Annual Awards Brunch Cont.

above all seniors. Scholars Demetrius Hurst, Kasey-Lee Neal and Asia Rogers-Lee received the Star Scholar Award for the most TRiO workshops and activities attended for the academic school year. Jooeisha Polite, Adarian Rucker, Ebony Williams, Jazlyn Jones, Kaycia Fennell, Glenda Miller and Gale Roman received the “T’M Possible” Award for their dedication and perseverance in pursuing their goals. Twenty Scholars earned the Boyd scholarship with awards ranging from $500 to $1,000 totaling $17,400!

The Director’s Award went to a male and female Scholar who showed exemplary campus leadership and dedication to the mission of TRiO. The recipients were Demetrius Hurst and T’Keyah Sutton.

The guest speaker was Dr. Joseph Telfair, Distinguished Chair, Jiann Ping Hsu College of Public Health at Georgia Southern. He encouraged Scholars by telling of his own struggles as a college student.

Art majors unveiled their work and emphasized its meaning. Kaycia Fennell, Jooeisha Polite and Kristina Sturdivant gave personal testimonials. Kateria Latimore won a $350 book scholarship for completing the most self-study sessions on the financial literacy program, Cash Course.

Door prizes were donated by campus partners! TRiO Scholars planned and executed the entire event!

TRiO Debate Team takes first place at the GA TRiO Student Initiatives and Leadership Conference (SILC) then moves on to represent the state of GA

Scholars attend Financial Literacy Workshop with Ja’Net Adams

Ja’Net Adams is an international speaker, author, and the CEO of EMACK Consulting. When she was in college, she let money rule her life. She graduated from South Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing. A short time after graduation she found herself in nearly $50,000 of debt!

She dug out of the debt in two years by following the principals that she now speaks about to audiences all around the world as a professional motivational speaker. She speaks around the world to various corporations, universities and high schools about Financial Literacy. Ms. Adams gave Scholars the tools for budgeting, investing and financial planning.

Director’s Corner

Hello TRiO!

Congratulations! You’ve made it to the end of another year and you have done great things!

As for this year’s theme, ENGAGE, EMPOWER, EVOLVE, I say, “Mission Accomplished!” You have been very “engaged” with TRiO, you’ve been “empowered” to think outside the box and try new things and we can already see the fruit of your labor. Scholars, you’ve “evolved” stronger, and better prepared for what’s to come!

Kudos to Scholars, who have applied, interviewed and are now awaiting answers as to your acceptance into clinical programs and congratulations to those who have been accepted! To our Scholars newly inducted into the Honors program, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and the National Society of Leadership and Success, well done! Happy trails to June Ford and Ileeene Diaz who will be studying abroad in Argentina and Romania respectively and Demetrius Hurst has been accepted into the prestigious Science Enrichment Program at UNC Chapel Hill. Graduating seniors! Stay Engaged! Stay Empowered! Continue to Evolve!

#TRIOWORKS

2nd Annual Awards Brunch

On April 21st, the 2nd Annual TRiO Awards Brunch marked the end of another year. With Scholars, Ben Vaughn and Shanelle Dillion hosting, the audience in the nearly packed ballroom recognized many other TRiO Scholars for their academic excellence and perseverance.

For achieving Dean’s list fifty-one scholars were recognized. Four of the 51 were on the President’s list. Eleven Scholar are dubbed “Star Scholars”. Ania Bledsoe and Adebayo Bello have the highest GPA of all TRiO freshmen; Kristin Harrell and Chakym Cummings received the Star Scholar award for the highest GPA of Scholars in the sophomore class; Danielle Cohen and Michael Williams had the highest GPA of the junior class; and Tiffany Ford and Shavon Harris stood

1st photo: Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Willingham with Essay Winner Timmy Askew, 2nd photo: Debate Team 1, Shanelle Dillion and Chakym Cumbungs-Winners, 3rd photo: Adalis Ball (bottom left) and Nia Skelton (bottom right), Debate Team 2

TRiO Armstrong-Campus attended and entered two teams in its first debate competition and essay contest at the GA Trio SILC in February at Savannah State. Timmy Askew won first place in the essay competition. Debate Team 1 blew the competition away, earning the right to represent Georgia in the regional SEAOPP Debate Competition on March 24 in Atlanta, GA. Shanelle Dillion and Chakym Cummings represented the Armstrong Campus with Nia Skelton serving as the team’s alternate. TRiO Academic Success Coach, Dr. Thomas Bullock, led the Armstrong Campus team. The debate was a head-to-head competition for the Armstrong team between schools in Kentucky, Florida, and South Carolina. We did not bring home the trophy but it was a great experience for the scholars!
TRIO SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations Spring 2018 TRIO Graduates

Pictured (l to r): Amelia Flores, Adarian Rucker, Tobias Walker and Jessica Young
Not Pictured: Chasity Brezial, Jessica Young, Gale Roman, Lindsey Kalle and Annemarie Marshall

Congratulations to Scholars receiving Associate degrees: Shannon Bonin, Kaycia Fennell, Monique Harris, Tarlesha Jean Pierre and Ben Vaughn, III

Shown in her clinical white coat, Jessica Young is receiving dual degrees. One in Radiography and another in Spanish.

18 Scholars Attend Freedom Gala and Meet Civil Rights Icon, Attorney Fred Gray

There is a big difference between reading about the civil rights movement and hearing from someone who had an integral part in it! Attorney Gray's legal career spans over 60 years. His first civil rights case was representation of Claudette Colvin, a 15-year old African American high school student who refused to give up her seat on a city bus in Montgomery, Alabama, in March 1955. In December 1955 he represented Mrs. Rosa Parks who was arrested because she refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man, igniting the Montgomery Bus Boycott, City of Montgomery v. Rosa Parks. He was also Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s first civil rights attorney.

Gray filed suits that integrated all state institutions of higher learning in the State of Alabama, and 104 of the then 121 elementary and secondary schools systems in the state, Lee v. Macon. He was also counsel in preserving and protecting the rights of persons involved in the infamous Tuskegee Syphilis Study in 1972. “It was an awesome experience”, a Scholar said, “I will never forget it!”

TRIO Attends Naturalization Ceremony in Charleston, SC

In February, TRIO Staff and Scholars traveled to Charleston, SC, to support and surprise TRIO Scholar, Kaycia Fennell, as she became a U.S. Citizen! A naturalization ceremony is a memorable moment for the participants, family and friends. Participants take an oath of allegiance, recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and receive a certificate of completion. It was a great experience for all in attendance. It was also the first time witnessing a Naturalization ceremony for the staff and Scholars. Everyone left with a greater appreciation of the hardships experienced by those wishing to become an American Citizen. It is not only a long process it can be very expensive. “I’ll never take my citizenship for granted”, said one Scholar. Kaycia was surprised and happy to see her TRIO family!

Service Learning Trip Planned to Puerto Rico

Eight scholars and two staff members will spend May 26 - June 1 in Puerto Rico giving back! Pictured: Pascal Harley, Asia Rogers-Lee, Ebony Williams, Daisha Irwin, Shavon Harris, Jazlyn Jones and Sam Sanya.

Not pictured: Amari McDonald. Scholars will be staying at the University of Puerto Rico where they will interact and work with other university students and staff.

Program Admissions

School of Nursing: Kristina Sturdivant, Natoria Jones and Glenda Miller; Respiratory Therapy: Essence Flakes, Monica Ellis and Kaycia Fennell. Congratulations to our future health professionals!

TRIO Celebrates Student Support Staff

Congratulations and thank you for your service Jody Stone (MSSM), Graduate Assistant; and Unna Yared (BA), English and Psychology Tutor. We are going to miss you!

National TRIO Day and SSS Anniversary Celebrated

With a Day of Service to the Community

On February 17, Scholars and staff celebrated National TRIO Day and the 50th Anniversary of TRIO Student Support Services by volunteering at America's Second Harvest Food Bank of Costal Georgia! Last year, Second Harvest provided more than 10.6 million meals to hungry people in our area.

The event was called "brown bags for the elderly". Bags assembled on this day were distributed to low income elderly in the community. They included canned fruits, vegetables, cereal and juices.

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