

Trio Newsletter

Fall 2018



New Incentive Cards

We rolled out a new way to entice members to be active participants in our program with the introduction of incentive cards. Each card contains eight bubbles, which correspond with various services available to TRIO members. These services include meeting with a peer coach, attending a financial literacy session, meeting with Lindsey, attending a peer panel, and participating in workshops. When a member utilizes a service, that corresponding bubble will be punched. Once all eight bubbles have been punched, the member will receive a T-shirt, be entered into a drawing to be held in April, and will have the opportunity to attend a fun summer event.



Lunch & Learn Workshops

Another way we are trying to entice students to attend workshops is by hosting Lunch and Learn Workshops throughout the semester. Each month we will cover a different topic. Each topic will be covered on two consecutive days in hopes of getting students taking MW only classes and students taking TR only classes. Because food will be offered during the workshops, members **must** RSVP to ensure enough food is available. Please go to [SignupGenius](#) to register.

*Support is not only part of our name,
it is part of our hearts.*

Please mark your calendars for this semester's Lunch and Learn events:

September 18 and 19 Lindsey will present on academic awareness.
October 22 and 23 Mary will present on a financial literacy topic.
November 7 and 8 Becky will present on Mindfulness apps (well-being).

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Due to extremely windy conditions, we had to change our bonfire to a grill out, but we all had a good time. Congratulations to our costume winners: Wyatt Hunley, Denisse Vasquez, and Nadya Vasquez.





Student Spotlight

Nicholas Russell is our featured student for fall 2018. You've probably seen him at various TRiO sponsored events or at Wendy's on Hwy 54 where he works part-time. He is the first TRiO member to host a workshop for fellow members. His workshop, "Scholarships You Didn't Know Existed" made students aware of a large number of available scholarships that are quite easy to apply for each month. Nicholas will be graduating in December with his Associate in Arts degree. He plans on returning to OCTC in the spring to complete a few business classes before transferring to Brescia University in the fall of 2019.

REMIND App

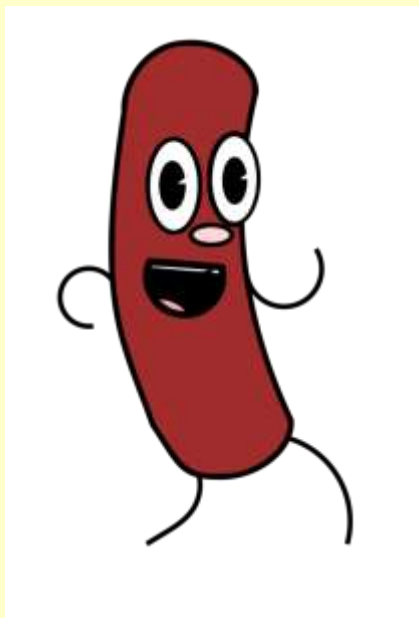
We know that many students don't check their emails as often as they should. Therefore, we have started using the Remind app to remind students of upcoming dates and events. Using the app is quite simple.

IF you have a smartphone, open your web browser and go to rmd.at/k7636 and follow the instructions.

IF you don't have a smartphone, text the message @k7636 to the number 81010.

Important Dates

- Nov. 30 Last day to withdraw from a class
- Dec. 3-6 Final Exam Week
- Dec. 21 Last day that OCTC will be open before holiday break
- Jan. 7 OCTC offices open
- Jan. 14 Spring semester classes begin
- Jan. 14 Welcome Back Brrrrrito Bash 11:00 – 1:00 (we feed you lunch)
- Jan. 15 Welcome Back Brrrrrito Bash 11:00 – 1:00 (we feed you lunch)



Food for Finals

We want our students to be well fed for finals. Therefore, we'll be providing some food opportunities during Final Exam week.


- Dec. 3 11:00 – 1:00 Hot Diggity Dog, the Semester is Over! (hot dogs and chips)
- Dec. 4 11:00 – 1:00 Grillin' and Chillin' (grilled cheese and chips)
- Dec. 5 8:00 – 10:00 Bye Bye Semester (breakfast burritos)
- Dec. 6 8:00 – 10:00 Flipping over Finals (pancakes)

Semester Snapshots



Potential December Graduates

Congratulations to our members who are anticipating graduation in December. We are extremely proud of your outstanding accomplishments and wish you the very best in life.

A large, light-colored scroll with dark wooden handles at the top and bottom. The scroll is unrolled in the center, displaying a list of names. The names are centered on the scroll and listed in a simple, black, sans-serif font.

Marie Acton
Miranda Blakeman
Elijah Dickerson
Misty Eastwood
Rebecca Fuqua
Xena Heflin
Paul Jenkins
Alexis Maddox
Cody Nugent
Thomas Payne
Amanda Revlett
Nicholas Russell
Hai Soe
Shawnda Stanley
Denisse Vasquez
Felicia Villareal
Dustin Wilcox