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TRIO Scholars graduates who participated in the Commencement ceremony

THE SCHOLARS' SCOOP

The Official Newsletter of TRIO Scholars at Eastern Gateway Community College



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Director's Note



Brittany Crosio

Executive Director of TRIO

Congratulations to our Fall 2021, Spring 2022, and Summer 2022 graduates! You have worked so hard for this moment and I hope you are as proud of yourselves as we are of you. We hope that you'll be our next "Grad with Grit" or "Transfer Success Story!"

The entire TRIO Scholars staff had such a fantastic time celebrating you at Grad Fest, Graduation, the Academic Achievement Ceremony, and the Annual Program Completion Ceremony. If you missed any of the events, they are able to be viewed on either EGCC's Youtube or TRIO Scholars Facebook Pages.

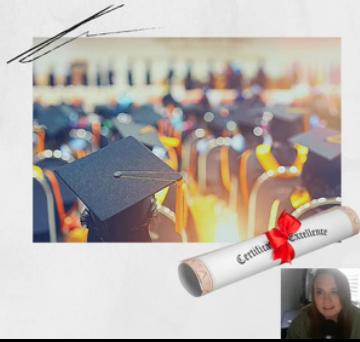
Reading this newsletter and want to be recognized by TRIO Scholars but you aren't in the program yet? Flip to page 9 to find out how to apply!

Let's be friends



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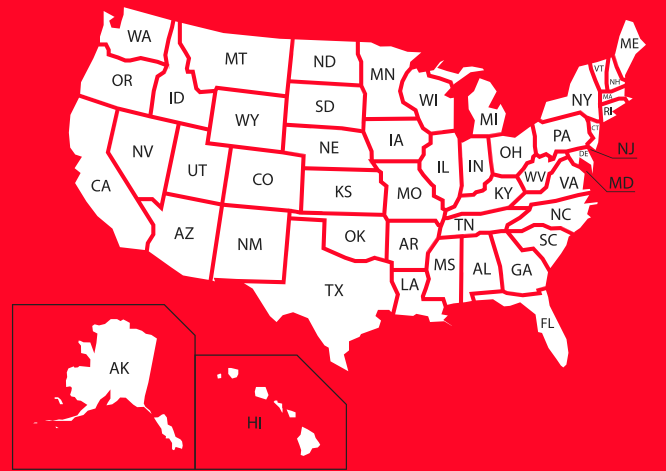
PROGRAM COMPLETION CEREMONY

TRIO Scholars held our annual Program Completion Ceremony. The ceremony was held virtually on Sunday, June 5, 2022.

TRIO Scholars Director, Brittany Crosio welcomed participants who are graduating this school year. Staff members Ash Edwards, Carissa Henry and Marybeth Jones also spoke words of welcome.

Students honored for completing the TRIO Scholars program include Alexis Adair, Antoinette Adair, Serena Bennett, Kimberly Boyer, Ashley Brown, Josie Bumbico, Melissa Cihon, Nicole Double, Ashley Edwards, Angela Foor, Brian Gebo, Crystal Gebo, Ashley Graves, Lacelle Harden, Julia Hegner, Starr Inman, Exie Johnson, Brittany Lee, Carlie Marcum, Lisa-Marie Morris, Octobriann Olverson, Claudia Pagan Wilcox, Katelyn Pegnalitti, Madison Perkins, Jayden Podszus, Kailey Pytash, Luz Santiago Timberlake, Emily Shemash, Suzette Shepard, Xaviour Smith, Anessa Steele, Amy Stemper, Marisa Tolbert, Amber VanWhy, Sharidan Watts, Shawntae Watts, Xavier Weathers, Hollie Wedlake, Tomorrow White, and Landon Woods.

Thanks to everyone who attended and congratulations!



TRIO Scholars currently has participants from 25 states. This year we served students from:

- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- North Carolina
- Nevada
- New York
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wyoming

Transfer Success Stories



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
- West Liberty University
- University of Texas PB

Jacqueline Bly - Class of 2021

Degrees: AA Associate of Arts - *Summa Cum Laude*
BS Biology (2023)

Transfer School: Youngstown State University

I am currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Youngstown State University. I have received a club sports award that came with a scholarship to pay for my housing. I will graduate in 2023.

College Involvement:

I am involved with Students for Sight, Youngstown State Club Soccer, Intramural Soccer, and Planned Parenthood Generation Action (PPGA). I plan to be the Treasurer for the YSU Club Soccer Team in the Fall.

How did TRIO Scholars help?

TRIO Scholars helped me greatly while I was at EGCC and it prepared me for my next step. I was able to transfer smoothly to YSU and I learned from TRIO that there is help all around you in college. I found it much easier to join groups and clubs.

Advice to others

My advice to current TRIO Scholars' students would be to take all the help you can get! Learn all your options to help you improve your grades and talk to your advisors to figure out the smoothest transition to your new school. Lastly, talk to your peers, you'll learn so much from them.

Future Plans

Once I graduate from YSU with my Bachelor of Science in biology, I plan to go to optometry school at the Ohio State University.

TRIO Scholars' graduates interested in being featured in a Transfer Success Story please email mjones@egcc.edu



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 ASH



TRIO Scholars has a new Academic Counselor! Please welcome Ash Edwards. We asked her a few questions so that you can get to know Ash.

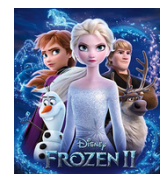
BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU HAVE EVER BEEN GIVEN?

(This is from a Disney movie so it wasn't directly given to me) "You are the one you've been waiting for."

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

"Show Yourself" from Frozen II

[Click here to listen](#)



FAVORITE DISNEY VILLAIN



Ursula

FIVE GUYS OR CHICK-FIL-A?



BEST STUDY TIP?

Look for the information that seems the most important. You can't remember everything, so focus on the key concepts.

Spring Academic Honors



President's List

Kelly Bennett	Kenya Mizell
Kelli Christiana	Jessica Nunez
Chelsea Cramer	Ana Ortiz
Jacklynne Durham	Julie Ostazeski
Katelyn Emerson	Claudia Pagan Wilcox
Amanda Farrar	Katelyn Pegnalitti
Eleasa Felton	Madison Perkins
Shane Fluharty	Jayden Podszus
Madelyn Frost	Allison Richards
Carrie Gedeon	Brandi Richmond
Ashley Graves	Emily Shemash
Nicholas Hamilton	Xaviour Smith
Lacelle Harden	Eduardo Solis
Julia Hegner	Katlyn Spratt
William Hill	Amy Stemper
Joseph Jackson	Stacy Toy
Kelly Kintzel	Tavon Vazquez
Patrice McNeely	Jessica Ware
Molly McQuillan	Michael Wetherbee
	Deshael Wright

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

Aminatou Abdolaye	Jayla McNeely
Antoinette Adair	Tania McNeely
Rebecca Atkins	Lisa Myers
Heather Beats	Crayuana Page
Teia Brown	Ariana Perez
Juanetta Burch	Suzette Shepard
Melissa Cihon	Kimberly Singleton
Ashley Edwards	Anessa Steele
Brian Gebo	Shawntae Watts
Michelle Kolarczyk	Morgan Wilson

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Honor Roll

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

4.0	Shanae Cosby
Alison Ansel	Demitria Day
Jessica Foreman	Crystal Gebo
Jacquelyn Good	Dallas Harpe
Riciara Greene	Hayley Harris
Delilah Hall	Kayla Iles
Lisa Humphrey	Exie Johnson
Starr Inman	Melissa Mastronarde
Nathalie Taghaboni	Natasia Morgan
3.50-3.99	Funda Peete
None	Cadie Pierce
3.0-3.49	Audrey Walker
Sarah Berry	Sharidan Watts
Josie Bumbico	Gina Williams

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

Summer Academic Honors



President's List

Aminatou Abdolaye	Patrice McNeely
Rasha Ali	Molly McQuillan
Jennifer Barnett	Kenya Mizell
Shanae Cosby	Claudia Pagan Wilcox
Demitria Day	Deserae Platt
Sam DiStefano	Jayden Podszus
Alison Domagala	Brandi Richmond
Amanda Farrar	RahJanaye Russell
Shane Fluharty	Shelly Sienert
Carrie Gedeon	Eduardo Solis
Nicholas Hamilton	Katlyn Spratt
Lacelle Harden	Stacy Toy
Kelly Kintzel	Christina Valentino
Melissa Mastronarde	Sharidan Watts
Brittney McGinnis	Deshael Wright
Kelly McIlvain	

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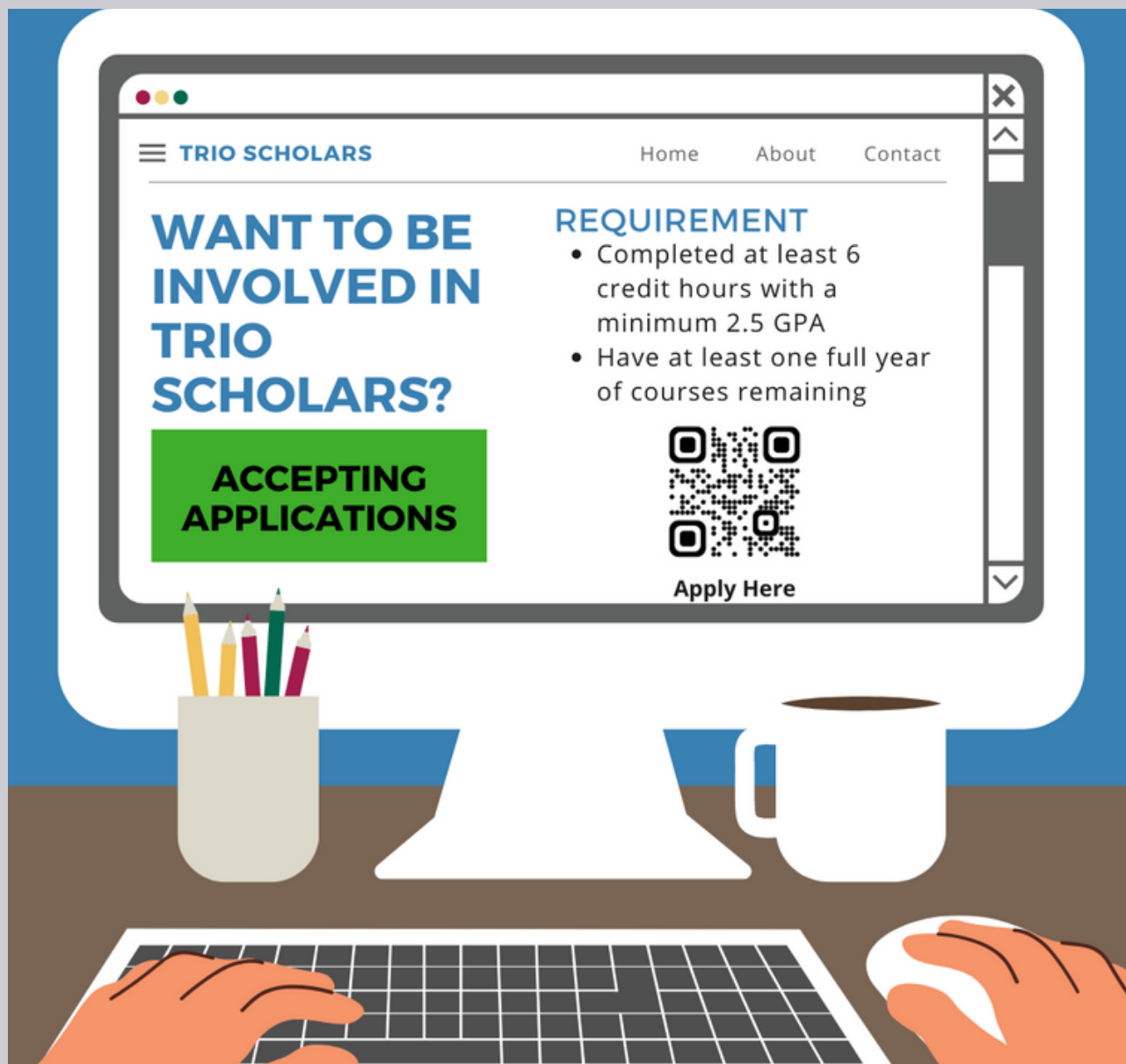
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Teia Brown	Sarah Berry
Chelsea Cramer	
Christina Hoover	3.0-3.49
Joseph Jackson	Brittany Dyer
Lisa Myers	Riciara Greene
Sierra Pontera	Jaden Karr
Raymond Prisby	Haylee Marinacci
Allison Richards	Jessica Nunez
Jessica Ware	Suzette Shepard
	Kimberly Singleton

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August

- 15th** First Day of Fall Semester
- 24th** Last Day to Drop 1st Term classes
- 26th** Last Day to Drop Full Term classes
- 29th** Yoga for the Classroom - TRIO Scholars Participants only

September

- 5th** Labor Day - College Closed
- 8th** Last Day to Drop 2nd Term Classes
- 16th** Last Day to Withdraw from 1st Term classes

Important Dates



- 30th** Last Day to Withdraw from 2nd Term classes

October

- 19th** Last Day to Drop 3rd Term Classes
- 8th** Last Day to Withdraw from Full Term classes

November

- 2nd** Last Day to Drop 4th Term Classes
- 10th** Last Day to Withdraw from 3rd Term classes

- 11th** Veterans Day - College Closed

- 18th** Employee Development Day - Faculty & Staff Unavailable

- 24 & 25th** Thanksgiving - College Closed

- 28th** Last Day to Withdraw from 4th Term classes

- 30th** Finals Week - Full Term Classes

December

- 18th** Semester Ends
- 24th** Winter Break Begins - College Closed

Spring Graduates

Antoinette Adair
AA in General Studies

Josie Bumbico
AAS in Nursing

Melissa Cihon
Cert - Medical Coding

Nicole Double
AAS in Nursing

Ashley Edwards
AAB in Business Management

Brian Gebo
AAB in Accounting

Crystal Gebo
AAS in Nursing

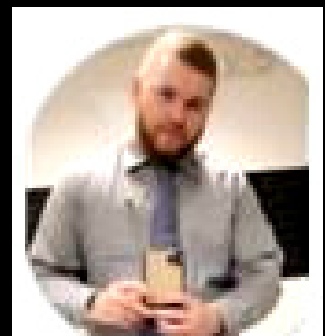
Julia Hegner
AAB in Business Management

Exie Johnson
Cert - Paralegal

Ronald Miller
AAB in Business Management

Katelyn Pegnalitti
AA in General Studies

Madison Perkins
AAS in Criminal Justice






Spring Graduates

Suzette Shepard
Cert - Practical Nursing

Xaviour Smith
AA in Teacher Education

Anessa Steele
AAS in Healthcare Administration

Amy Stemper
AAS in Criminal Justice

Shawntae Watts
AA in General Studies




Summer Graduates

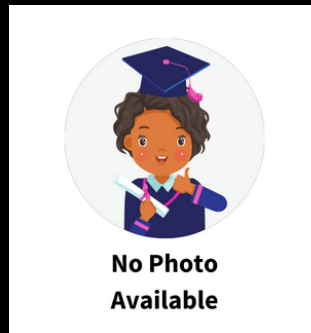
Alexis Adair
AAS in Nursing

Lacelle Harden
AA in Teacher Education

Claudia Pagan Wilcox
AA in Teacher Education

Jayden Podszus
AAB in Business Management

Sharidan Watts
AAS in Social Work



Honored Graduates

Summa Cum Laude

Lacelle Harden
Julia Hegner
Claudia Pagan Wilcox
Xaviour Smith
Shawntae Watts

Magna Cum Laude

Ashley Edwards
Brian Gebo
Madison Perkins
Jayden Podszus
Anessa Steele
Amy Stemper

Cum Laude

Melissa Cihon
Crystal Gebo
Katelyn Pegnalitti



TRIO Scholars' Staff at Grad Fest. Pictured Marybeth, Brittany, and Ash



Grad Julia Hegner



Grad Angela Foor



Grad Xaviour Smith



Danielle, Brittany, & Abbie



Grad Luz Santiago Timberlake



Grad Antoinette Adair

**Grad
Fest**



Marybeth & Grad Kim Boyer