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THE TRiO TIMES

Get off to a **Good** Start

Hopefully you have settled into the groove of spring semester. By now you should know where all your classes are and the names of most of your instructors! If you are taking a class in a subject area you know you find challenging, ask for help from the very beginning. Although it might not seem so bad right now, it could become more challenging as the semester progresses, and you want to be proactive in ensuring your own success.

One of the goals of TRiO is to connect you with any and all available resources on campus so you remain in or regain the status of good academic standing at South Central College. Good academic standing equates to a GPA of 2.0 or

higher and a completion rate of at least 67%. The consequences of not meeting these standards can result in either probation or suspension from the college. While we will do our best to support you in reaching your academic goals, it is ultimately up to you to put in the extra work, time and determination it will take to be successful in school. Here are some ideas to get you started on your way to success:

1. Do not be afraid to ask for help when (or even before) you need it.
2. Be prepared for class every day.
3. Have clear, specific goals you wish to accomplish in school.
4. Meet with your academic and TRiO advisors regularly.

5. Stay mentally and emotionally healthy.
6. Get involved in campus life.
7. Utilize the Academic Support Center for free tutoring and study skills support. Check out how-to-study.com for more tips on college success. Again we are here to help you during your academic journey and want to see you get off to a **good** start!



The TRiO staff would like to congratulate the following TRiO students who made the President's List after fall term:

Karen Duncan

Sherri Snow

Jamie Springer

Jessie Tesch

Bridget Van Hecke

Jennifer Enter

Zachary Erickson

Sheila Flores

Chantae Heenan

Ali Ibrahim Patrick Manfo

Fartun Musse Bonnie Nelson

Marcela Padilla

Patty Thordson

Thank You Very
Much!

TRiO would like to thank Wes Taylor and the IT Department for their generous donation towards TRiO software.

Thank you to all the faculty who submitted the Academic Progress Report. This information is very helpful. We hope you enjoyed your treat!



Enjoy a night out on us
at the
Mixed Blood
Theater in
Minneapolis
Wednesday, March
2nd. Transportation is
provided. The show
starts at 7:30 p.m. You
must sign up to attend.

College Visits

We are planning visits to several 4-year colleges and would love to have you come along. Each visit includes a tour of the campus, an appointment with the admissions representative and lunch. Space is limited so you must sign up to attend. The scheduled visits are:

MSU, Mankato	University of Minnesota
Wednesday, February 23	Tuesday, March 15
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Winona State University
Thursday, March 3
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.



What's Happening in Faribault

Day	Date	What	When
Thursday	February 3	Student Success Day	9 a.m. 1 p.m.
Monday	February 7	Budgeting for College Students	12 noon– 1 p.m.
Tuesday	February 15	Scholarship Workshop	9 a.m. –12 noon 1 p.m. –3 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday	February 16 & 17	The Cornell Note-taking Method	12 noon–1 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday	February 23 & 24	Purposeful Reading	12 noon–1 p.m.
Sunday	February 27	College Goal (Help with FAFSA completion)	2 p.m.–4 p.m. (Faribault High School)
Friday	March 4	SCC Scholarship Deadline	
Tuesday	March 22	Resume Writing and Interviewing Workshop	11 a.m.–12 noon

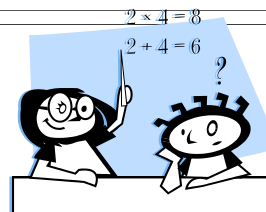
The National Society of Leadership and Success

If you are looking to have an edge over your competition when it comes to applying for jobs or scholarships, we have the perfect opportunity for you. The National Society of Leadership is an organization to help you discover and achieve your goals. The Society offers life-changing lectures from the nation's leading presenters and a community where like-minded oriented individuals come together and help one another succeed. The Society has a chapter on campus and students meet regularly to set goals, receive leadership training, participate in monthly interactive conferences through satellite broadcasts, and more. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is looking to develop their leadership skills or build upon those they already possess. Be on the lookout for orientation dates to learn more about the National Society of Leadership and information on how you can join!

Check out additional clubs and organizations on campus at
[Facebook.com/SCC.StudentLife](https://www.facebook.com/SCC.StudentLife)

What's Happening in Mankato

Day	Date	What	When
Tuesday	February 1	Memorization for Science Math Note Taking Tips	12 noon - 1 p.m.
Wednesday	February 2	Student Success Day	9 a.m.—1 p.m.
Tuesday	February 8	Studying for Science	12 noon—1 p.m.
Wednesday	February 9	Budgeting for College students	12 noon—1 p.m.
Wednesday	February 16	Scholarship Workshop	9 a.m. -12 noon 1 p.m. -4 p.m.
Saturday	February 26	College Goal (Help with FAFSA completion)	10 a.m.—12 noon
Friday	March 4	SCC Scholarship Deadline	
Monday	March 21	Resume Writing and Inter- viewing Workshop	11 a.m. -12 noon



If you received a grade of an A or B in the areas of college-level Math, English or Science, you are comfortable working with a diverse population of students, and eligible for work study funding, we might want to hire you as a peer tutor. Contact the TRiO Office for more information.

South Central
 Scholarship
 Application
 Deadline is Friday,
 March 4.
 Apply online.

Top Ten Study Habits for College Success

1. **Try not to do too much studying at one time.**

If you try to do too much studying at one time, you will tire and your study will not be effective.

2. **Plan specific times for studying.**

3. **Try to study at the same times each day.**

When a scheduled study time comes up during the day, you will be mentally prepared to begin studying.

4. **Set specific goals for study times.**

You must be very clear about the goals you want to accomplish during your study times.

5. **Start studying when planned.**

If you procrastinate for any reason, you will find it difficult to get everything done when you need to. You may rush to make up the time you wasted getting started, resulting in careless work and errors.

6. **Work on the assignments you find the most difficult first.**

Difficult assignments will take the most effort.

7. **Review your notes before beginning an assignment.**

Your notes may include information that will help you complete your assignment.

8. **Tell your friends not to call, text or tweet during study times.**

9. **Call another student when you are having difficulty with an assignment.**

10. **Review your schoolwork over the weekend.**

This will help you be ready to go on Monday morning when another school week begins.

Source: how-to-study.com



**Yes, TRiO is still
accepting
applications!**



The 35th Annual Pan African Leadership Conference at MSU is Friday, February 25. If you are interested in attending, stop by the TRiO Office to sign up. Learn more about the conference at www.mnsu.edu/cultdiv