

# TRiO, SSS Newsletter

TRiO, Student Support Services at Xavier University, strives to enhance the student's educational experience by positively impacting their lives.



# TRiO

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

## Services & Benefits

- Academic Support
- Seminar Series
- Career & Professional Dev.
- Tutoring
- Financial Education
- Grant Aid
- Social & Cultural Events



## Resources

- Lap Top Computers
- Calculators
- Study Rooms
- School Supplies

## Persistence Performance Completion

### Student Support Services

TRiO Student Support Services (TRiO SSS) is a federally funded, comprehensive support program for first generation, financially eligible and/or disabled college students. The programs professional staff provides a holistic array of services designed to meet the needs of students. Participants in the program are supported with services such as: advising, financial aid counseling, career counseling, graduate school counseling and personal counseling, with additional assistance in securing graduate school admission.

Additionally, TRiO, SSS help students build study skills, manage their time and become integral members of both the local and global communities through servant leadership and study abroad opportunities. TRiO SSS tracks retention, progress, and graduation rates of program participants for its Annual Performance Report. Of the 160 students served during the 2016-17 academic year, an impressive **92%** continued their education to the following year, **95%** were in good academic standing and **82%** graduated with a bachelor's degree within 6 calendar years.

In the TRiO Student Support Services office, we are committed to providing eligible college students access to the vital tools they need to reach their academic and professional goals.

## ACADEMIC Success



## From the desk of the Director *Dr. Daniel McSpadden*

I would like to thank everyone for their support of our program and students this year. We know that without your support we would not be able to offer our students the resources needed to succeed. As we continue to strive to enhance our students educational experience we will continue to look at new and creative ways to serve our students while continuing to maintain our holistic approach to student success.

As we move closer to the end of the spring semester with final papers, projects and exams I hope that our TRiO students are prepared to finish strong. I know this is a very busy time for all of you, but the end of another academic year is only a few weeks away.

To all of our students: you are the reason why we work hard each day to ensure you succeed. I salute you on the completion of another successful semester. You are a step closer to graduation. Take care, study hard and much success to everyone on their finals this semester!



To our graduating seniors, congratulations on this outstanding achievement. Your hard work and dedication has paid off. As you prepare for graduation remember this quote: "Be excited about your college graduation and career opportunities! Never let anyone limit what you can do, or be in life; or achieve academically. Those individuals are only critics on the sidelines of your eventual success."

*Paul B. Hudson*

Much success on your future endeavors and return to Xavier for a visit to TRiO very soon. **TRiO Works!**

## Women of Color In STEM (WOCIS)

Students from TRiO, Student Support Services program had the opportunity to represent Xavier University at the Women of Color In STEM Conference (WOCIS) October 6-8, 2017 in Detroit, MI. The Women of Color In STEM Conference (WOCIS) is an annual gathering that helps women improve their education and careers in science, technology, engineering and math fields. The 20-year-old conference opens up many opportunities to help students achieve their STEM goals and aspirations.



## STAFF INFORMATION



**Mary Horn administrative assistant** has been with the TRiO, SSS office since 2016 where she continuously works to aid in the personal success of our students. I am in charge of greeting students as they come into the office, scheduling appointments, setting up TRiO events on and off campus and providing office support for the TRiO, SSS director and advisors. I am also responsible for hiring, supervising and scheduling four student workers within the TRiO, SSS office to ensure the office continues to run smoothly. Mary brings many years of experience from previous positions at Northern Kentucky University-NKU to help TRiO students define their own personal success.



**Hanna Tegegne is a Student Service Advisor** in the TRiO Student Support Services office. She started her position February 2018, but she is not new to Xavier. In 2012, she earned a bachelor's degree in Biology with minors in Chemistry and Peace Studies. She then graduated in 2017, with a Master's in Theology focus on Pastoral Care and Spirituality.

As a former TRiO student, Hanna enjoys getting to know each student and working to remove diverse barriers from their academic success. She meets regularly with students to monitor their progress within the TRiO program as well as their academic and personal situation. She also works collaboratively with the TRiO team to develop programming that enhances student participation in TRiO sponsored events. Similarly, she works alongside the office staff to create an individualized plan for the academic, financial, and professional success of all TRiO students.

**TRiO, SSS Student Staff**

Ashlee Elijah, Spenser Ford,  
Lindsey Fowler, and Kimberly Zenteno

The TRiO, SSS office appreciates the hard work that our student workers put in each day. Your contributions really help to keep the office running smoothly.



## STUDENT/STAFF CONNECTIONS

**INDIVIDUAL ADVISING** Each semester, our students meet with their advisors three times to discuss their progress. One of the major requirements in the program, TRiO students meet with their advisor 3 times in order to make sure they have the tools needed for success at Xavier. These sessions focus on academics, personal development and career exploration, all stemming from the assessed and expressed educational needs of each student.

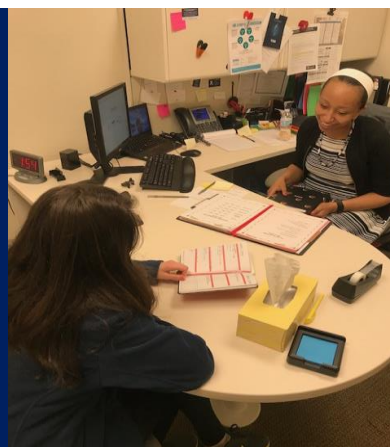
**CREATING SUPPORT** During these meetings, students discuss everything from classes to what they are passionate about to how their week has been going. Through meaningful and established personal relationships, students are able to build their support network at Xavier University.

**LONG TERM IMPACT** Over time, these relationships help students feel connected to the institution and to each other. This matters; students who have a connection to the university are more likely to graduate than their peers who lack any meaningful connection. Our track record has proven this with nearly **92%** of students persisting from year to year.

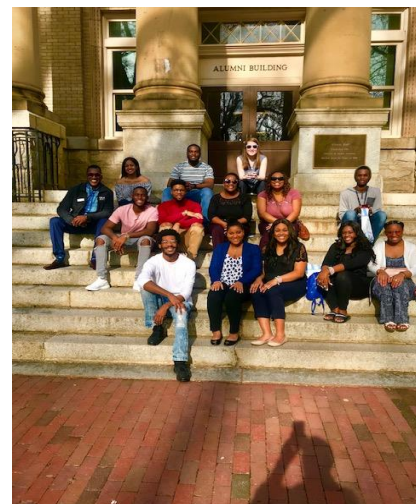
**OUR VISION** TRiO Student Support Services at Xavier University, strives to enhance the student's educational experience by positively impacting their lives in order to for the students to develop a better quality of life. **OUR MISSION** TRiO, SSS is committed to fostering a student centered educational environment that helps students persist and graduate with a bachelor's degree.

### Get Connected, Be Encouraged, Be Successful, Be TRiO!

Student and advisor meetings focus on both academic and personal success. One of the largest factors to student success is making a connection to the campus. Whether this is done with faculty, administrators, students or TRiO SSS staff, feeling connected to the university gives students a great sense of confidence and belonging.



## TRiO Student Support Services Highlights for 2017-18



### TRiO, SSS Graduate School Visit to Duke, UNC-CH, NCCU!

During Easter break TRiO students had the opportunity to visit North Carolina for graduate school visits. As students persist to graduation TRiO, SSS helps our students to prepare for graduate school by offering visits which allows them to ask questions and gather information about the application process as well as best ways to finance a master's and/or Ph. D.


## DUKE LAW




**2018** **TRiO**  
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

**Graduate Schools & Cultural Trip**

**NCCU LAW**



**DUKE**  
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL



Easter Break  
**March 29th-31st**  
**Bus departure: 3am**

For further details please see Dr. McQuadden  
Meals Provided  
This trip is free of cost

