

Director's Message



RETENTION and GRADUATION by MAJORS

At the forefront of everything we do, TRIO Student Support Services is looking for ways to improve our services in an effort to better serve our students. While doing so, we are reminded that it is important to examine our current success rates as we work toward meeting higher retention and graduation rates for our participants. I recently ran a comparison of retention and graduation rates for the last ten years based on majors within our program. The data shows once again that we have a strong program in place with effective services delivering positive outcomes. A review of the data provided the following results:

RETENTION

Once TRIO SSS students have declared a major (and, if applicable, been fully accepted into an impacted program), their retention rates are exceedingly high. Over the last decade, ten majors within TRIO SSS have maintained 100% retention (right graph), while another five majors hold a retention rate of 90 – 97% retention (Left graph)



GRADUATION

Of our most populated majors, Business Administration remains one of the most sought after degrees in our program. TRIO SSS Business students are currently completing their degrees at a respectable 60% graduation rate. And when we review the percentage of our students who have earned their degrees over the last ten years, the success rates in other majors are also impressive, with the top five listed in the graph to the right.



MOVING FORWARD

As we move forward, TRIO SSS will continue to develop new strategies to help our students complete their degrees at a higher rate. With 84.7 % of our graduates currently completing their degrees in five years or less, TRIO SSS is well on its way to meeting or exceeding the targets set by the CSU San Marcos Graduation Initiative for 2025.

Heather Northway, Director

FALL 2016 CULTURAL EVENT

For this fall's cultural event the TRIO SSS students and staff visited the J. Paul Getty Villa in Malibu, Los Angeles. The Villa is a re-creation of an ancient Roman country house. The group enjoyed exploring the Villa grounds and seeing the artifacts and antiquities in the Villa Museum.



Fall 2016 FIRST YEAR BONDING EXPERIENCE

The students and staff visited Balboa Park specifically the Museum of Man exhibition, "Race: Are we really so different?" Later the group had great fun learning about the African culture through an African Drumming and Dancing Lesson at the World Beat Center.



FALL 2016 DEAN'S LIST

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher in fall 2016 semester!

Victoria Baldan	Blanca Gonzalez	David Ortuno
Idalia Barragan	Breiana Griffith	Patrick Pardo
Dulce Benitez	Kirra Gustafson	Irma Pascal
Jullisa Camacho	Keomonika Han	Tram Pham
Ashley Campos	Delienid Heredia	Maria Quintana
Saul Cigarroa	Julianna Hernandez	Carolina Quirarte
Sossity Corby	Stephanie Hernandez	Fabiola Rivera
Michael Cortez	Karen Herrera	Steven Robidoux
Jemefer Cruz	Ashley Ho	Rosalinda Rocha
Tracy Daniel	Edith Jimenez	Angelica Rodriguez
Lilian De Alba	Alyssa Juarez	Elizabeth Romero
Alexa Diaz	Mireya Juarez	Adrian Ruiz
Dannika Dugan	Casandra Lopez	Zohra Sahial
Yessica Flores	Edith Lopez	Alejandra Salazar
Deyanira Fonseca	Elizabeth Lopez	Yesenia Sanchez
Jaymes Forsythe	Melissa Lopez	Angelina Saunders
Rocio Fuentes	Rafael Lopez	Tammy Thai
Alexis Garcia	Silvia Lopez	Maria Vidaca
Jacqueline Garcia	Sussana Mendoza	Abigail Vivas-Orozco
Maricruz Gomez	Maria Montero	Jacquelyn White
Tali Gomez	Brenda Nazario	Halie Wierenga
	Maria Ochoa	

CONGRATULATIONS to the following part-time students who have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher in fall 2016 semester!

Andrea Green

Daisy Lopez

Thi Tran

Cynthia Vargas

Oscar Vargas

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Yeltsin Gonzalez



Yeltsin Gonzalez graduated from California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) in May 2015 with a B.A. in Political Science with a minor in Business.

After graduation Yeltsin decided to pursue to Masters in Business Administration (MBA) which he is currently completing. Yeltsin said, "Since I graduated from CSUSM I have also started my own construction business, GCYG Home Remodeling. I apply what I learn from my MBA courses in my business regularly and it appears to be working. Upon graduating, with my MBA, I plan to help one of my Chinese friends open a private school in China and as a result I am regularly traveling to Asia to get the process started. I love business and constantly seek new opportunities that may arise. The most important thing I have learned has been making and maintaining relationships."

TRIO SSS SPOTLIGHT



Carolina Quirarte, Nursing student
Received a \$1500 scholarship from the [American Association of University Women \(AAUW\)](#).

Blanca Gonzalez, Environmental Studies student
Received a \$5000 Scholarship from the [Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards](#)



Jacquelyn White, Anthropology student
Participated in the [Minority Health International Research Training \(MHIRT\)](#) summer 2016 program in Uganda, Africa.

SSS Spring 2017 Calendar of Events

Date	Event Title
Monday, Feb 20	TRIO SSS Association Student Group - second meeting
Thursday, Feb 27	Dean's List Recognition Reception
Tuesday, Feb 28	First one-unit class meeting with Dr. Quinney
Saturday, March 4	Professional Development Symposium
Friday, March 10	Museum of Tolerance Culture Event/ one-unit Class Event
Tuesday, March 28	Second one-unit class meeting with Dr. Quinney
Friday, March 31	Cesar Chavez Day of Service /TRIO SSS volunteer event
Friday, April 7	Spring Cultural event (TBD)
Friday, April 21	Graduation Recognition Ceremony
Wednesday, May 3	Pre-Finals Social

SSS Spring 2017 Calendar of Workshops

Date	Time	Workshop Title	Location
Thursday, February 2	5:00-6:00	Welcome Back Social: Cool games/ice breakers lined up with refreshments! Meet new people and start the semester off with some fun!	Craven Hall 3701
Thursday, February 9	4:40-5:30	All About Scholarships: Learn how to find and win scholarships.	Markstein Hall 322
Tuesday, February 14	12:00-12:50	Did Procrastination Kill Your Grades? Say “no” to procrastination and “yes” to taking action.	Kellogg Library 3010
Wednesday March 1	5:00-6:30	De-Stress Social Event: Join us to meet new people and have some fun!	Craven Hall 3701
Thursday, March 9	12:00-12:50	Paying for Graduate School: Find out about funding and scholarship opportunities.	Kellogg Library 3010
Wednesday, March 15	4:30-5:30	Interactive Resume Workshop: Let your resume present you.	Markstein Hall 322
Wednesday, April 5	4:30-5:30	Color Your Stress Away: Hands-on activities are great stress relievers! Join us.	Markstein Hall 322

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