



# Spring 2019 Semester in Review

## Student Support Services

### Director's Corner



It is the end of our 2018—19 year, and I extend a heartfelt congratulations to all of our TRIO graduates and our graduate assistant, Ayana Jean, who received her Master's degree in College Student Development and Administration. Our TRIO Achievers this year are Mitchell Haines for the highest GPA and Markia Daniels for being the most active TRIO participant. Mitchell will be working and applying to attend graduate school at WVU to major in Social Work in the fall, and Markia is working full-time at Maxar, a geospatial government contracting company.

This semester TRiO ventured off campus and participated in a community service project which allowed our students to become more active and involved in the community. The recipient of our community service projects was the Canterbury Center, senior citizens complex. We delivered handcrafted Christmas ornaments and Valentine's Day cards.

In program goals and objectives, we served 101.21% of the number of program participants that we were funded to serve. Our persistence rate was 83.23%, our students' in good academic standing rate was 90.41%, and our cohort bachelor degree attainment rate was 60.97% for the 2017-18 academic year. Congratulations to the Upward Bound seniors that will be joining the Shepherd TRiO Student Support Services program this fall. 50% of the Upward Bound seniors chose to continue their education at Shepherd University.

Thank you to all of the University departments that help TRIO accomplish/surpass our program goals and objectives. We could not have done it without you. It truly is teamwork that makes it all come together.

Have a fantastic summer and enjoy so that you can come back in the fall with renewed vigor and a determination for an exceptional 2019-20 academic year. Best wishes to all.

**TRiO Works!**

## **TRiO Student receives Dr. Ann Crum Director's Award**



The Dr. Ann Crum award is given to a student who demonstrates promise and who has a great deal of potential. Noah Stottlemeyer was presented with this award at the TRiO Student Leadership Conference held in Sutton, West Virginia on March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup>. This award included a certificate and a one hundred dollar scholarship.

“Receiving the Dr. Ann Crum award at the TRiO Student Leadership Conference back in March was a major surprise to me. Out of all the students they could have chosen for this award, they chose me and I am happy they did. I will use this award to the best of my abilities in order to have a successful senior year at Shepherd University. I am still very thankful for TRiO SSS for awarding me this recognition and the many opportunities I’ve been dealt with because of them”.

## **Shepherd University TRiO student Wins back to back scholarship**

Daisy Bautista from the Shepherd University TRiO Student Support Services program was awarded the 2019 WV TRiO Scholarship and the 2019 Mid-Eastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MEAEOPP) Scholarship. Daisy is a junior majoring in Recreation & Leisure Studies who has been an active member of TRiO SSS since her freshman year. The WV TRiO Association awards two \$500 scholarships to high school TRiO program participants and two \$500 scholarships to post-secondary TRiO program participants within the state of West Virginia each year. Likewise, the Mid-Eastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MEAEOPP) awards \$1000 scholarships to the top 10 students from all TRiO programs in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Daisy was awarded these scholarships based on outstanding academic achievement as well as involvement on campus as a student leader and in the community.



## Shepherd University TRiO/SSS Students Attends the 2019 WV TRiO Student Leadership Conference

Shepherd University TRiO Student Support Services students participated in the 2019 West Virginia TRiO Student Leadership Conference. The Conference was held in Sutton, West Virginia on March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup>. Shepherd was among a total of 18 different colleges across the region and nearby states. The conference was titled Mindful Leadership Empower, Engage, and Respect. Students were able to attend sessions hosted by Adventure West Virginia.



In these sessions students were able to engage in activities that foster growth, leadership development, social responsibility, and student success. Trechelle Winston, a first year TRiO participant at Shepherd shared her experience attending the Student Leadership conference for the first time.

“For me it was a really good way to get out of my comfort zone. I had never done anything like it. I think it helped a lot in a bunch of different areas. For the most part it helped me to just go in and talk to people I did not know”.

Students were also able to participate in a community service project. Students took turns going around in a line packing bags of canned food to deliver to the



West Virginia Mountaineer Food Bank. Over 700 bags of food were packed. The West Virginia Mountaineer Food Bank was very pleased with

the amount of food that the students were able to bag and pack in just a few minutes. The students were also able to have a little fun at the conference banquet. Students were able to dine and hear from the conference Guest Speaker Mrs. Regina Barnette-Tyler, Director of the Student Support Service Program at Virginia State University and 2019 Mid-Eastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MEAEOPP) President. Mrs. Regina spoke to students about overcoming obstacles and perseverance. Students were ignited by her words of encouragement to go forth into the world and be the leaders of tomorrow.



## **TRiO/SSS Students Receive Summer 2019 Internship At American Woodmark**

John-Paul Bronzi and Tania Hernandez, both participants of the TRiO/Student Support Services Program, received summer internships with American Woodmark Company based in Winchester, VA. American Woodmark is a manufacturing company that operates in eight different states; Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, with nine builder service centers across the country. Both students will be putting their Computer and Information Science (CIS) major to work, as well as developing skills needed in their field.



**John-Paul Bronzi**

“I’m ecstatic to start my internship at American Woodmark. I’m looking forward to getting real world experience as a software engineer and to have opportunities to learn new skills. I will be an intern in American Woodmark’s manufacturing software solutions team”.



**Tania Hernandez**

“As a student in Computer Science, I am really enthusiastic about this summer internship because after many semesters of study, I have been given the opportunity not only to utilize what I have learned until this point, but also to expand my knowledge in the field. I believe this is a position where my passion for the tech industry will grow because it will also expose me to an environment of a real-world job as I will be a full-time IT intern at American Woodmark in Winchester, Virginia. A kitchen and bath cabinet manufacturer, where I will be learning what Finance and BI is all about and how it is used in a Manufacturing company while using software tools like SQL, VB.net, and Azure DevOps. Overall, I think this will be an enriching opportunity in every aspect of my career as a young professional seeking new experiences to learn”.

## **TRiO Student Maria Acevedo Shares her Best Semester Ever: An inspiration to others**



This semester has truly been one of the best semesters ever. Not because I have not enjoyed the previous ones, but because my hard work was certainly noticed. Sometimes you think all the hours, the sweat, the tears, the work you put in to your passion are going unnoticed, but that's wrong! This spring semester I have been blessed to have received several collegiate recognitions. TRIO has certainly made a huge impact in all my successes because this program placed the right people in my life. People that helped guide me along the way and are still guiding me today.

Earlier in the semester, I applied to be a part of the Multicultural Leadership Team and was later appointed as one of their members. I was so excited and in awe!

Just a few weeks later, I was awarded membership to be one of the four selected to be a part of the International Leadership Team here at Shepherd University which later on allowed me to be acknowledged at the 71st Annual Student Recognition Day.

Another milestone in my life was being accepted into the Nursing Program this semester. It has been a long time coming, and it has been a tough road to come to where I'm today. To know I'm close to my goal fills my heart with joy. After being accepted into the Nursing Program, I was hit with yet more amazing news and that is being awarded the Leonard J. McCormack Nursing Scholarship. As well as the Sharon Drummeter Scholarship! I also became an active member of the Shepherd University Student Nursing Association, where I am able to learn more about the Nursing program and to network with other nursing students.

All these accomplishments are such a blessing to me! I'm happy to say that I am part of a University that really cares about their students. I would recommend all students to get involved on campus. Not only are you involved on campus but you are given an opportunity to grow mentally and emotionally as a person. Being involved might ignite a passion for something you never thought you would like! I'm in love with my whole Shepherd University family. It's been tough but your dreams won't work, unless you do!

## Reflections



**Kiera Batts-Anderson**

### Resume Building Workshop

A resume can be described as a quick snapshot of yourself, which highlights all of the most important things you've accomplished. I must say that the *'Resume Workshop'* was beneficial to me because it gave me a different insight on how to put together a professional resume. The workshop discussed a number of important things you should include in your resume – such as a Job Objective, Educational Status, Employment History, Awards, and Conferences, and any type of community service or activities you were involved in. I decided to attend this workshop because I strongly believe that my resume could always use some improvement, and I figured that learning a few

new techniques to add in my resume couldn't hurt. I've definitely implemented what I've learned from this workshop to my resume; because of this workshop I've learned how to format and conduct an outstanding, professional resume that is really pleasing to the eye. Also learned how to catch the reader's attention, by highlighting my accomplishments and using "professional resume language".

### Stress Free Study Zone

It is that time of the year when everyone is all stressed. Having TRiO provide refreshments and catering from Chick Fil A definitely helped us forget some of that stress, and tried to relax as we enjoy the food and social time with each other before and after finals. With the amount of assignments and last minute studying for finals it is nice to be able to put that aside for a while and enjoy good food and company. Events such as this are a good way of bringing the members of TRiO together as we are able to meet new people and catch up with others we do not see on a daily basis. Overall, I would like to thank the TRiO staff for hosting events like this for their members, and I look forward to attending more next year.

### New faces in TRiO



TRiO is excited to announce the newest addition to our staff –Mrs. LaJuan Curry! LaJuan is our new Administrative Assistant. We are very excited to have her on board with us! LaJuan has been a part of the TRiO family for 5 yrs before formally becoming a member of the team. Her daughter was an active member of the TRiO program, before graduating from Shepherd University in 2017. She has worked with students in the Elementary, Middle, and high school levels. She is excited to be a member of the TRiO/Student Support Services team and she is looking forward to forming relationships with the students and being a positive support person to everyone who enters the doors of the TRiO/Support Center.



**4.0 GPA  
Spring 2019**

John-Paul Bronzi  
Brittany Brossart  
Kendra Coffey  
Brian Crtuchley  
Darnethia Cunningham  
Lacey Emry  
Emily Estep  
Brandon Hagen  
Mitchell Haines  
Bianca Ison  
Michael Icenhower  
Lindsey Jackson

Matthew Lacy  
Hailey Mauzy  
Sofia Prado  
Alyssa Pritt  
Hannah Rose  
Richard Robinson  
Donna Sage  
Michaela Sencindiver  
Noah Stottlemyer  
Hannah Warner  
Alexandra Wells

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**Congratulations**



**Dean's List  
Spring 2019**

Bridgette Aguilar-Dishman  
Gabriela Alvarado  
Keandre Batson  
Daisy Bautista  
Josie Braford  
Kalyn Branter  
John-Paul Bronzi  
Brittany Brossart  
Abigail Cleary  
Kendra Coffey  
Brian Crtuchley  
Darnethia Cunningham  
Laura Castro Vargas  
Luisely Doza  
Lacey Emry  
Emily Estep  
Sarah Flesher

Vivan Flores  
Mahayana Garcia  
Brandon Hagen  
Griffin Haines  
Mitchell Haines  
Isaiah Hall  
Alissa Hedrick  
Tania Hernandez  
Michael Icenhower  
Bianca Ison  
Lindsey Jackson  
Matthew Lacy  
Emily Link  
Jacob Lee  
Aniqua Lower  
Savannah Maguire  
Hailey Mauzy

Ryley Miller  
Devin Moore  
Ja Seng  
Sofia Prado  
Alyssa Pritt  
Hannah Rose  
Richard Robinson  
Donna Sage  
Michaela Sencindiver  
Allyson Spinks  
Noah Stottlemyer  
Hannah Warner  
Alexandra Wells  
Myranda Wiles  
Damoy Williams

*Shepherd University*

**TRiO**



**Fall 2018**

Markia Daniels  
Alex Hale  
Emily Hernandez  
Stacy Mummert  
Blake Scott  
Kevin Turner  
DJ Wells

**Summer 2019**

Gianni Childs  
Emily Estep  
Donna Sage  
Rita Torres

**Spring 2019**

Gabriela Alvarado  
Keandre Batson  
Kendra Coffey  
Keron Costen  
Darnethia  
Cunningham  
Lacey Emry  
Mitchell Haines  
Alissa Hedrick  
Michael Icenhower  
Nikiala Johnson  
Matthew Lacy  
Hailey Mauzy  
Hannah Rose  
Alexas Spiker  
Brandon Tucker  
Alexandra Wells  
Myranda Wiles

**Congratulations Class of 2019!**

## Fall 2019 Tentative Workshop Schedule

### TRiO Orientation

**Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Storer Ballroom**

*Orientation is mandatory for all TRiO Students. At this event students will be reminded of the goals of the program and student obligations as TRiO participants. Students will have the opportunity to meet TRiO staff members and socialize with other TRiO students in various team building exercises.*

### How to do the do

**Date/time and location to be announced**

*Some students suffer from not having the will power to do exactly what is needed to be done. Sometimes students when given resources, find it hard to find the time to use the resources given. Therefore, in this workshop we will discuss how students can overcome such obstacles.*

*This workshop will explore ways students can avoid procrastination and ways to overcome procrastination. Students will have the ability to share how they personally avoided procrastination and how they ensure that they do what is needed to be done and meeting deadlines.*

### FAFSA Workshop

**Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Library Rm. #307**

*This workshop will allow students the opportunity to apply for Federal Students Aid with the help of a Financial Aid Counselor. Students will be asked to take with them the necessary documents (tax forms, SID Number /PIN) to complete their 2020/21 FAFSA.*

### Test Taking Workshop

**Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Time & Location-TBA)**

*A workshop on how to prepare for tests and exams. Students will be able to explore different ways to study, how to use their time wisely, and how to prepare the body and mind for the upcoming test and exams.*

### Community Service Opportunity

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> (Time & Location-TBA)**

*TRiO will partner with the office of Student Community Services to give students the opportunity to get involved and to give back to our community.*

### Basics of Microsoft

**Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> (Time & Location-TBA)**

*This workshop will teach students the basic skills of Microsoft word. Student will learn how to properly edit a paper. For example setting the right margins, font, and layout.*

### Finals Week: Stress-Free Study Zone:

**Monday-Friday (Time & Location-TBA)**

Chick-fil-A

Donuts and Coffee