



TRIO New Mexico Delegation with Congressman Ben Ray Lujan.

Connecting New Mexico

By Christopher Luna - TNM President - UNM Albuquerque Upward Bound

This year has been a great one for our association. We had the largest single state representation in presenting workshops at SWASAP in Tulsa. We have a number of our members involved in committees for SWASAP and they are leading the way for TRIO Nation. Andrew Gonzalez is the SWASAP President and resides on several Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) committees. Erin Weddington our TNM Secretary resides as the SWASAP chair for the Student Leadership Conference, Ethics, Corporate Development, and Membership. TNM President-Elect Dawn Blue Sky - Hill is the COE chair for the TRIO Alumni, and Carol Hicks our Past President is on the Fair Share committee. As an association and a leadership team, we are united in our innovation and ability to influence TRIO programs on a wide scale. Our name has sparked other states to consider their own branding and has helped NM to become easily recognized in TRIO Nation. Built on the backs of our UNMHU UB and SSS visionaries TRIO New Mexico continues to have a substantial role in TRIO at all levels.

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The TNM website has been a great development this year in connecting our state and a resource for information, tools and identity. We still have a little work to do in completing all of the content and hope to have this ready by the end of the semester.

A special thank you goes out to Gloria Valderrama from UNMUB for keeping our website updated and adding tab content.

TRIO Day was a monumental success in 2017! We had a large group from all over the state converge in Santa Fe for a day of target TRIO story workshops and ceremonial speeches in the Roundhouse. In addition to connecting students to the TRIO Legacy, the event brought in critical funding for TNM student scholarships and other state initiatives. The success of this event was due in large part to the dedication of the TRIO Day Committee Members: Daniela Garcia, Magda Martinez-Baca, Ed McKeon, Gloria Valderrama, and Erin Weddington. We appreciate all of you who made this day a success!

Moving forward, it is now apparent that the latest budget proposal from the President of the United States includes a 10% cut to all of TRIO. This is the largest attempt to block TRIO funding since 1980 when the Carter administration wanted to take half of TRIO funding to support new STEM programs. In 1980, New Mexico TRIO leaders along with former Senator Pete Domenici fought to keep our funding in place and were able to

stave off the siphoning of TRIO dollars. TRIO roots run deep in New Mexico; we are an original 18 pilot state from the deployment days of 1964 and our leaders have played a key role in keeping TRIO Nation Strong. This round of proposed cuts will call for all of New Mexico TRIO to unite and inundate our representatives with our voices. As requests for action roll through the TNM listserv please be responsive to the charges.

UB Math and Science Completes 5 STEM Summer Academies in Taos

Submitted by Andrew Leonard - UNM Taos Upward Bound Math and Science

This summer completes the University of New Mexico Taos Upward Bound Math and Science cycle of 5 hands-on project-based experiential STEM Summer Academies. Our first summer students studied Riparian Ecology of the Rio Fernando. Taos Area Acequias and Groundwater Chemistry completed the second summer. The third summer, students studied Taos Infrastructure and Architecture. And last summer, students studied Northern New Mexico Volcanic Geology. This summer the Academy students will study Medical Sciences in conjunction with the opening of the new medical educational facilities on the UNM-Taos downtown campus.

Our programming will include biotechnology utilizing PCR DNA labs and forensic blood spatter mathematics. The academy will include reading and writing skill building and guest collegiate style lectures from medical specialists. The University of New Mexico Health Sciences will be offering career explorations.

Taos residents often visit Denver and receive medi-

cal care there as well. Therefore, students will be visiting the University of Colorado Health Science Center in Aurora and the University of Colorado in Denver and Metropolitan State University, both on the downtown Auraria campus. We will also visit Colorado State University School of Biotechnology and Veterinary Medicine in Fort Collins. This extended field trip will be a capstone to the summer experience.



Upward Bound Math and Science students evaluating trails for the Taos Land Trust on the UNM-Taos Klauer Campus

Graduating senior students will be taking their first college

English course in hybrid format to gain skills on a learning management system as well as gaining college English credit. Both are essential for online and traditional collegiate coursework. Seniors will also be offered a math workshop to improve scores on the COMPASS or ACCUPLACER. The goal is to eliminate the necessity for any remedial coursework.

During the school year, ACT/PSAT Boot Camps are offered for 7 days, 2 hours per day before the exam. Students report these really helped improve their scores. The Academic Resource Center (ARC) is

open from 3 until 5 Monday through Thursday and is staffed with a UNM-Taos math instructor and 2 student instructional aides. The aides are high school seniors who have been trained to be effective tutors. The ARC is centrally located near most schools where students drop in for help or a place to complete homework with computers available.

Students are also participating in ongoing community service activities with the Taos Land Trust and the Taos Tree Board. Students are evaluating trails as the Land Trust begins to map local trails and develop a trails plan while restoring newly acquired acreage. The Tree Board is evaluating the Taos canopy.

Food Depot Trip

Submitted by Robert Cillo - SFCC Student Support Services

On Friday, February 10th, eight Santa Fe Community College TRIO students and staff volunteered at the Santa Fe Food Depot, the food bank of Northern New Mexico.

"It felt good," explained TRIO student John Deschenes, and "it was also very informative."

After a brief talk and tour of the facility, TRIO students repackaged a large amount of bread and oranges. "I was really happy to know that I was part of a group of volunteers that were happy to be there and happy to help," said Diana Baca, a third semester TRIO student.

According to Food Depot staff, the TRIO group "got as

much work done as they had ever seen for a group of that size" and the food they prepared will be distributed to hundreds of individuals and families in Northern New Mexico, where one in five people, including one in three children, experiences hunger.

"We had great teamwork and a good group to get the job done," added TRIO student Heaven Vigil, "This trip really opened my eyes to the many different types of programs we have around to ensure that people in need get food to feed their families."

TRIO student Alicia Montoya observed, "It was a fun and humbling experience. I hope to get an opportunity to return there and do it again soon."



TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) students and staff from Santa Fe Community College doing community service at the Food Depot in Santa Fe.

UNM Upward Bound Students Present Bilingual Portfolios

By Erin Weddington- UNM Albuquerque Upward Bound

Four of UNM Upward Bound's seniors presented and defended their bilingual seal portfolios on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at Atrisco Heritage Academy High School. To earn a bilingual seal, students must take content courses in both Spanish and English and present a comprehensive portfolio that demonstrates their proficiency and competency in both languages. They discuss their strengths and weaknesses in the areas of academics, personal development, and community leadership. Clarizza, Febely, Sarai, and Sonia are all highly profi-

cient in both languages and are the model examples of bilingualism in our state. They will each go into four different fields: health-care, law, education, and engineering. These women are our future and will excel in their future careers and propel their community forward. Congratulations to you women on all of your hard work. Thank you to Atrisco Heritage Academy High School for your support and for developing an outstanding bilingual program.



From left to right: Clarizza Morales, Febely Ibarra, Sarai Maldonado, and Sonia Macias.

New TRIO Tutor Coordinator at CNM

Submitted by Willie Smoker – CNM Student Support Services

Kristen Sorenson is the new tutor coordinator at CNM Main Campus. She received her bachelors in Chemistry. Eventually she aspires to teach the history of science and study how technology impacts beliefs and values. She is working on improving student access to educational resources, providing effective and fun tutoring, and encouraging TRIO students to achieve their greatest potential. She knows that the more you comprehend a subject the more enjoyable the learning experience is and strives to help students succeed in a positive college atmosphere. While she tutors science and math, she does not tutor English, hence these continually run-on sciences.

NMSU TRIO Student Support Services Receives CRLA Certifications

By Bernadine Booky- NMSU Student Support Services

It has been an exciting semester for the NMSU TRIO SSS Program! The NMSU TRIO Student Support Services Program has received the International Mentor Training Program Certification (IM-TPC) to certify Peer Mentors and the International Tutor Training Program Certification (ITTPC) to certify Peer Tutors through the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA).

The Mentoring Certification is a first for the TRIO SSS Program at NMSU. This will certify Mentors for three levels: Level 1 – Regular Mentor; Level 2 – Advanced Mentor; and Level 3 – Master Mentor.

The Tutoring Certification is a recertification for the TRIO SSS Program valid for 5 years and is a Stage

3 Level 1, 2, 3 certification. This will certify tutors on the following levels: Certified Tutor, Level 1; Advanced Certified Tutor, Level 2 and Master Certified Tutor, Level 3. The certification is a lifetime certification for each level completed and awarded to the Peer Tutor.

These Certifications are a result of the submittal of a certification proposal by Bernadine Booky, the Mentor Coordinator and Trese Collins, the Tutor Coordinator for TRIO SSS. The Mentor and Tutor Coordinators have spent many hours researching, developing curriculum and creating each training module needed to gain the certification. NMSU TRIO SSS is very excited to be able to provide this opportunity for their peer staff.

Reasons for Getting Involved in College

By Dawn BlueSky -Hill – UNM Student Support Services

Orlando Dominguez joined the Student Support Services-TRIO program at the University of New Mexico-Main Campus (UNM) in the fall of 2013. The SSS Orientation was one of the first connections at UNM where Orlando began to expand his network and establish a community with SSS staff and students. SSS advisors, Brittany and Tania, helped Orlando discover his personal strengths and educational goals which guided him toward suitable majors. After exploring various majors, he decided to pursue a Nutrition and Dietetics degree. His future plans consist of applying to The University of New Mexico's School of Medicine.

With SSS cheering him on, Orlando has been getting the most of his college career. Foubert and Grainger (2006) found "students who are involved in clubs and organizations during their college experience are also those who demonstrate higher levels of development in many areas."

Orlando has been establishing his identity and making strides in his personal growth" said Dawn Blue Sky-Hill, SSS director. Orlando discovered activities that encouraged his passion for the health field by joining the International Medical Delegation-Dominican Republic, a UNM student organization on

campus. The group traveled to the Caribbean not to vacation but to provide needed medical supplies, equipment and general first-aid to improve the quality of life for the communities in need.

SSS also encouraged Orlando to merge his academics and his interest in Nutrition and Dietetics as an El Puente Fellow where he was able to conduct undergraduate research.

All along his journey, Orlando credits the SSS staff

with being supportive, encouraging and continuing to provide him with resources such as letters of recommendation and reviewing applications. Orlando states, "It's nice to talk to SSS staff because they listen and are a good sounding board when I felt I had nowhere to begin. They've been helpful in providing direction and at least a starting point."

Orlando currently provides tutoring and mentoring as a Peer Coach with the SSS-TRIO office.



UNM SSS 2017 Spring orientation

SWASAP Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI) Class of 2017

by Trese Collins and Kurtis Griess - TNM Emerging Leaders

The 2017 SWASAP Emerging Leaders Institute Cohort met for their first class on February 1st and 2nd in Dallas, Texas. The Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI) is a professional development program to identify, prepare, and motivate TRIO professionals to take leadership roles in SWASAP and their state associations and become stronger advocates for TRIO. ELI prepares leaders for service on committees and/or to hold offices at the state, regional and national levels.

Each state association within SWASAP (Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas) selects two ELI participants. Representing TRIO NM this year are Kurtis Griess from New Mexico Tech and Trese Collins from New Mexico State University. The ELI class commits to attending quarterly meetings (in Dallas and Baton Rouge this year) and complete a project assigned by the standing SWASAP President. There are two ELI instructors/mentors who guide the cohort through leadership development. TRIO NM and SWASAP provide transportation, meals, and lodging for our state's representatives.

This year's ELI project, assigned by Andrew Gonzalez of University of New Mexico, asks: "How do we involve Millennials on a state, regional, and national level when it comes to advocacy for TRIO programs and participants?" To help us learn what motivates TRIO Professionals to participate, we will be sending out a survey to TRIO NM soon. Keep an eye out for the survey in your inboxes and if you have any thoughts or ideas about engaging and empowering Millennials in TRIO, give us a shout!

If you are interested in becoming a candidate for next year's ELI cohort, you must be an active member of your state association and SWASAP and complete the ELI Application packet by early fall. Talk with the TRIO NM board to determine the submission procedures.

SFCC New Learning Specialist

Submitted by Robert Cillo - SFCC Student Support Services

Last October, TRIO Student Support Services at the Santa Fe Community College brought in Kathryn Ugoretz to work with students as a Learning Specialist. Ugoretz is available for all TRIO students

as they go from "good to great" and/or encounter academic challenges. A first generation college student, she graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (B.A., honors) and St. John's College

(M.A.) and has worked in the field of education in Santa Fe for 25 years.

"A lot of what I do at TRIO is work with students to discover the root of an academic challenge. Is the challenge part of a learning difficulty or does their executive functioning need some support," explained Ugoretz, "and sometimes it's a combination of both." Executive functioning is the "air traffic control" part of the brain that includes our planning, time management, focus, working memory and emotional regulation as well as other skills. "Whether there is a bump in the road in learning or executive function—or a mixture, a student and I can work together to develop personalized strategies to help them perform at a higher level."

"The strongest students are the ones who can re-

flect and then build on their strengths while managing their weaknesses. Getting support is a sign of strength and commitment to long-term goals. That's how it works for all of us," she stated.

In addition to one-on-one meetings with students, Ugoretz also offers a Writing Lab and workshops on topics such as time management and note-taking. "Our students are balancing multiple commitments and busy, complicated lives. I admire how they make time to grow and learn. It's inspiring."

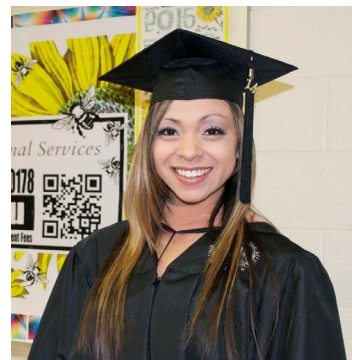
Director Ed McKeon sees the possibilities for TRIO students and added, "We are thrilled to have Kathryn as part of the TRIO SSS team here at Santa Fe Community College, and believe that she will have an immediate impact upon the success of our students."

Student Testimonial

By Tiffany Pineda - UNM Albuquerque Student Support Services

Student Support Services-TRIO has been one of, if not the largest influence during my college years at the University of New Mexico. The SSS Program provided me with one-on-one support by addressing my educational and personal needs.

Since day one as a freshman until I graduated; I was offered support through academic advising, tutoring, mentoring, career advisement, personal guidance, financial guidance, graduate school guidance, workshops and social/cultural events. Being a first generation student coming from a low income family, SSS has made it possible and a dream come true to graduate from the University of Mexico with my Master's Degree and pursue my dreams to obtain a career in the Information Technology department for the State of New Mexico, Santa Fe.



New UBMS Program Coordinator

By Kurtis Griess - NMTech Upward Bound Math & Science



Upward Bound Math and Science is proud to present Donna Jaramillo as its new Coordinator. In the short time that she has been here, she has become a great asset to the New Mexico Tech UBMS program after operating without a Coordinator over the course of a year. Donna has previous experience with the Upward Bound program at the University of New Mexico as an Educational Mentor/Tutor for two years and then as an Educational Associate to the program after receiving her degree.

Donna studied Biochemistry at the University of New Mexico and was a perfect candidate for hire with our math and science program. So far, she has provided UBMS with exemplary support in planning our Saturday Sessions, tutoring, implementing surveys for data, and coordinating specific events and plans for the

future success of UBMS. Donna has also provided mentoring work for the UBMS program and began to implement a more organized process for keeping track of students' specific needs.

We are excited to have her on the team, and can't wait to see what the future brings!

TRIO Day Celebration Testimonials

Submitted by Willie Smoker - CNM Student Support Services

When I walked into TRIO day in Santa Fe NM I was immediately overwhelmed by the number of people. At our local TRIO I see a handful of people come and go from the office but in this room there were more faces than I could count. As overwhelming as it was I soon began to form connections to those around me. At my TRIO office I have people that I have come to consider my family and the same now holds true for my TRIO family at large. As we went through the day the same theme kept cropping up-family. The phrase I heard more than any other was "TRIO is my family." This person or that one "is like my uncle/brother/sister/etc" I found it powerful that TRIO has the ability to bond such a diverse group of people together so tightly that we consider each other family; it speaks powerfully of the second most heard phrase of the day "TRIO works." and work it does.

Molly, TRIO SSS Participant

On March 3rd I had the honor of attending the "2017 NM TRIO Day" celebration. I was excited to meet other TRIO students and learn about their different programs. I, being a TRIO SSS student, was curious to hear other TRIO student's stories.



CNM Student Support Services at TRIO Day.

I was also excited to hear all of the speakers and their enthusiasm and support for TRIO. While in the rotunda while listening to all of the different students' speeches, I felt a sense of hope and confidence permeate the air. Throughout the event I couldn't help but feel very fortunate and proud to be part of such a deeply rooted, respected, and essential program. In conclusion, it was a thrill to be part of this event before I graduate

and transfer to UNM to get my bachelor's degree this August.

Thank You TRIO,

George, TRIO SSS Participant

UNM Upward Bound Student Earns QuestBridge College Match Scholarship

By Erin Weddington- UNM Albuquerque Upward Bound

Febely Ibarra from the University of New Mexico Albuquerque TRIO Upward Bound program is a recipient of the prestigious QuestBridge College Match Scholarship. QuestBridge unites the nation's brightest students from low-income backgrounds with leading institutions of higher education. Febely matched with Tufts University near Boston, MA and will have her entire undergraduate degree cov-

ered by this scholarship. Febely is a current senior at Atrisco Heritage Academy High School in Albuquerque, NM. She is an outstanding student and her eagerness is palpable. Febely is truly a modest academic and a joy to have around when discussing anything from gastronomy to politics. She will make an excellent researcher and student at Tufts University. Congratulations, Febely, on your accomplishments!



Febely (pictured right) in Chicago, Illinois during the 2016 QuestBridge College Prep Scholars Conference.

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