



2023
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ARKANSAS
TRIO
PROGRAMS

*Preparing Low-Income, First Generation
College Students and Veterans to
Enter & Succeed in Higher Education*

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Brooke Siegler

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March 1, 2023

Dear Friends of TRIO,

On behalf of the Arkansas Association of Student Assistance Programs, I want to thank you for your present support and the interest you have shown in learning more about the Arkansas TRIO programs. This book showcases the TRIO programs in Arkansas, and the essential work they do to provide postsecondary access and success to Arkansas's low-income, first generation, and disabled students and adults. We have also included the stories of some of our students recognized in this year's Arkansas TRIO Hall of Fame.

Established in the 1960s through President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty, TRIO Programs were the first national college access and retention programs to address the serious social, economic, and cultural barriers to higher education in America.

Today, over 25,000 Arkansas students are enrolled in 82 TRIO programs at Arkansas institutions. These programs make attending college a reality for students who are under-resourced – including military veterans and students with disabilities, low-income, and/or students who will be the first in their families to graduate from college.

We know that education is a key component to economic development and gives our students the tools they need to become more productive, as well as the ability to compete in a changing, global economy. TRIO programs are dedicated to administering services including: academic tutoring, personal advising, mentoring, and financial guidance that support and promote college access, retention, and graduation.

By providing hands-on support services and individually focused intensive programming towards helping students successfully navigate higher education, TRIO programs are helping to create a pipeline of well-educated and highly skilled Arkansas citizens. The impact of TRIO does not end with the student served, but continues on to influence their families by becoming educated, ending the cycle of poverty, and lending encouragement to others in their community.

I welcome you to visit the TRIO programs in your district to see for yourself that TRIO truly makes a difference. The Arkansas TRIO community is grateful for your continued support of educational opportunities for current and future Arkansas students.

Sincerely,

Brooke Siegler

Brooke Siegler

AASAP President

What is TRIO?

TRIO is a set of federally-funded college opportunity programs that motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds in their pursuit of a college degree. In 2022-2023, over 882,000 low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities — from sixth grade through college graduation — are served by over 3,432 programs nationally. TRIO programs provide academic tutoring, personal counseling, mentoring, financial guidance, and other supports necessary for educational access and retention. TRIO programs provide direct support services for students, and relevant training for directors and staff.

The TRIO programs were the first national college access and retention programs to address the serious social and cultural barriers to education in America. TRIO began as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty. The Educational Opportunity Act of 1964 established an experimental program known as Upward Bound. Then, in 1965, the Higher Education Act created Talent Search. Finally, another program, Special Services for Disadvantaged Students (later known as Student Support Services), was launched in 1968. Together, this “trio” of federally-funded programs encouraged access to higher education for low-income students. By 1998, the TRIO programs had become a vital pipeline to opportunity, serving traditional students, displaced workers, and veterans. The original three programs had grown to nine, adding Educational Opportunity Centers and Veterans Upward Bound in 1972, Training Program for Federal TRIO programs in 1976, the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program in 1986, and Upward Bound Math/Science in 1990.

Why Are TRIO Programs Important?

1. The United States needs to boost both its academic and economic competitiveness globally. In order to foster and maintain a healthy economy as well as compete globally, the United States needs a strong, highly-educated, and competent workforce. To be on par with other nations, the country needs students, no matter their background, who are academically prepared and motivated to achieve success.
2. Low-income students are being left behind. Only 38% of low-income high school seniors go straight to college as compared to 81% of their peers in the highest income quartile. Then, once enrolled in college, low-income students earn bachelor's degrees at a rate that is less than half of that of their high-income peers — 21% as compared with 45%.
3. The growing achievement gap in our country is detrimental to our success as a nation. There is a tremendous gap in educational attainment between America's highest and lowest income students — despite similar talents and potential. While there are numerous talented and worthy low-income students, relatively few are represented in higher education, particularly at America's more selective four-year colleges and universities.

Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC)

Educational Opportunity Centers located throughout the country primarily serve displaced or underemployed workers from families. These Centers help individuals to choose a college and a suitable financial aid program.

Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement (MCN)

The Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement program is designed to encourage low-income students and minority undergraduates to consider careers in college teaching as well as prepare for doctoral study. Students who participate in this program are provided with research opportunities and faculty mentors. This program was named in honor of the astronaut who died in the 1986 space-shuttle explosion.

Student Support Services (SSS)

Student Support Services projects work to enable low-income students to stay in college until they earn their baccalaureate degrees. Participants, who include disabled college students, receive tutoring, counseling and remedial instruction.

Talent Search (TS)

Talent Search projects serve young people in grades six through 12. In addition to counseling, participants receive information about college admissions requirements, scholarships and various student financial aid programs. This early intervention program helps youth from low-income families to better understand their educational opportunities and options.

Upward Bound (UB)

Upward Bound (UB) is an intensive intervention program that prepares students for higher education through various enrichment courses. Campus-based UB programs provide students instruction in literature, composition, mathematics, science, and foreign language during the school year and the summer. UB also provides intensive mentoring and support for students as they prepare for college entrance exams and tackle admission applications, financial aid, and scholarship forms.

Upward Bound Math-Science (UBMS)

Using a similar model to Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math-Science provides students with a rigorous math and science curriculum in high school to encourage and enable them to successfully major in critically important science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines in college.

Veterans Upward Bound (VUB)

The Veterans Upward Bound program provides intensive basic skills development and short-term remedial courses for military veterans to help them successfully transition to postsecondary education. Veterans learn how to secure support from available resources such as the Veterans Administration, veterans associations, and various state and local agencies that serve veterans.

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN

MCN

McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement (MCN) Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2022 Funding (2022-23 Project Yr)
Harding University	27	\$274,983
Henderson State University	25	\$261,888
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	26	\$243,041
Total No. of Projects: 3	78	\$779,912

SSS

Student Support Services (SSS) Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2022 Funding (2022-23 Project Yr)
Arkansas Northeastern College	175	\$335,111
Arkansas State University	175	\$316,350
Arkansas State University Mid-South	180	\$335,086
Arkansas State University - Beebe	160	\$294,725
Arkansas State University - Heber Springs	140	\$261,888
Arkansas State University Three Rivers	200	\$306,036
Arkansas Tech University	140	\$261,888
Arkansas Tech University (TeacherPrep)	140	\$261,888
Arkansas Tech University - Ozark	140	\$261,888
East Arkansas Community College	200	\$361,323
Henderson State University	308	\$417,525
Henderson State University (Disability)	100	\$294,721
John Brown University	165	\$275,105
National Park College	225	\$420,020
North Arkansas College	200	\$377,440
Ozarka College	215	\$331,434
Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas	257	\$374,609
Southeast Arkansas College	160	\$275,105
Southern Arkansas University	250	\$396,437
University of Arkansas Community College At Batesville	144	\$261,888
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	325	\$414,009
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith (STEM)	120	\$261,888
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	140	\$261,888
University of Arkansas Hope - Texarkana	200	\$335,111
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	260	\$427,545
University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff	308	\$491,808
University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College	180	\$275,105
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	220	\$378,800
University of the Ozarks	180	\$320,062
Total No. of Projects: 29	5607	\$9,586,683



"The TRIO program has provided me with valuable guidance and resources for my entire college journey. The team was with me from college applications to college tours and were some of the first ones to congratulate me during my graduation. I can honestly say that without the TRIO program, my options would have been severely limited."

-Jalen Stevenson, MBA
EOC & SSS Alum

EOC

Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2022 Funding (2022-23 Project Yr)
Arkansas Northeastern College	1097	\$391,147
Arkansas State University Mid-South	1000	\$273,793
Henderson State University	1000	\$273,793
North Arkansas College	1000	\$313,131
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	850	\$232,050
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	1000	\$273,000
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	1000	\$312,382
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	1362	\$486,344
Total No. of Projects: 8	8309	\$2,555,640

UB



"TRIO has provided me with college visits, career days, help with scholarships, and the FASFA. I learned tips and great advice to help me think about my life after high school from my individual program's instructors and I can't wait to go to college."

-D'Mya Flint
Senior, Bearden High School
Ouchita Baptist University (Upward Bound)

Upward Bound (UB) Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2022 Funding (2022-23 Project Yr)
Arkansas Baptist College	60	\$297,601
Arkansas State University - Beebe	56	\$297,601
Arkansas State University - Beebe	75	\$401,761
Arkansas Tech University	57	\$297,601
Harding University	65	\$342,694
Henderson State University	60	\$297,601
Lyon College	87	\$464,829
National Park College	60	\$297,601
Ouachita Baptist University	88	\$470,445
South Arkansas Community College	63	\$312,480
Southern Arkansas University	60	\$297,601
Southern Arkansas University	120	\$639,832
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	84	\$435,295
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	58	\$297,601
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	62	\$309,980
University of Arkansas Hope - Texarkana	60	\$290,665
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	60	\$287,537
University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff	76	\$390,339
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	77	\$404,000
University of Central Arkansas	58	\$297,601
Total No. of Projects: 20	1386	\$7,130,665

UBMS

Upward Bound/Math Science (UBMS) Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2022 Funding (2022-23 Project Yr)
Arkansas Tech University	57	\$297,601
Lyon College	66	\$349,890
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	58	\$297,601
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	62	\$309,980
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	60	\$297,601
Total No. of Projects: 5	303	\$1,552,673

VUB

Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2022 Funding (2022-23 Project Yr)
Arkansas Tech University	125	\$297,601
Henderson State University	125	\$297,601
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	132	\$337,605
University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College	130	\$297,601
Total No. of Projects: 4	512	\$1,230,408



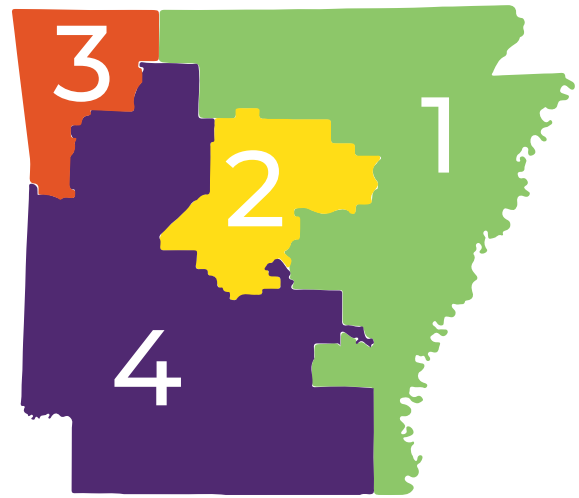
TS

"I joined Talent Search in the 6th grade. They believed in me and helped develop the foundational skills and transformational assets to assist in what would be a great academic and professional future. From not knowing what a college major meant, to graduating at the top of my Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program, I know that TRIO played a major role and I am forever thankful to be a TRIO TS alumna."

-Malia Shelton
Doctor of Physical Therapy
TS Alum

Talent Search (TS) Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2022 Funding (2022-23 Project Yr)
Arkansas Northeastern College	1068	\$592,473
Henderson State University	500	\$277,372
National Park College	583	\$323,420
North Arkansas College	1361	\$755,016
Ouachita Baptist University	860	\$477,086
Southern Arkansas University	503	\$279,040
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	932	\$517,027
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	507	\$281,258
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	507	\$281,258
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	1068	\$592,205
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	500	\$277,374
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	500	\$277,375
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	500	\$277,375
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	680	\$377,231
Total No. of Projects: 13	9569	\$5,308,135

TRIO by CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT



District	Number of TRIO Programs	Number of Participants	FY 2022 Funding (2022-23 Project Yr)
1	15	7225	\$5,833,520
2	19	6215	\$5,964,069
3	13	3152	\$4,280,495
4	35	9172	\$12,066,032
TOTAL	82	25764	\$28,144,116

DISTRICT 1

District 1 TRIO Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2022 Funding (2022-23 Project Yr)	TRIO Program
Arkansas Northeastern College	1097	\$391,147	EOC
Arkansas Northeastern College	175	\$335,111	SSS
Arkansas Northeastern College	1068	\$592,473	TS
Arkansas State University	175	\$316,350	SSS
Arkansas State University Mid-South	1000	\$273,793	EOC
Arkansas State University Mid-South	180	\$335,086	SSS
East Arkansas Community College	200	\$361,323	SSS
Lyon College	87	\$464,829	UB
Lyon College	66	\$349,890	UBMS
North Arkansas College	1000	\$313,131	EOC
North Arkansas College	200	\$377,440	SSS
North Arkansas College	1361	\$755,016	TS
Ozarka College	215	\$331,434	SSS
Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas	257	\$374,609	SSS
University of Arkansas Community College At Batesville	144	\$261,888	SSS
Total No. of Projects: 15	7225	\$5,833,520	

DISTRICT 2

District 2 TRIO Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2022 Funding (2022-23 Project Yr)	TRIO Program
Arkansas Baptist College	60	\$297,601	UB
Arkansas State University - Beebe	160	\$294,725	SSS
Arkansas State University - Beebe	56	\$297,601	UB
Arkansas State University - Beebe	75	\$401,761	UB
Arkansas State University - Heber Springs	140	\$261,888	SSS
Harding University	27	\$274,983	MCN
Harding University	65	\$342,694	UB
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	850	\$232,050	EOC
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	1000	\$273,000	EOC
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	1000	\$312,382	EOC
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	26	\$243,041	MCN
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	260	\$427,545	SSS
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	1068	\$592,205	TS
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	500	\$277,374	TS
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	500	\$277,375	TS
University of Arkansas - Little Rock	60	\$287,537	UB
University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College	180	\$275,105	SSS
University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College	130	\$297,601	VUB
University of Central Arkansas	58	\$297,601	UB
Total No. of Projects: 19	6215	\$5,964,069	

DISTRICT 3

District 3 TRIO Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2022 Funding (2022-23 Project Yr)	TRIO Program
John Brown University	165	\$275,105	SSS
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	325	\$414,009	SSS
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	84	\$435,295	UB
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	58	\$297,601	UB
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	58	\$297,601	UBMS
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	132	\$337,605	VUB
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	932	\$517,027	TS
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	507	\$281,258	TS
University of Arkansas - Fayetteville	507	\$281,258	TS
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	140	\$261,888	SSS
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	62	\$309,980	UB
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith	62	\$309,980	UBMS
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith (STEM)	120	\$261,888	SSS
Total No. of Projects: 13	3152	\$4,280,495	

DISTRICT 4

District 4 TRIO Grantees	Number of Participants	FY 2022 Funding (2022-23 Project Yr)	TRIO Program
Arkansas State University Three Rivers	200	\$306,036	SSS
Arkansas Tech University	140	\$261,888	SSS
Arkansas Tech University	140	\$261,888	SSS
Arkansas Tech University	57	\$297,601	UB
Arkansas Tech University	57	\$297,601	UBMS
Arkansas Tech University	125	\$297,601	VUB
Arkansas Tech University (TeacherPrep)	140	\$261,888	SSS
Henderson State University	1000	\$273,793	EOC
Henderson State University	25	\$261,888	MCN
Henderson State University	308	\$417,525	SSS
Henderson State University	60	\$297,601	UB
Henderson State University	125	\$297,601	VUB
Henderson State University	500	\$277,372	TS
Henderson State University (Disability)	100	\$294,721	SSS
National Park College	225	\$420,020	SSS
National Park College	60	\$297,601	UB
National Park College	583	\$323,420	TS
Ouachita Baptist University	88	\$470,445	UB
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South Arkansas Community College	63	\$312,480	UB
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Southern Arkansas University	250	\$396,437	SSS
Southern Arkansas University	60	\$297,601	UB
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Southern Arkansas University	503	\$279,040	TS
University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff	308	\$491,808	SSS
University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff	76	\$390,339	UB
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	1362	\$486,344	EOC
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	220	\$378,800	SSS
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	77	\$404,000	UB
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	60	\$297,601	UBMS
University of Arkansas - Rich Mountain	680	\$377,231	TS
University of Arkansas Hope - Texarkana	200	\$335,111	SSS
University of Arkansas Hope - Texarkana	60	\$290,665	UB
University of the Ozarks	180	\$320,062	SSS
Total No. of Projects: 35	9172	\$12,066,032	

ARKANSAS TRIO ACHIEVER

GABRIELLE DAVIS, ESQ.

Upward Bound Program

Gabrielle Davis is a Magnolia, Arkansas native and 2014 Upward Bound graduate who finished as Valedictorian of the graduating class. Davis earned a Bachelor of Arts-Political Science degree with Summa Cum Laude honors from Southern Arkansas University in 2018. Davis' dedication, hard work, and determination to avoid a life of poverty and mediocrity inspired her to then attend law school at the historically black college-university, Texas Southern University - Thurgood Marshall School of Law. She graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors and passed the Uniform Bar Exam on her first attempt which enabled her to practice in all UBE jurisdictions, including Arkansas. Davis currently specializes in creditors rights, estate planning, and real estate law. Davis has a unique background in elegant leadership and community service. Davis is a woman of many honors but to name a few, she was named Columbia County's Young Person of the Year (2014), SAU Homecoming Queen (2016), SAU Student Leader of the Year (2018), Outstanding Student in the History of Political Science, Geography, and History (2018), completed two study abroad experiences (Paris, China), and selected intern on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. During her time at SAU, she also became a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She is on a mission to help and inspire first-generation minority students, like herself, break generational curses. In 2021, Davis launched her Give Back fund initiative which sponsored a law school admissions test for a student with a financial need. Davis looks forward to continuing her philanthropic efforts and sowing back into the community that sowed into her.



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Davis is deeply indebted to Upward Bound who initially showed her the way. Davis is positive the direction and mentorship she gained from Upward Bound has brought her to where she is today.

ARKANSAS TRIO HALL OF FAME 2023

TOP 25

TRIO
RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the 2023 Arkansas TRIO Hall of Fame recipients. The Arkansas TRIO Hall of Fame was created to recognize students within Arkansas TRIO Programs for their outstanding academic and civic accomplishments. Each year individual TRIO programs are asked to identify a student that embodies the spirit of TRIO and nominate that student for inclusion in the Hall of Fame. These students are recognized each February during Arkansas's TRIO Day festivities.

Created through President Lyndon B. Johnson's War of Poverty, TRIO programs were the first national college access and retention programs to address the serious social, economic, and cultural barriers to higher education in America.

Today, that important work continues in the 82 Arkansas TRIO Programs that provide services to more than 25,000 Arkansas students. These outstanding programs make attending college a reality for under resourced students-including military veterans, students with disabilities, students from low income families, and/or students who will be the first in their family to graduate from college.

The entire Arkansas TRIO community is proud of the 2023 Arkansas TRIO Hall of Fame recipients and look forward to witnessing the ongoing contributions this group of Arkansas students will make in the future for their communities, their state, and the nation.



LAUREN BOLLMEYER

Student Support Services
University of Arkansas Rich Mountain

"I couldn't be more grateful for the staff and tutors that are a part of University of Arkansas Rich Mountain SSS. They have gone above and beyond to help me on my college journey."



DANA CHEGUE

Upward Bound
ASU Beebe - Heber Springs

"TRIO makes me feel like I can actually accomplish all of my goals, and that I can do anything I set my mind to."



D'MYA FLINT

Upward Bound
Ouachita Baptist University

"TRIO has provided me with college visits, career days, help with scholarships, and the FASFA. I learned tips and great advice to help me think about my life after high school from my individual program's instructors and I can't wait to go to college."



JAYLENE GONZALVES

Student Support Services
National Park College

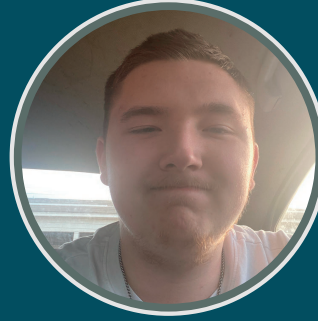
"TRIO has been an invaluable resource for me. They have helped me grow and achieve success in both academics and in life."



ROSE GUNTHER

Upward Bound
University of Central Arkansas

"I always have a wonderful group of people that believe in me. Without this organization I know I would be forced to skip college and get a minimum-wage job even though I am at the top of my class. I can not thank my Upward Bound mentors enough for the skills and support they have given me over the last couple of years."



KADEN HODGEVICKERS

Upward Bound
University of Arkansas Fort Smith

"I was a person with no fire; no ambition, Upward Bound gave me the drive and the spark to become my best self."



LAURYN HOWARD

Talent Search
University of Arkansas Little Rock

"TRIO introduced me to vital subjects such as leadership development, the importance of cooperation, and how to present myself to potential employers. Thanks to TRIO, I have developed the skills to become successful after secondary education. I was able to narrow down my career and major choices and learn the importance of networking with professionals in my desired field. I'm inexplicably thankful for the head-start the TRIO program provided me with."



SHEKINAH JONES

Educational Opportunity Centers
University of Arkansas Little Rock

"Working with TRIO has given me the opportunity to take the ACCUPLACER test, fill out the FAFSA, apply to University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) and apply for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship. TRIO EOC has shared valuable information and I look forward to continuing working with TRIO Student Support Services on the UALR campus."



KEIREN MINTER

Upward Bound
University of Arkansas Pine Bluff

"I wouldn't be the student I am today without TRIO."



EMILY MORENO

Student Support Services
University of Arkansas Hope - Texarkana

"TRIO is an amazing program to help students achieve their academic goals."



DEANE MURRAY

Talent Search
University of Arkansas Little Rock

"TRIO benefited me by allowing me to meet new people that could help me with my future and introduced me to new colleges."



KAYLA NEWSON

Talent Search
Arkansas Northeastern College

"When I became a TRIO member, I automatically knew this was one of the best environments for me. TRIO benefited me by teaching me real life tips that I needed to be able to be independent. They took me to view colleges and different places I would have never been to if it wasn't for this program. They have the best advisors who make you feel like you're their own."



MAKIAH ROCHESTER

Educational Opportunity Centers
University of Arkansas Little Rock

"My motivation to join TRIO was to better myself academically and personally; to help those in need; and impact the world positively with the skills I learned."



ALESONDRIA SCALES

Student Support Services
U of A Community College - Batesville

"TRIO has been a huge support system on my journey through college. From scholarships to words of encouragement, it all has uplifted me and helped me to keep pushing towards the goal. I am truly thankful for TRIO."



MALIA SHELTON

Talent Search
University of Arkansas

"I joined Talent Search in the 6th grade. They believed in me and helped develop the foundational skills and transformational assets to assist in what would be a great academic and professional future. From not knowing what a college major meant, to graduating at the top of my Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program, I know that TRIO played a major role and I am forever thankful to be a TRIO TS alumna."



HANNAH SIRATT

Student Support Services
ASU Three Rivers

"I am a first generation college student and single mother. I really benefited from the additional support TRIO has provided me with. They have offered me endless support and help from textbooks, to applying to scholarships, to simply just talking when I needed advice. TRIO has put me in a completely different perspective on accepting help and venturing out of my comfort zone. They have helped instill a lot of faith in myself and made me feel more confident."



ALEX SOTO

Talent Search
University of Arkansas

"By exposing me to college information at a young age, TRIO greatly prepared me for the daunting process that is transitioning into college. They also gave me the necessary resources to find and obtain the path that was best for me."



JALEN STEVENSON

Educational Opportunity Centers + SSS
Arkansas Northeastern College + UALR

"The TRIO program has provided me with valuable guidance and resources for my entire college journey. The team was with me from college applications to college tours and were some of the first ones to congratulate me during my graduation. I can honestly say that without the TRIO program, my options would have been severely limited."



ASHLEI SULLIVAN

Upward Bound
Ouachita Baptist University

"TRIO has helped me get the supplies and resources I need to further my education and attend college. Being in this program has helped me navigate what life will be like in college and what all I will need to proceed with my education."



NATHAN SURLES

Student Support Services
Arkansas State University - Beebe

"The TRIO program provided the supplies necessary for me to return to college."



TANYA TIMMONS

Student Support Services
East Arkansas Community College

"I decided after 23 years to get back into college and finish what I started so long ago. I was so scared because I would have to talk to people. I started meeting people and getting sent in different directions to make this journey successful. Some of the first important people I met were the staff of Student Support Services (TRIO). They became my most vital mentors and nonjudgmental listening ears. I cried with them, laughed, and was lectured by them. Student Support Services (TRIO) made me use my gift of knowledge and excel in ways I never believed were possible. I will never forget Student Support Services - who gave me the motivation to be the best I can be."



CHARLES TURRIETTA

Student Support Services
Arkansas State University - Beebe

"TRIO has benefitted me by the great moral support that the staff and community offers."



JAYDEN URIOSTE

Talent Search
University of Arkansas

"Because of the work, dedication, and motivation Talent Search has put into me as a student, I have the privilege of attending a private university on a full ride scholarship. Without Talent Search, I would have been lost when it came time to start applying for colleges, scholarships, or grants."



TAYDEM WARE

Upward Bound
Lyon College

"I saw the different outlook my friends had after being in UB for a year and thought it would be a waste of a great opportunity to not join. The hope they had for their futures inspired me to make that choice."



RIKKI WILSON

Student Support Services
Arkansas Northeastern College

"What motivated me to join TRIO was the resources that were available to me. They have helped me get as far as I have today. TRIO has helped me focus on academics rather than other factors."



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