 1986 Congressional Resolution, National TRIO Day, the last Saturday of February, is meant to focus the nation’s “attention on the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives, to the necessary investment if they are to become contributing citizens of the county, and to the talent which will be wasted if that investment is not made.”; and

Whereas, TRIO programs provide academic tutoring, personal counseling, mentoring, financial guidance, and other supports necessary for educational access and retention; and

Whereas, two-thirds of the students served by TRIO programs come from families with incomes under $30,075 (for a family of four), where neither parent graduated from a 4-year college; and

Whereas, nine TRIO programs at Wichita State University serve over 3,183 students in Wichita and the State of Kansas with $2,861,485 in federal support funding; and

Whereas, thousands of TRIO students in the past three (3) decades have stories of educational success, including two (2) Rhodes Scholars and the first Hispanic astronaut;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, Carl Brewer, Mayor of the City of Wichita, Kansas, do hereby proclaim Thursday, February 17, 2011 as

Wichita TRIO Day

and encourage all citizens to celebrate and support the TRIO programs that offer disadvantaged youth and adults the opportunity to achieve higher education for the betterment of our entire community.

February 17, 2011

Date

Mayor, City of Wichita
STATE OF KANSAS

PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the 1986 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 2,870 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 836,000 disadvantaged youth and adults the upward mobility afforded by higher education; and

WHEREAS, forty-nine TRIO Programs in the State of Kansas serve over 13,359 students with $14,037,894 in federal support funding; and

WHEREAS, nine TRIO Programs at Wichita State University serve over 3,183 students in Wichita and the State of Kansas with $2,861,485 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; 35 percent are African-American; 19 percent are Hispanic; 4 percent are American Indian; 4 percent are Asian; and

WHEREAS, The TRIO Programs are an important retention mechanism for physically handicapped students in higher education, currently serving more than 22,000 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 17th of 2011, as

National Trio Day

in Kansas.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 17th day of
February, A.D. 2011

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State
PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL TRIO DAY

WHEREAS Congress established a series of programs known as 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 2,870 TRIO Programs nationwide currently provide over 836,000 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 at Wichita State University serve over 3,183 students in Wichita and the State of Kansas with $2,861,485 in federal 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 17, 2011 as National TRIO Day in the State of Kansas and the City of Wichita,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Dr. Donald L. Bergs, President of Wichita State University, do proclaim February 17, 2011 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.

Dr. Donald L. Bergs, President
Wichita State University
Signed this 17th day of February 2011
National TRIO Day is made possible with the hard work of the following committees:

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