



THE SCHOLARS' SCOOP

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF TRIO SCHOLARS
AT EASTERN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TRIO SCHOLARS

We have a new name!

The TRIO SSS Program has changed its name to the TRIO Scholars Program to better reflect the services offered and the direction the program is now going in.

Want to become a TRIO Scholar?

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2021 graduate Karen Cupeles
(left) with Scholars director
Brittany Crosio (right)

Director's Note

Finding a New Normal

By Brittany Crosio
Director of TRIO Scholars

To all of our 2021 graduates: congratulations! You have accomplished your goal of completing your degree while we all try to navigate a "new normal." Maybe yours looks like working from home or landing a dream job post-graduation. Regardless, it was so great to see some of your faces at our graduation ceremony this year, which I didn't think I'd be able to say 6 months ago. You have proven to be adaptable. As Nolan Ryan once said, "Enjoying success requires the ability to adapt. Only by being open to change will you have a true opportunity to get the most from your talent." Adapt to your surroundings and use the skills gained from your degree to go into the world with an open mind each day.

Activities & Events

Virtual Transfer Tables

This semester TRIO Scholars had the opportunity to speak with representatives from Central State University, Kent State University, and Youngstown State University. Students were able to get information on transfer opportunities and bachelor's degree options at these institutions.



Program Completion Ceremony

The TRIO SSS Program held a Program Completion Ceremony on Saturday, May 22nd to recognize 32 participants who graduated in Fall 2020 or will graduate in Spring or Summer 2021.

Click here to view the video!



Mock Interviews



TRIO Scholars offered participants the chance to complete a mock interview in preparation for entering the workforce or college admittance. Students were provided with a guide of

sample interview questions and how to best answer them prior to the mock interview. TRIO Scholars staff members, Brittany Crosio, Carissa Henry, and Marybeth Jones were on the interview panel. At the end of the interviews, students received verbal and written feedback and were offered further interview/resume help if desired.

If you are interested in participating in a mock interview, talk to your academic advisor!

Student Development Day



A virtual Student Development Day was held on Saturday, January 23, 2021. TRIO Scholars were treated to a live session with guest speaker Rockell Bartoli and received a copy of her book "Success Habits". Staff members offered workshops on Communication Skills, Learning Styles, Understanding Your Syllabus, and Tips for Online Classes.

Movie Night



For Black History Month, Student Activities and TRIO Scholars offered students a chance to unwind and enjoy a movie night featuring "The Hate U Give".



Meet Our New Academic Counselor



Doan McKinney will be working with students at the Youngstown Campus.

The best piece of advice he has been given is a slow grind is better than no grind, meaning that no matter how long it takes you to get to where you want to be, keep going. It doesn't matter how fast you get to success as long as you get there.

Scan here to learn more about Doan

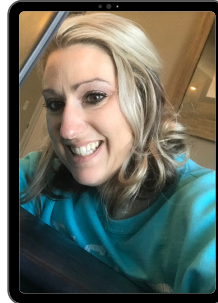


Honors Convocation Speakers



This year, we were thrilled that EGCC's Honors Convocation Ceremony featured a staff member and a student from the TRIO Scholars program.

Karen Cupeles was chosen to speak on the student experience at EGCC and she has been a wonderful representative of TRIO Scholars.



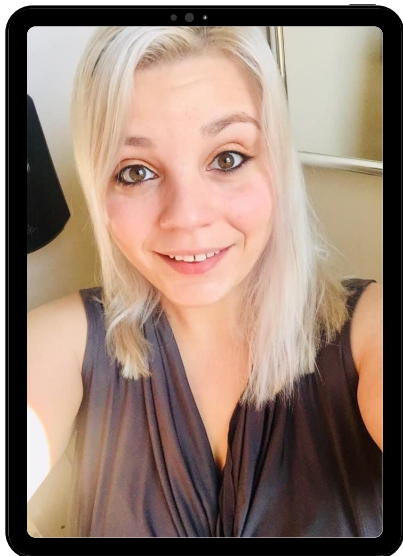
Carissa Henry was the Keynote Speaker and she spoke about her experience as a first generation student who started at EGCC and how she transferred on to universities to earn a doctorate degree.

Congratulations to all honorees!

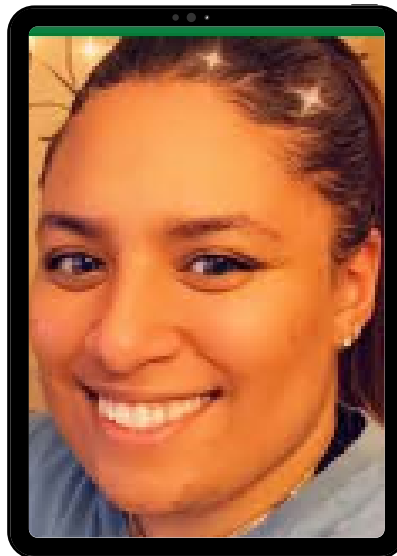


TRIO Scholars Elected to Student Government

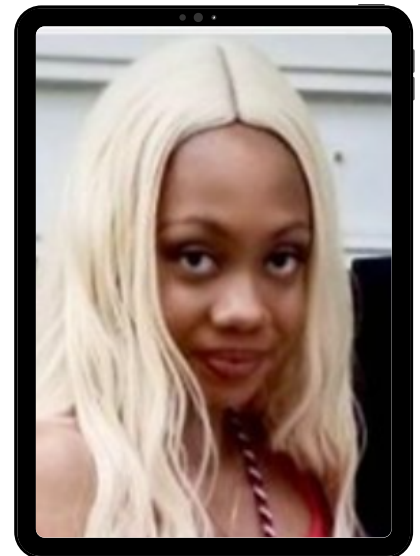
Congratulations to the three TRIO Scholars who were elected to the new EGCC Student Government Association!



Lisa Marie Foster
Executive Vice President,
Steubenville



Jacqueline Johnson
Student Senator,
Youngstown



Summer Pace
Student Senator,
Youngstown

Transfer Success Stories



Kevin Hull - Class of 2019

Degree: Associate of Arts

Transfer School: Kent State University

I am a Translation major with a concentration in Arabic and minoring in Peace and Conflict Studies. I am also seeking a TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) certificate. I will graduate in Fall 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Translation.

College Involvement:

I am involved in several groups at Kent State.

- **German Club** (DeutschKlub Kent), an organization that involves German-themed culture activities and language interest skills.
- **PACS** (Peace and Conflict Students) a network of students and professionals to develop its members professionally and academically
- **The PeaceJam Foundation**, an international organization whose mission is to create young leaders committed to positive change in themselves, their communities, and the world.
- **USAS** (United Students Against Sweatshops), is a social justice group working to protect human rights and stop corporate abuse on campus and around the world

How did TRIO Scholars help?

They provided access to Personal and Academic Counseling which was very helpful. I also took advantage of Academic Advising, Transfer Assistance and the opportunity to attend TEDx Youngstown

Advice to others

To non-traditional students: you are never too old and, if you have time, it is worth being involved in student groups, even if most members are traditionally college-aged; for students more generally, make use of TRIO's services where you need them (in my case, counseling).

Future Plans

I am still figuring that out and considering my options

Important Dates



June 5 - Commencement

June 7 - Summer Semester Begins

June 16 - Last Day to Drop

July 5 - Campus Closed

July 12 - Last Day to Withdraw

July 26 - Finals Week

EGCC Academic Honors

President's List



The President's List is an award given to an EGCC student who completes six or more credit hours and earns a 4.0 grade point average in a semester.

Student names

Sheena Arnold, Heather Beats, Jacqueline Bly, Kimberly Boyer, Tommie Churchman, Melissa Cihon, Ashley Close, Karen Cupeles, Adara DeAngelis, Angela Foor, Lisa-Marie Foster, Madelyn Frost, Brian Gebo, Julia Hegner, Heather Henderson, Steven Jack, Deborah Jackson, Joseph Jackson, Brandi Johnson, Kealii Kahananui, Amy McCoy, Jayla McNeely, Tania McNeely, Autumn Nile, Claudia Pagan Wilcox, Emily Shemash, Xaviour Smith, Amy Stemper, Victoria Taylor, Audrey Walker

The Dean's List honors an EGCC student who completes six or more credit hours and earns a semester grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99.

Student names

Diane Anderson, Trinity Benitez, Teresa Chappell, Catherine Cleaves, Jennifer Fairbrother, William Hill, Melissa Morgan, Lisa Myers, Madison Perkins, James Reed, Kayleen Ruiz, Nisyah Traish, Marie Valentine, Shaquille Williams

Dean's List



TRIO Scholars Academic Honors

TRIO Scholars is very pleased to announce and congratulate the following students for being recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments during the Spring Semester.

**4.0
GPA**

Sheena Arnold, Heather Beats, Jacqueline Bly, Kimberly Boyer, Tommie Churchman, Melissa Cihon, Ashley Close, Karen Cupeles, Adara DeAngelis, Angela Foor, Lisa-Marie Foster, Madelyn Frost, Brian Gebo, Julia Hegner, Heather Henderson, Steven Jack, Deborah Jackson, Joseph Jackson, Brandi Johnson, Kealii Kahananui, Amy McCoy, Jayla McNeely, Tania McNeely, Autumn Nile, Julie Ostazeski, Claudia Pagan Wilcox, Emily Shemash, Xaviour Smith, Amy Stemper, Nathalie Taghaboni, Victoria Taylor, Audrey Walker, Jessica Ware

**3.5 - 3.99
GPA**

Diane Anderson, Trinity Benitez, Teresa Chappell, Catherine Cleaves, Jennifer Fairbrother, William Hill, Melissa Morgan, Lisa Myers, Madison Perkins, James Reed, Kayleen Ruiz, Nisyah Traish, Marie Valentine, Shaquille Williams

**3.0 - 3.49
GPA**

Vanessa Antillon, Christina Black, Ashley Brown, Josie Bumbico, Katie Coriston, Samantha Cuevas, Joann Cummings, Nicole Double, Chiara Duke, Crystal Gebo, Carlie Marcum, Steven Mayle, Shelia McGee, Cheyenne McLaughlin, Kaylee Meek, Natasia Morgan, Summer Pace, Joshua Perrone, Raymond Prisby, Kailey Pytash, Luz Santiago Timberlake, Alexandria Simkins

Congratulations on your achievements!

Spring Graduates

Vanessa Antillon
AA in General Studies

Trinity Benitez
AA in General Studies

Jacqueline Bly
AA in General Studies

Ashley Close
AA in General Studies

Samantha Cuevas
AA in General Studies

Adara DeAngelis
AAS in Criminal Justice

Brandi Johnson
AAB in Business Management

Shelia McGee
AA in General Studies

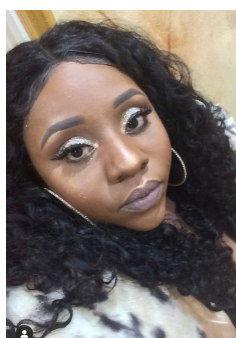
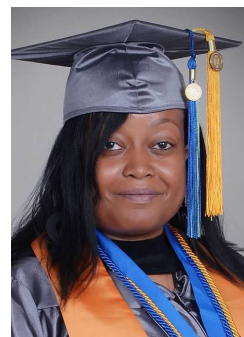
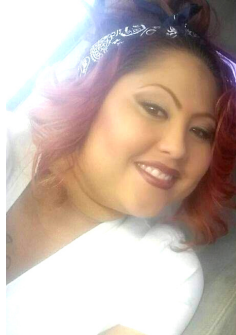
Melissa Morgan
AA in General Studies

James Reed
AA in General Studies

Alexandria Simkins
AAS Teacher Education

Marie Valentine
AAB in Paralegal

Shaquille Williams
AA in General Studies



Congratulations!
We are so proud of you!

What is TRIO Scholars?

The TRIO Scholars program is a Student Support Services program that assists eligible EGCC students in achieving their academic goals by offering services to increase college retention and graduation rates.

Who Is Eligible?

- First Generation Students,
- Income Eligible Students,
- or Students with a Documented Disability

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