Hello TRiO!

It is hard to believe that the spring 2017 semester has come and gone! By now, you have finished finals and grades have been posted. I hope that you have all taken advantage of resources such as tutoring to help you put your best foot forward.

We had a blast on April 22 at our First Annual TRiO Awards Brunch. To our fall and spring graduates, Shybria Moore, Kendra Gordon, Miranda Smith, Nyaisha Solomon and Michelle Ramos, we salute you! You’ve reached your goal and we look forward to seeing you do bigger and better things!

Congratulations to Scholars who received honors and awards! We are so proud of you! Kudos to scholars who received the TRiO Boyd Scholarship and other scholarships for fall 2017! I would also like to congratulate Timmy Askew and Lindsey Kalle who both won a $500 book scholarship! As you can see, “active” TRiO scholars get and can even win TRiO dollars! We would like to e Our appreciation to President Bleicken, Provost Smith, Dr. daCruz, Dr. Nivens, Dr. Masini and other faculty and staff who attended the brunch! We also thank our presenters for academic year 2016/17 for our programming success.

TRiO Student Support Services is happy to have made a real financial impact in the lives of our scholars. To date, we have given more than $4,000 in book scholarships, $23,000 in Grant Aid and $40,000 in TRiO Boyd Scholarship money. We also sponsored fifty programs/seminars and nine cultural events. The TRiO staff looks forward to an even more exciting schedule of events for the upcoming 2017/18 academic year. The bottom line is #TRIOCARES and #TRIOWORKS!

TRiO resources will be available to you if you attend summer school. We will be in touch with you about the summer 2017 calendar of events.

TRiO Hosts New Seminars and Activities in Spring '17

This spring, TRiO raised the bar to a new level by adding in new workshops and seminars for scholars to attend. Cultural activities included visits to The Historic First African Baptist Church, The Pinpoint Museum and Nikki Giovanni at Georgia Southern University. A workshop encouraging Scholars to attend Graduate School, a Health Professions centered workshop, Career Services/Resumes and Interviews was also a hit. Additionally, financial aid signed on to conduct a workshop to inform scholars about loan default and prevention. These activities and workshops were a huge success and we would like to thank all of the faculty or staff presenters.

TRiO Student Support Services will be moving to its new location in Solms Hall, room 212 this summer. We will continue to deliver the same top-notch services and resources for scholars including a study lounge set aside just for you!

The 2nd Annual Fall Kick-off will be Thursday, August 10. As with last year, TRiO Scholars living in the residence halls will be allowed to move in early. The date for early move in is Wednesday, August 9. Please watch your emails for the times.

If you will not be attending summer school, please take this time of retreat to regroup and recoup so that you can reengage in fall 2017! Have a great and safe summer! As always, “Your” dream is “Our” commitment!
Shanelle Dillon has been accepted into the Science Enrichment Preparation Program (S.E.P.) at UNC Chapel Hill!

The S.E.P. is an eight-week, honors-level academic enrichment program that targets first-generation, underrepresented minority, rural, and/or socioeconomically disadvantaged undergraduate students (rising sophomores and juniors) who seek admission into graduate/health professional programs. Held each summer on the UNC Chapel Hill campus, scholars receive educational supplies, campus lodging, limited travel expenses and a competitive stipend.

During the program, S.E.P. Scholars will engage in more than 150 hours of classroom instruction in physics, organic chemistry, human physiology and quantitative skills/biostatistics. Scholars will attend classes and seminars in reading speed and comprehension, test-taking strategies, essay writing, and interview techniques. Additionally, they will visit local health facilities as well as have the opportunity to shadow a working professional in their health field of interest.

Farewell to our Spring 2017 Graduates!!

Kendra Gordon, Michelle Ramos, Miranda Smith, Shybria Moore

Pictured: Shybria, Michelle and Miranda

Latonya Sallywhite, Senior Nursing Scholar, receives the Savannah Black Nurses Association Scholarship!

On Saturday, February 11, 2017, the Savannah Black Nurses Association (BNA) held their 30th Anniversary Celebration and Scholarship Awards Gala at the Savannah Riverfront Marriott. The Savannah Black Nurses Association celebrated thirty years of providing health education, health screenings and other community service activities in Savannah and surrounding areas. Ms. Sallywhite was presented with her scholarship at the gala. The guest speaker was Dr. Eric J. Williams who serves as president of the National Black Nurses Association. In attendance were Keilondria Robertson, Scholar and Mrs. Jones pictured with Latonya and Ms. Capers, BNA President.

The Star Scholar Award is presented to scholars with the highest GPA in their classification as well as scholars who attended the most workshops and activities.

2016-2017 I'mPossible Scholars!


The I'mPossible Award is presented to scholars who have overcome personal and/or academic adversity while maintaining or to achieve of academic excellence.