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THE SCHOLARS' SCOOP

The Official Newsletter of TRIO Scholars at Eastern Gateway Community College

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Director's Note



Brittany Crosio

Director of TRIO Scholars

Scholars, can you believe that we are entering our 7th semester of being moved online in a hybrid capacity? For most of our students, I haven't had the pleasure of meeting your face-to-face! While the staff continues to work from home due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19, we want you to know that our services continue to be available. Keep in close contact with your academic counselor on any issues you may have, and contact us about any celebrations you have! We would love to boast about you! I am also always available, so please do not hesitate to contact me.

"Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light." -Dumbledore, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*

Let's be friends



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The logo is a white, scalloped-edged badge centered on a light blue background. Inside the badge, the word "TRIO" is in large, bold, black letters. The letter "I" is replaced by a red torch icon. To the right of "TRIO" is a black silhouette of a graduation cap. Below "TRIO" is the word "SCHOLARS" in red, all-caps, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the badge, the words "2021 INDUCTION CEREMONY" are written in bold, dark blue, all-caps, sans-serif font.

TRIO **SCHOLARS** **2021 INDUCTION CEREMONY**

EASTERN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

INDUCTION CEREMONY

TRIO Scholars held our first Induction Ceremony. The ceremony was held virtually on December 16, 2021.

TRIO Scholars Director, Brittany Crosio welcomed participants who have been accepted into the program in the Summer and Fall semesters. Staff members Carissa Henry and Marybeth Jones also spoke words of welcome.

Students inducted into TRIO Scholars include Tristin Aaenson, Alison Ansel, Rebecca Atkins, Ashley Bennett, Kelly Bennett, Serena Bennett, Sarah Berry, Alex Burcher, Kelli Christiana, Chelsea Cramer, Kennedy DiMarzio, Quasha Dupree, Ashley Edwards, Amanda Farrar, Eleasa Felton, Matthew Ferazza,

Jacquelyn Good, Danielle Griffin, Darrah Hall, Lacelle Harden, Kayla Iles, Exie Johnson, Kelly Kintzel, Michelle Kolarczyk, Haylee Marinacci, Patrice McNeely, Kenya Mizell, Funda Peete, Katelyn Pegnalitti, Cadie Pierce, Jayden Podszus, Karinna Pulk, Bobby Reynolds, Allison Richards, Devonte Richards, Suzette Shepard, Eduardo Solis, Anessa Steele, Amy Stemper, Marisa Tolbert, Stacy Toy, Amber VanWhy, Sharidan Watts, Shawntae Watts, Hollie Wedlake, Michael Wetherbee, and Kailey Yeager.

Thanks to everyone who attended and welcome to TRIO Scholars - officially!

Transfer Success Stories



Rachel Quaigg - Class of 2016

Degrees: AAS Health Services
AAS Medical Assisting
BS Integrated Healthcare Studies
MS Management (December 2022)

Transfer School: Ohio University

I am currently pursuing a Masters degree in Management from Ohio University as an online student.

College Involvement:

I am a member of the Ohio University MSM Executive Leadership Board, where I hold the position of Administrative Assistant.

How did TRIO Scholars help?

They helped me in many ways. My advisor is responsible for encouraging me to join Phi Theta Kappa where I later became VP of Scholarship which proved to be an asset on my college application and job resume. I learned to appreciate the need for and importance of volunteer work. These experiences enrich you personally but, volunteer work is looked upon favorably when applying for a graduate program.

One of the many benefits of TRIO is the one-on-one attention you receive during your meetings with your advisor along with real-world advice and guidance on where to direct your education and skills.

Advice to others

TRIO felt like a safety net for me at a time when I needed it most upon returning to school after being out of a classroom for over two decades. Encourage your fellow classmates to join as well. I can honestly say that I have strong doubts as to I would be where I am today without the TRIO program and my wonderful advisor. The TRIO Scholars program works, and I am proof!

Future Plans

I have recently accepted a full-time position at Belmont College as Coordinator of the Medical Assisting program where I will also perform some instructing duties. My goal for next year is to finish my master's degree in Management which has taught me invaluable leadership skills that I will apply to my new position and beyond.



TRIO Scholars have transferred to:

- Central State University
- Franklin University
- Youngstown State University
- Ohio University
- University of Akron
- Kent State University
- Southeastern University
- Purdue University
- Ohio State University
- Portland State University
- University of North Florida
- University of Cincinnati
- Louisiana State University



TOP PROGRAM

The TRIO Scholars Program at EGCC has begun the Transfer Opportunity Program (TOP). It was first offered in the Fall semester. The TOP program will begin with a career and major evaluation and our Advisors will guide you through the entire transfer process. The TOP program will follow you through your journey at EGCC and won't conclude until you have successfully transferred to the school of your choice. This is specifically for students who plan to graduate from EGCC and then transfer to a four year college or university.

Several of our workshops tie into the TOP program. Students have the opportunity to complete workshops on Smart Goals, Transfer, FAFSA and Scholarships as well as attend virtual Transfer Tables where they can meet with representatives from 4-year Universities.

Participants who are undecided on a major or unsure how their degree will translate to the workforce can complete Career Counseling to narrow their choices.

****This program is only open to TRIO Scholars participants***

MEET JENNA



TRIO Scholars has a new Academic Counselor! Please welcome Jenna Pavlansky.

We asked her a few questions so that you can get to know Jenna.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO WORK HARD?

Faith, family, and friends

IF YOU HAD INTRO MUSIC, WHICH SONG WOULD IT BE?

"Don't Stop Believing"
by Journey

[Click here to listen](#)



FAVORITE DISNEY VILLAIN



Maleficent

FIVE GUYS OR CHICK-FIL-A?



WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO WORK HARD?

To take everything one day at time.

Academic Honors



President's List

Antoinette Adair	Kelly Kintzel
Heather Beats	Haylee Marinacci
Kelly Bennett	Jayla McNeely
Serena Bennett	Tania McNeely
Kimberly Boyer	Octobriann Olverson
Josie Bumbico	Julie Ostazeski
Kelli Christiana	Claudia Pagan Wilcox
Tommie Churchman	Cadie Pierce
Chelsea Cramer	Allison Richards
Quasha Dupree	Luz Santiago
Ashley Edwards	Timberlake
Amanda Farrar	Emily Shemash
Eleasa Felton	Xaviour Smith
Madelyn Frost	Eduardo Solis
Lacelle Harden	Stacy Toy
Julia Hegner	Amber VanWhy
William Hill	Shawntae Watts
Josepn Jackson	Hollie Wedlake

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.

Congratulations!



Dean's List

Alison Ansel	Madison Perkins
Rebecca Atkins	Joshua Perrone
Sarah Berry	Jayden Podszus
Ashley Brown	Bobby Reynolds
Sydney Donato	Devonte Rogers
Brian Gebo	Suzette Shepard
Hayley Harris	Anessa Steele
Patrice McNeely	Jessica Ware
Kenya Mizell	Michael Wetherbee
Katelyn Pegnalitti	

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.

Honor Roll

TRIO Scholars participants who earn a 3.0 - 4.0 grade point average make the Honor Roll

4.0	Nicole Double
Melissa Cihon	Adell Dukes
Kennedy DiMarzio	Matthew Ferazza
Deborah Jackson	Angela Foor
Kayleen Ruiz	Crystal Gebo
Nathalie Taghaboni	Kayla Iles
	Exie Johnson
3.5-3.99	Carlie Marcum
Tomorrow White	Christina Perkins
	Raymond Prisby
3.0-3.49	Marisa Tolbert
Nakita Anderson	Audrey Walker
Allyson Burkett	

****Please know that only TRIO Scholars participants are included on these lists***



January

20th Last Day to Drop First Term classes

24th Second Term Begins

24th Last Day to Drop Full Term classes

February

2nd Last Day to Drop Second Term classes

14th Last Day to Withdraw First Term classes

Important Dates

28th Last Day to Withdraw Second Term classes

March

7th Spring Break Begins

14th Third Term Begins

21st Last Day to Withdraw Full Term classes

23rd Last Day to Drop Third Term classes



28th Fourth Term Begins

April

6th Last Day to Drop Fourth Term classes

18th Last Day to Withdraw Third Term classes

May

28th Last Day to Withdraw Fourth Term classes

Fall **Graduates**

Serena Bennett
AA in General Studies

Kimberly Boyer
AAS in Criminal Justice

Ashley Brown
AAS in Health Information
Management

Angela Foor
AAS in Health Information
Management

Lisa-Marie Foster
AAB in Business Management

Brittany Lee
AA in General Studies

Octobriann Olverson
AAS in Healthcare Administration

Kailey Pytash
AAB in Business Management

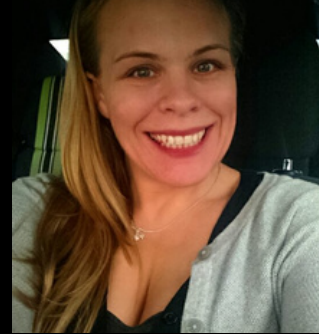
Luz Santiago Timberlake
AAS in Criminal Justice

Marisa Tolbert
AA in Teacher Education

Amber VanWhy
AA in General Studies

Xavier Weathers
AAB in Business Management

Hollie Wedlake
AAB in Business Management





Summer Graduates

Congratulations to EGCC/TRIO Scholars' class of 2021. Since we weren't able to celebrate with TRIO Scholars' students in person at YSU's Stambaugh Stadium this past spring, we wanted to recognize each one of them for their hard work and accomplishments. (The names below are students who have been awarded a degree as of 8/31/2021).



Teresa Chappell
AAB in Business Management



Karen Cupeles
AAS in Health Information Management



Kenny Dillard
AA in General Studies

Jennifer Fairbrother
AA in General Studies



Heather Henderson
AAB in Business Management

Steven Jack
AAB in Business Management

Steven Mayle
AAS in Healthcare Administration

Autumn Nile
AAB in Business Management



Summer Pace
AA in Teacher Education

Victoria Taylor
AAB in Business Management