

CRUISING TO SUCCESS



MARCH 25-27, 2024

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

Oklahoma Division of Student Assistance Spring Conference
March 25, 2024 - March 27, 2024
53rd Annual Conference



Monday, March 25, 2024

Time	Event	Room
9:00 am- 3:00 pm	Pre-Conference Events- Onboarding	Ballroom D
9:00 am- 4:00 pm	Emerging Leaders	O'Donoghue
10:00 am-11:30 am	ODSA Board Meeting	McGee Boardroom
11:30 am- 12:15 pm	ODSA Board and ELI Lunch (invite only)	TBA
1:00 pm- 6:00 pm	Exhibitors Open	Pre-Function Hall
1:30 pm- 4:30 pm	Conference Registration Open	Pre-Function Hall
3:00 pm- 4:30 pm	TRIO New Professionals Welcome Session	Ballroom C
5:00 pm- 6:00 pm	Opening Welcome Plenary I Sharla Frost	Young Ballroom A&B
6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Silent Auction Open	Everest Room
6:00 pm- 7:30 pm	TRIO Networking Reception	Pre-Function Hall
7:00 pm-8:00 pm	WOM Cruise Ship BINGO	Young Ballroom E
8:00 pm- TBA	Wahoo Game Night	Young Ballroom E

Tuesday March 26, 2024

6:30 am- 8:30 am	Breakfast (on your own)	Hotel Dining Area
8:00 am- 9:00 am	Conference Registration Open	Pre-Function Hall
8:00 am- 3:30 pm	Silent Auction Open	Everest Room
8:00 am-6:00 pm	Exhibitors Open	Pre-Function Hall
9:00 am- 10:30 am	Plenary II & Business Meeting: SWASP & COE	Young Ballroom A&B
10:45 am- 11:30 am	Concurrent Session I	C,D,E & O'Donoghue
11:45 am- 1:00 pm	TRIO Achiever Lunch	Young Ballroom A&B
1:15 pm- 2:00 pm	Concurrent Session II	C,D,E & O'Donoghue
2:15 pm- 3:00 pm	Concurrent Session III	C,D,E & O'Donoghue
3:00 pm- 3:20 pm	Snack Break	Pre-Function Hall
3:30 pm- 4:15 pm	Concurrent Session IV	C,D,E & O'Donoghue
4:30 pm- 5:00 pm	TRIO Program Round Tables	See Program Book
5:00 pm-5:30 pm	Silent Auction Winners Announced	Young Ballroom A&B
5:30 pm- 6:30 pm	Voting- must be a paid ODSA member	On-line
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm	Dinner (on your own)	Off Site
8:00 pm- 12:00 am	Hospitality/Alumni Gathering	Sailor & The Dock 617 W. Sheridan Ave.

Wednesday March 27, 2024

6:30 am- 8:30 am	Breakfast (on your own)	Hotel Dining Area
9:00 am- 10:00 am	Plenary III -Michael Davis	Young Ballroom A&B
10:15 am- 11:30 am	ELI Graduation, Service Awards, Business Meeting, Installation of Officers	Young Ballroom A&B
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	ODSA Board Meeting	McGee Boardroom

TRIO Programs

Educational Opportunity Centers - Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Programs
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CONCURRENT WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

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March 25, 2024

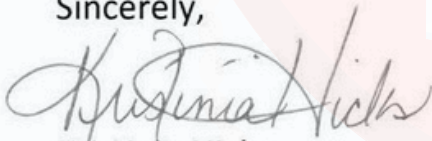
Dear ODSA Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our annual conference. I invite you to take in all of the learning and networking opportunities to help you ***Cruise to Success.***

Dawn Compton and the rest of the conference committee have worked tirelessly to bring you a very impactful event for you to come together and experience professional growth that will help to benefit the students that we serve. I hope that each one of you leave this conference with a renewed wealth of knowledge and inspiration from Oklahoma's many extraordinary and passionate TRIO professionals.

Whether you've been in TRIO for the longest or the shortest amount of time amongst us, thank you for all that you do for our students across the state.

Sincerely,



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March 12, 2024

Greetings ODSA colleagues and guests,

Welcome! I am so pleased you decided to come aboard and join us for the 53rd ODSA Annual Conference, "Cruising to Success," at the Embassy Suites in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. We celebrate everything you do: from helping students embark on their journey to success, to assisting and encouraging students to stay their course while enjoying excursions along the way, and finally, sharing the joy in their academic accomplishments as they start their next voyage in life.

Serving as your 2023-24 ODSA President-Elect has truly been an honor. The knowledge and experience I have gained over the last year are priceless. I sincerely appreciate everyone who attended the ODSA Fall Summit and to all who took part in the ODSA State Initiative with pictures and videos highlighting Oklahoma TRIO students, staff, alumni, and supporters to create an outstanding ODSA video montage.

I am excited to serve as your ODSA President in the coming year. I do not take this honor lightly and intend to keep the ODSA membership first and foremost in all decision-making. I greatly appreciate each and every TRIO professional in the state of Oklahoma and admire your dedication to the services you provide to Oklahoma students. Continue doing great things!

I hope that you will find this conference motivating and inspiring, leaving you energized with new and expanded tools to help you better serve the students in your respective programs. Thank you to the ODSA Board, ODSA membership, and Rogers State University TRIO staff for your unwavering support.

Undeniably, TRIO WORKS because of you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Gordon".

Elizabeth Gordon, MHR
President-Elect
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March 23, 2024

Dear ODSA Members and Guests:

I am pleased to welcome you to the Spring ODSA Conference Cruising to Success and want to thank the Conference Committee Members who have worked tirelessly to bring you such an awesome conference experience.

I hope that you will enjoy the speakers as well as breakout sessions and other events that make coming to the conference meaningful. Please take full advantage of spending time bonding with old and new TRIO friends while sharing your professional insight. Sharing our knowledge and past TRIO experiences are an important part of attending conference and can provide valuable insight for others.

I have been honored to spend the past year as the ODSA Past President and want to thank all those who have tirelessly devoted their time to making TRIO and the ODSA organization the best it can be. Those who have had many years in ODSA and TRIO have been invaluable while those who are new have provided a fresh perspective. My hope is that we will continue to build upon what those in the past have created as well as bring in new insight and energy. I encourage all members of the ODSA community to get involved in the organization and share your knowledge.

Once again welcome to the ODSA Conference and the Oklahoma City community.

Sincerely,

Dawn Compton
ODSA Past President

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A native of Lawton, Oklahoma, Dr. Adams participated in Upward Bound at Cameron and SSS/McNair at the University of Central Oklahoma. He received his Bachelor of Science in Biology from UCO and graduated from Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry in 2018. He also completed a clinical externship with Advanced Laser Center in OKC where he was further acclimated to ocular disease and refractive surgery co-management. Dr. Adams is a member of the American Optometric Association, Oklahoma Association of Optometric Physicians, and the National Optometric Association. He practices primary care optometry at Shawnee Vision Source. Dr. Adams and his dog, Hope, call Oklahoma City home. Aside from optometry, he has a passion for voice-overs and dreams of one day providing the voice for an animated character. He also enjoys traveling, spending time with family/friends, and supporting San Antonio Spurs basketball.



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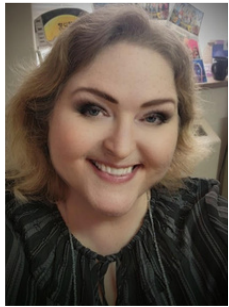


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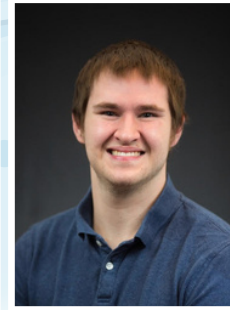
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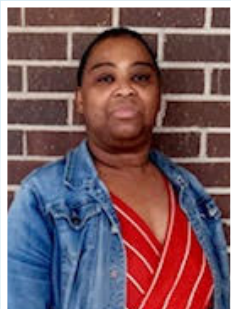
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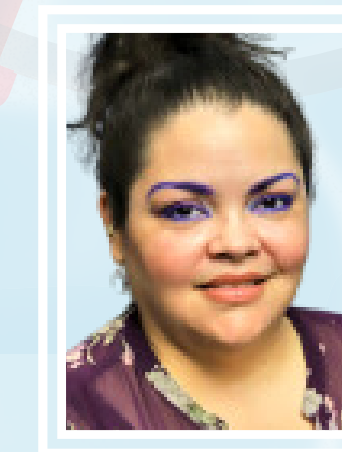
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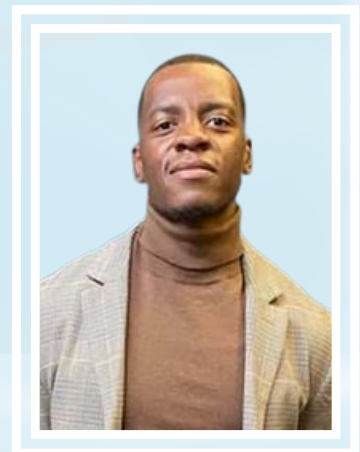
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ODSA STATE INITIATIVE

TRIO Works Video

CALL TO “ACTION”

OBJECTIVE

To promote and showcase ODSA and TRIO; to advocate for college access and success programs serving individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds in the state of Oklahoma.

BENEFIT

The ODSA Video Montage will highlight Oklahoma TRIO students, staff, advocates, supporters, and alumni. It will provide a fun and engaging overview of the positive role TRIO ODSA plays in the lives of students and their families in Oklahoma because: TRIO WORKS!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Talk to Your Students, Faculty, and Staff

Get the word out about this amazing opportunity to showcase how TRIO Works! Ask for them to get involved.

Create Signs for them to hold

Highlight how TRIO Works for your students and your program through signs and hold them in the photos/videos

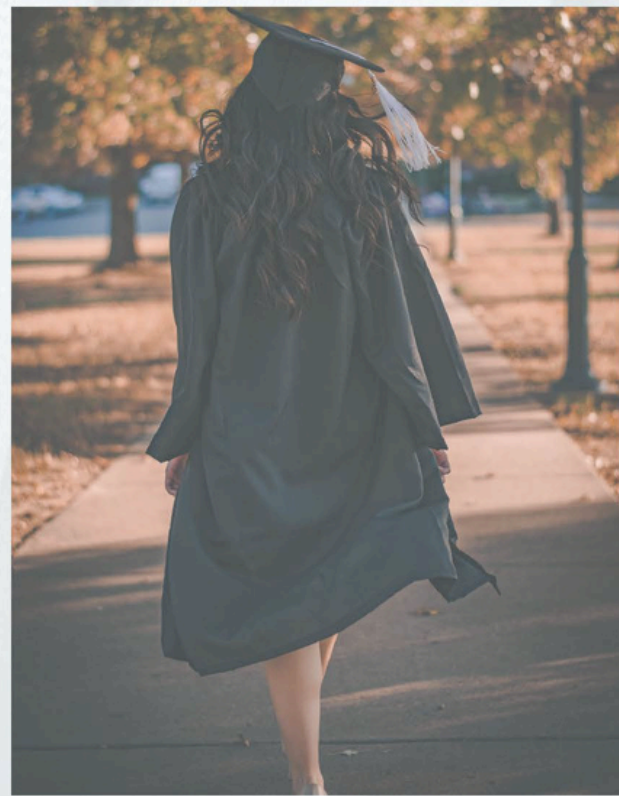
Take Pictures and/or Videos and Submit them

Get Pictures and Videos with people holding the signs or talking/shouting about how TRIO has “Worked” for them. Keep videos to 10 seconds or less. View the link to see an (incomplete) example of what is being done:

<https://tinyurl.com/ODSAVideo>

Submit Media

Submit all media to the ODSA State Initiatives board through the link provided on the right.



LIGHTS,
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ACTION



WE NEED YOUR HELP



Contact Information

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Media Submission

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For Microsoft Users:

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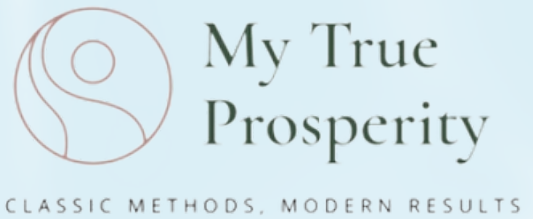
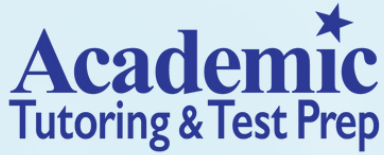


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SHARLA FROST

Sharla J. Frost is a first generation college student who grew up in Frogville, Oklahoma. She attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University, then Baylor Law School. A highly regarded defense trial lawyer, Sharla defended corporate clients in high-risk cases throughout the United States for more than thirty years. She retired from the courtroom in 2020. She now spends her time representing select legal clients on litigation strategy while also working as an expert witness, keynote speaker, cattle rancher, and author. She is the author of four Amazon best-selling books, including the Frogville Quest series for children and Power at the Table, a business development book.



DR. KYLE STAFFORD

Dr. Kyle J. Stafford became the 16th president of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College on January 6, 2020. Stafford believes education is the great equalizer. He has devoted his career to making college accessible, affordable, and valuable, especially for first-generation college students who may not have a pathway to advance. Stafford enjoys working and engaging directly with students, ensuring they have the information and resources they need to succeed.

As president, Stafford has established innovative partnerships for NEO, including the Oklahoma Small Business Development Center, which consists of city, tribal and banking institutions, the Kah-Ne Learning Academy, an on-campus daycare run by the Peoria Tribe, and a new fast-track nursing program on the Northeast Tech campus in Kansas, Oklahoma. Stafford earned his undergraduate and master's degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State University before completing a Doctor of Education from Northcentral University. He graduated from the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Institute for Educational Management and maintains his Oklahoma teaching certifications. Stafford is a native of Madill, Oklahoma, and he and his wife, Kim, have two daughters, Miranda Matlock and Emma, and one granddaughter, Adeline Fay.



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PLENARY SESSION II



DIANE SHUST

Diane Shust is the vice president for public policy at the Council for Opportunity in Education. In this role, she is a COE senior leadership team member. She is responsible for designing and implementing the government relations agenda of the Council and representing Council interests on Capitol Hill and before the U.S. Department of Education, the White House, and other relevant entities. Shust has a deep knowledge of the internal workings and nuances of Capitol Hill. She most recently served as chief of staff in the Office of Congressman Tom Suozzi (D-NY), acting as Representative Suozzi's principal liaison with the House Democratic Leadership and the Committee on Ways and Means.

She previously served as Chief of Staff for Congressman Jim McDermott (D-W) and as Legislative Counsel to Congressman George Miller (D-CA). Shust directed government relations at the National Education Association (NEA) for 16 years. Shust is a former public defender in Washington, D.C. She received her BA in Juvenile Justice and her Masters in Education from the University of Pennsylvania and her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center.



OWEN TOOMEY

Owen Toomey is the Director of Congressional Affairs at the Council for Opportunity in Education. He brings the stories and importance of the federal college-access TRIO programs to life for federal legislators. After studying Government and English at Georgetown University, he went to work on the legislative staff of Congressman Tom Suozzi (NY-03). Owen brings his previous experiences both on and off Capitol Hill to COE to expand funding for the critical TRIO Programs.



DONTA MILLS

Donta Mills is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He attended Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business with a focus on Technology and a minor in Management. After completing his undergraduate studies, he pursued a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Currently, he is working towards his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Donta has always been passionate about serving students who need assistance. He was excited to work with TRIO students, specifically those in Upward Bound and ETS programs, at Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU). This experience inspired him to join the TRIO community and he accepted a position with the TRIO programs at SLU.

Over his 20 years of experience in TRIO, 15 of which he served as a professional and four years as a part-time employee, he has relied on his leadership abilities, adaptability, and willingness to get involved to achieve success. These qualities helped him secure important positions such as Assistant Director of UB II at Baton Rouge Community College, LASAP President, and SWASAP President. With a strong passion for leadership and professional development, self-care, and advocacy, Donta remains a servant leader who helps everyone he meets achieve success both personally and professionally.

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PLENARY SESSION III



TOM COLE

A fifth-generation Oklahoman and resident of Moore, Tom Cole has a significant background of service to his home state of Oklahoma. Currently serving in his tenth term, Cole was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2002. He is an ardent supporter of a strong national defense, a tireless advocate for taxpayers and small businesses, a leader in promoting and funding biomedical research and the foremost expert in the House on issues related to Native Americans and tribal governments. Since 2009, Cole has served on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, where he is currently Vice Chairman of the full committee and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development. Cole was appointed to the House Rules Committee in 2013 and has remained on the panel since then. He currently serves as Chairman, the top Republican leadership position on the committee. Cole also serves as a Deputy Whip for the Republican Conference and sits on the House Republican Steering Committee.



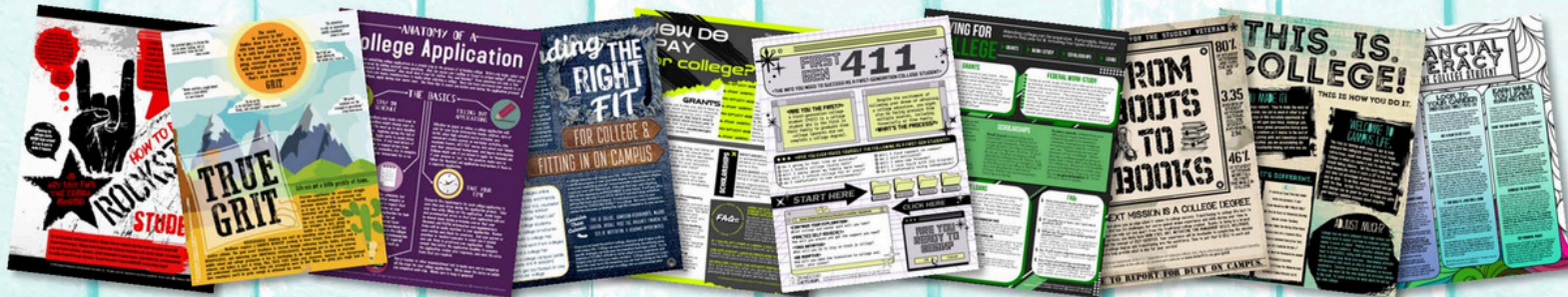
DR. MIKE DAVIS

Dr. Mike Davis is an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, where he also serves on the Executive Team as the Special Assistant to the President for Compliance. As a TRiO Upward Bound Math/Science Alum, Dr.

Davis was a first generation college graduate, who has spent his entire career in postsecondary education after obtaining a law degree from the University of Oklahoma and later obtaining a Ph.D. in leadership from the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, KY. Dr. Davis has served on the Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Bar Association, and is currently an Associate Member of the Oklahoma Board of Bar Examiners. He is an active behavioral science researcher in emotional intelligence, affective science (the study of emotional experience), and the connection between empathy and effective organizational leadership. Davis spoke as a student speaker during TRiO Day at the state capitol in 2007 and continues to be a passionate advocate for assistance and mentorship to students with disadvantaged backgrounds. Dr. Davis is a designated mentor in the McNair Scholars program at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and a mentor in the John Massey Leadership Scholars program.

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1 – MARCH 26

Breakout 1 First Generation Initiatives on Campus

Presenter Name: Jennifer Hernandez-Reyes and Kenia Maldonado 10:45AM-11:30AM
Organization: OSU-OKC SSS-Project SOAR Room C
Target Audience: Student Support Services

This workshop is designed to support programs aiming to facilitate the transition to college for first-generation students. Tailored events concentrating on the unique needs of first-generation students will foster familiarity with the college environment and assist in navigating the challenges of college life. Presenters will address frequently asked questions about establishing first-generation initiatives, providing valuable insights and guidance.

Breakout 1 ACT vs the Digital SAT: Which is Best for your Students

Presenter Name Yuval Trachtenberg 10:45AM-11:30AM
Organization Academic Tutoring & Test Prep Room D
Target Audience: Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science, Educational Opportunity Center

Standardized test scores still matter. Although colleges and media are telling our students that test scores are optional, they are leaving out the most important information – a decent test score and a decent GPA means lots of scholarship dollars for our students. Come learn the difference between the ACT and the new Digital SAT. You will learn the different strategies each test requires as well as which test is best for your students. Let's get your students the most scholarship dollars possible!

Breakout 1 Universal FAFSA

Presenter Name: Kelli Kelnar & Theresa Shaklee 10:45AM-11:30AM
Organization: Oklahoma College Assistance Program Room E
Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

Beginning with the 2024-25 school year, students must submit the FAFSA to graduate from an Oklahoma public high school. Join us to learn about the requirement, why it's important, and what it means for you and your students. This session will also introduce you to the Oklahoma FAFSA Data Portal, an online platform where your schools can see FAFSA progress for their seniors in one place. In addition to the law and tracking resources, we'll share Oklahoma's long list of free resources to support your FAFSA completion efforts.

Breakout 1 Teamwork- How TRIO & GEAR UP Work Together

Presenter Name: Sarah Adcock 10:45AM-11:30AM
Organization: Oklahoma GEAR UP- Rogers State University/OSRHE O'Donoghue
Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

This presentation will discuss ways GEAR UP successfully works alongside TRIO grants on the high school and college level.

Breakout 1 Talent Search- Beyond Monthly Meetings

Presenter Name: Audra Conner & Becky Scott

10:45AM-11:30AM

Organization: Talent Search - American Indian Resource Center, Inc.

Gaylord

Target Audience: Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science

Monthly or weekly meetings are great, but what are you providing your students outside of those meetings? Join us as we share some of the activities/trips/experiences we have been providing our TS students during the summer, fall breaks, and spring breaks. Whether you are a seasoned TRIO professional or a "newbie", we're sure you'll find something to add to your curriculum that will help you boost participation and student retention.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2

Breakout 2 The Secret to Building Unshakeable Confidence (and how to teach your students)

Presenter Name: Bill Sue Smith

1:15 PM-2PM

Organization: Paradigm Shift Leadership

Room C

Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

What is the secret to building true confidence and how does it help in life to have it? In this fun, engaging, interactive workshop we'll discuss some myths and truths surrounding confidence and the action (confidence is action, not a feeling) you and your students can take to achieve it.

Breakout 2 Show Me The Money! Facilitating Financial Literacy Workshops Your Students Will Never Forget

Presenter Name: MJ Pittman

1:15 PM-2PM

Organization: Simple Money Academy

Room D

Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

All Attendees get a VISA gift card! Learn the secret strategies to hosting impactful financial literacy workshops for students. With experience from 70+ TRIO programs, Michael offers his expertise to help you transform your view on finance and empower your students for success! Come ready to have a FUN time!

Breakout 2 Paying for Post-High School Education Playbook: 6 Essential Rules

Presenter Name: Susan Faulk & Sara Lorenzen
Organization: Oklahoma Money Matters/OKMM
Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

1:15 PM-2PM
Room E

One of the biggest challenges facing underserved students is paying for college. Early financial planning and communication are critical to success. The good news is that getting a degree is still worth it and can boost earning potential and career prospects. But how do students find the right path, especially if they have unique challenges or needs? In this session, we'll share six rules that can help families plan and pay for college, whether it's a student with a disability, an athlete, a foster care or homeless youth, or anyone else who wants to pursue their dreams. Join us and learn how to make college affordable and achievable - and leave with valuable resources and strategies.

Breakout 2 Using Cultural Wealth to Increase Family Engagement

Presenter Name: Dr. Teri Mora
Organization: Community Engagement Specialist/Educational Consultant
Target Audience: Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science, All TRIO Programs

1:15 PM-2PM
O'Donoghue

A presentation of Yosso's community cultural wealth model, which places emphasis on cultural knowledge, skills, and abilities of students as they navigate the educational process. This model challenges the traditional deficit-based approach and instead offers an asset-based model to accentuate the strengths of underserved students and their families. Participants will learn the different types of capital and discuss how to utilize cultural wealth to better engage students and parents in their educational settings.

Breakout 2 AI & Tech Innovations: Shaping Financial Wellness in Higher Education

Presenter Name: Bill Mills
Organization: My True Prosperity
Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

1:15 PM-2PM
Gaylord

This workshop explores the integration of AI and technology into higher education's financial literacy programs. Participants will learn to enhance curriculum development, personalize student learning experiences, and analyze financial behaviors with digital tools. Through case studies, demonstrations, and expert discussions, we'll navigate the ethical use of technology, aiming to equip educators with the skills for fostering financial wellness among students, ensuring responsible, inclusive educational practices in the digital age.

Breakout 2 Brain Friendly Higher Education Organizations – Safe Space for Learners

Presenter Name: Dr. Ed Cunliff
Organization: UCO, Adult Education & Safety Science
Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

1:15 PM-2PM
C.A. Vose

Excitement and fear can fill a learner's brain from the first moment. This session looks at MBHE (mind brain health education) approaches to creating a learner friendly climate. MBHE research and practice have evolved greatly in the past 30 years. Learners may experience what is called "the amygdala hijack" that inhibits learning. This session offers a set of strategies used to help students feel safe and at ease in new learning environments. These approaches are employed by staff and faculty to 1) consider their role in creating organizational climate, 2) options for creating a positive and safe environment, and 3) to help them create their own brain friendly strategies to reduce the amygdala hijack.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3

Breakout 3 Show Me The Money! Facilitating Financial Literacy Workshops Your Students Will Never Forget

Presenter Name: MJ Pittman
Organization: Simple Money Academy
Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

2:15-3:00PM
Room C

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Breakout 3 The Game of Life: Topics that are GUARANTEED to Maximize Student Participation & Engagement

Presenter Name: Yuval Trachtenberg
Organization: Academic Tutoring & Test Prep
Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

2:15 PM-3PM
Room D

Student engagement rates in TRiO programs as well as in classrooms across the U.S. can be a struggle. Regardless of the reason(s), our students are missing out on services that will have a positive impact on their future. This session will show you how to achieve nearly 100% student engagement and ensure that students are prepared for success when it comes to the Game of Life! Attendees will learn how to motivate their students, master the correct study habits, conquer standardized tests, successfully navigate college, attain their dream job, and build generational wealth. Please join us for an engaging session!

Breakout 3

Teachable Moments: Activities that Make Learning Finance Fun

Presenter Name: Sara M. Lorenzen, M.Ed., CFEI® & Susan Faulk, M.Ed.

2:15 PM-3PM

Organization: Oklahoma Money Matters, OKMM

Room E

Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

Discover practical strategies and hands-on exercises that foster financial literacy among learners of all ages. This session will equip you with resources to make economic concepts accessible and engaging in educational settings.

Breakout 3 Engaging Your Students: SSS Workshops that Encourage Participation

Presenter Name: Jade Vann, Lena Deere, Michaella Stewart

2:15 PM-3PM

Organization: Northeastern State University SSS Program

O'Donoghue

Target Audience: Educational Opportunity Center, Student Support Services, Disabled Student Support Services

This workshop will give the chance for other programs like ours to learn about what activities we have been able to do in our program that have successfully engaged our students. From grocery bingo, to painting, find ways that your grant allows you to pull in student participation and allow the students to have fun doing so. There will be time for Q&A on these workshops that have been completed as well as an open discussion on workshops that the attendees have been successful with.

Breakout 3 Put on Your Life Jacket & Grab Your Life Preserver

Presenter Name: Diane M. Walker & Liz Cotrill

2:15 PM-3PM

Organization: Walker Education & Leadership Services, LLC

Plenary Room

Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

Every time we outfit a new TRIO staff member with a life jacket & life preserver, we have to make sure it's the right fit & includes the right stuff. In order for staff to earn the title of "Captain", this jacket & preserver are how we are going to strengthen our relationships with students, parents & school staff, earn respect, become the "go-to" person for all things college and be a household name. Join Liz & Diane for a lifesaving session to help you have smooth sailing & cruise through this life we call TRIO!

Breakout 3 Embedding Virtues and Ethics in Financial Capability Education: A Transformative Approach

Presenter Name: Bill Mills
Organization: My True Prosperity
Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

2:15-3:00PM
C.A. Vose

In our groundbreaking session, "Embedding Virtues and Ethics in Financial Capability Education," we propose a transformative approach to financial wellness education in higher education. By integrating Benjamin Franklin's virtues and ethical principles, we aim to cultivate financial responsibility and integrity among students. Through interactive discussions, real-life case studies, and practical strategies, participants will learn to develop financial wellness programs that not only enhance financial literacy but also instill a strong moral compass.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 4

Breakout 4 Unveiling the Legacy of Walter O. Mason Jr

Presenter Name: Ro Ro (Rosario Riley), T-Rex (Teriki Barnes), Prez Smoke (Audra Connor), Mizz Johnson (Lisa Johnson), Captain Kirk (Kirk Rushing) & Mama Walker (Diane Walker)

Organization: Walter O. Mason Board

3:30-4:15PM

Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

Room C

This workshop will explore the ongoing relevance of Walter O. Mason Jr.'s legacy in today's educational landscape, highlighting the enduring importance of his values and principles. Participants will leave with a deeper understanding of Walter O. Mason Jr's contributions and a renewed sense of purpose in advancing the foundation's mission of fostering education, diversity and community empowerment.

Breakout 4 TRIO Staff as Leadership Educators

Presenter Name: Elizabeth Hansen

3:30-4:15PM

Organization: Cameron University Student Support Services

Room D

Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

In this session you will experience a Values exercise, followed by structured reflective dialogue. All materials and instructions are provided to attendees so they can use this activity on their own campuses. The purpose is twofold – first, it can be a personal/professional growth opportunity to have some time reflecting on values that the individual holds important. Second, this workshop will model some ways to engage an audience in an interactive manor, and will introduce some concepts from Leadership Trainer – Leadership Trainer is a non-profit organization that helps individuals in training roles strengthen their skills. This technique has really increased student involvement and excitement around workshops!

Breakout 4 Workshop to Go: Meal Planning on a Budget

Presenter Name: Alyssa Wiskofske

3:30-4:15PM

Organization: Tulsa Community College- Student Support Services

Room E

Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

Looking for an interactive financial/economic literacy workshop your program staff can facilitate in an hour virtually and in person? Join us for a sample workshop: Meal Planning on a Budget. “\$35 = 21 meals and 14 snacks (plus tea and lemonade!). We have the recipes, shopping lists, and menus – bring your appetite for learning!” Attendees will be provided with the handouts, presentation, and information to implement the workshop for both virtual and in-person attendees!

Breakout 4 Empower, Engage, Educate: On Your Feet Tools for Empowering Yourself to Empower Your Students

Presenter Name: Angela Vivar

3:30-4:15PM

Organization: CoolSpeak Youth Engagement Company

O'Donoghue

Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

This on your feet workshop will empower participants to reach for the skills and joy that THEY innately bring. “Who you are is who we need.” Participants own gifts will be brought to the forefront as they are trained and empowered to facilitate groups and one on one dialogue with students and colleagues, and in all places where they must to take up space to advocate for themselves and for those they serve.

Breakout 4 Put Your Head Into It: Brain Science Strategies for Student Engagement

Presenter Name: Aimee Gutowski & Whitney Srsen

3:30-4:15PM

Organization: DreamCatcher Curriculum

Plenary Room

Target Audience: All TRIO Programs

To better engage participants, you gotta put your head into it! Integrating brain science activities into curriculum and workshops can have a dynamic impact on engagement, deeper learning, and overall success. This interactive session covers brain-centered, innovative strategies for mindful student instruction, utilizing engagement techniques discovered through neurological research. Discover best practices for incorporating neuroscience into your workshops. Attendees walk away with brain-friendly strategies for boosting engagement and activities ready to present to students.

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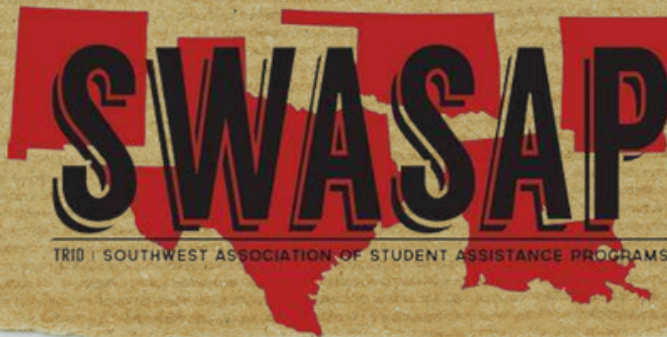
All smiles when you vote for Sara Ryals!

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