

CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

TRiO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



ACADEMIC *Accolades*

The TRIO Student Support Services Program would like to congratulate our students on their academic achievements.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester:

Mickenna Ansell*
Kery Bailey*
Laura Bender-Stringham*
Kayce Bobnar
Blythe Bryner
Brooke Carlson
Nicole Clark
Rachel Clark
Heather Davis*
Thomas Dymock
Taylor Eastlick*
Kiara Greene
Kyle Greenwald*
Alyssa Hetrick
Warren Huey*

Brittany Hunter
Lauren Kachmar
Kalyn Kerr*
Hannah Leibowitz
Erica Lessner
Erin Lessner
Lydia Letavish*
Sienna Mangis
Tiffany Maxwell*
Brooke Minnick
Krissie Miranda
Taylor Phillips
Hannah Reed
Kellie Rice
Kyle Rodgers
Paige Schwabenbauer*

Jordan Shipman
Rebecca Shirey
Nathan Shreckengost*
Michael Sparks
Danielle Speer*
Kaitlynn Stasko
Danielle Tarr*
Melissa Totin
Kyresten Whetstone
Tracy Willetts
Joshua Wiskeman*
Barry Wolfe
Alison Wright*
Alexandra Young
Bradley Ziegler
Gina Zingaro

* These students achieved a 4.0

TRIO would like to congratulate the Winter 2016 graduates:

Courtney Cochran:

Rehabilitative Sciences: Developmental Disabilities

Thomas Dymock:

Business Management/Marketing, Sports Management Minor

Taylor Eastlick:

Communication Science Disorders, Social Work Minor

Brittany Hunter:

Liberal Studies Education Concentration, Political Science and Special Education Minors

Breanna Richards:

Communication: Public Relations, Advertising, Corporate Communications Concentrations

Teil Uhring: Rehabilitative Sciences:

Developmental Disabilities, Social Work Minor

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IN HER OWN WORDS . . .

Lydia Letavish: A TRIO *success story*



“ When I enrolled in Clarion University, I did not know what to expect, or what I was getting myself into. I had never been away from home before, I knew everyone in my town, and I did well in school.

High school was not a challenge for me, so I did not know if college would be similar to high school, or if I would have to work much harder. I enrolled in the TRIO program to answer those questions.

The TRIO program really helped me because they are basically my own personal therapist and help-guide. When I had any questions, I always made sure to contact my TRIO advisor, Poornima Krishnamurthy.

I emailed her with many questions throughout the semester—at times I thought too much. Despite all of that, she always answered my questions and helped me when I needed it.

Professor Krishnamurthy helped me the most with my scheduling. If I didn't have her assistance, I would probably be in all the wrong classes right now.

If any student is unsure whether or not to enroll in the TRIO program, I would strongly encourage them to do so. TRIO is a very helpful service that Clarion offers, and it helped me transition well into the college environment. ”

TRIO *workshops*

Love is in the air! . . . at least it is in the TRIO office! On February 8, nine of our craftiest students created beautiful, fabric Valentine's Day wreaths as part of our **Craft & Creative Counsel** day. It was a great day of fun, fellowship, and a little candy eating to get ourselves in the Valentine's Day mood! This event was part of our series of workshops offered to TRIO students this semester.

We have a total of 10 workshops that students can sign up for. These events cover a wide range of topics.

In our **Career Impressions Series**, held throughout the month of February, students learn how to prepare a resume, dress for an interview and make a great first impression when contacting a prospective employer. This series is presented by Erin Lewis from the Center for Career and Professional Development.

The final event in the series is a Professional Development Day, which covers core professional development information/skills that students need when searching, securing and entering the job market.

Presenters will include career professionals, business, and educational leaders from across multiple disciplines and industries. There will also be a Networking and Fashion Show, which will provide students the opportunity to network with professionals in similar industries and areas of interest while viewing proper professional dress options. What a great opportunity for our students!

Another workshop already provided this semester was called, **Money Talks**, where students met with a representative from the Student Financial Services office. Many questions about financial aid, filling out the FAFSA, and student loans



Mickenna Ansell and Zaá Raa Padgett with their lovely wreaths!



Dulce Navarro

were answered. Students were also able to log on to the website, "Cash Course," to work on a variety of modules such as paying for an education, making a budget, working and earning and many other real-life financial skills.

Coming up in March, we will begin our **Integrity and Excellence Series**, a series of three related workshops held on March 7, March 28, and April 11, at 4:30 p.m. in 332 Becht. These workshops should inspire you to strive for excellence in yourself and set some goals for your future.

We will also have one more **Craft & Creative Counsel** day coming up on April 12, where we'll be relaxing, doing some more crafting and chatting about everything and anything that's on our students' minds! It should be another fun day!

If you're interested in any of these workshops, please email your TRiO advisor, or maiello@clarion.edu.

We're excited to be offering some great new programs this semester!

attention graduates:

COUNTDOWN TO GRADUATION

- 🍏 **March 6:**
Deadline to apply for graduation online. You must apply before the deadline. Only students who applied to graduate and are approved for graduation by their advisor will be eligible to participate in commencement. You must apply for graduation regardless of whether or not you plan to participate in the commencement ceremony.
- 🍏 **March 26:**
Deadline to order cap and gown online through www.jostens.com.
- 🍏 **Early April:**
Letter with information regarding graduation sent to your campus/local address. Information is also available at the Registrar's Office.
- 🍏 **April 24:**
Ticket distribution begins at the Becht Lobby Resource Desk. Tickets may be picked up between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you are unable to obtain your tickets in person, please contact Jen Eisenman in the Registrar's Office 814-393-2232 or jeisenman@clarion.edu no later than April 30. Your tickets will be mailed to you or held for pick-up at rehearsal.
- 🍏 **April 26:**
Pick up Cap & Gown at the Clarion University Book Center.
- 🍏 **End of April:**
President's invitation to your family to attend Commencement.
- 🍏 **May 8:**
Your last finals week begins.
- 🍏 **May 11:**
Commencement rehearsal at 4 p.m. in Waldo S. Tippin Gymnasium. Attendance at rehearsal is strongly encouraged.
- 🍏 **May 13:**
Commencement ceremonies.
- 🍏 **End of May:**
Unofficial transcripts with degree posted will be available via the MyClarion Student Center. Requests for official transcripts must include name, Clarion ID, signature and address for forwarding transcript.
- 🍏 **Early June:**
Expect receipt of diploma in the mail.

For more information about graduation, visit the Registrar's Office at the Becht Lobby Resource Desk or go online to WWW.CLARION.EDU/ACADEMICS/REGISTRARS-OFFICE.

Schedule provided by the Registrar's Office, Clarion University of Pennsylvania Website



attention COMMUTERS

Are you looking for a place on campus to meet with other commuters and build community? If so, we have great news for you.

There will be a meeting for all TRiO commuters on Wednesday, March 1, from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. in 248 Gemmell. We will be discussing the possibility of a commuters club (RSO) and, hopefully, finding a specific place for students to meet regularly.

Please RSVP to Maria Aiello at maiello@clarion.edu if you would like to attend.

INTEGRITY AND EXCELLENCE ... *what do they mean to you?*

This exciting and inspiring series starts on March 7 at 4:30 p.m. in 332 Becht.

Did you know that the following people were told they were failures?

Michael Jordan, The Beatles, Einstein and Thomas Edison. How can that be?

What did they do to change their story? Let's explore some inspirational people and find out how we can apply their strategies and mindsets to our own lives. Be a game changer—join us for this series!



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