

TRiO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

2017 Fall Semester Dates

Mid semester break begins 10 p.m.
Thursday Oct. 05

Mid semester break ends 8 a.m.
Monday Oct. 09

Friday classes meet in place of
Tuesday classes
Tuesday Nov. 21

Thanksgiving Holiday begins 10 p.m.
Tuesday Nov. 21

Thanksgiving Holiday ends 8 a.m.
Monday Nov. 27

Final Exam period begins
Monday Dec. 11

Final Exam period ends 10 p.m.
Friday Dec. 15

Winter Commencement
Saturday Dec. 16

2017 Fall TRiO Dates

Weekly Game/Craft Night
146 Gemmell
Mondays, 7 pm

Book Club – Choosing Civility
146 Gemmell
Wednesdays, 12 pm

Fall Registration
4th Floor Becht/TRiO Offices
Monday, October 23rd, 9 am – 6 pm

Cultural/Educational Trip
Cleveland, OH
WICKED at Playhouse Square
Thursday, November 9th

ACADEMIC Achievements

Thirty-one students received their bachelor's degrees at the May graduation ceremony:

Megan Adams
Laura Bender-Stringham
Taylor Eastlick
Brittany Haag
Warren Huey
Brittany Hunter
Lauren Kachmar
Kalyn Kerr
Micaela King
Emily Larnder
Hannah Leibowitz
Erica Lessner
Erin Lessner

Taylor Phillips
Kellie Rice
Breanna Richards
Kyle Rodgers
Jacob Roesch
Jeffrey Scheller
Katrina Seaburn
Nathan Shreckengost
Cierra Southerton
Michael Sparks
Danielle Speer
Gary Teague
Sara Toretti

Teil Uhring
Kyresten Whetstone
Tracy Willetts
Barry Wolfe
Bradley Ziegler

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The following students were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2017 semester:

Mickenna Ansell*
Christian Bakewell*
Laura Stringham-Bender*
Kayce Bobnar
Blythe Bryner
Brooke Carlson*
Seth Carr
Daniel Cicolini
Nicole Clark
Rachel Clark*
Katelyn Evans
Kiara Greene
Brittany Haag
Allison Haney*
Leah Heglas
Warren Huey*
Lauren Kachmar*
Sirena Kamga
Maverick Kelsea*
William King

Tiara Lamb*
Hannah Leibowitz
Erin Lessner
Lydia Letavish
Tiffany Maxwell*
Jordan Miles
Brooke Minnick
Krissie Miranda
Tae'Jon Petway
Taylor Phillips
Kellie Rice*
Breanna Richards*
Kyle Rodgers*
Jacob Roesch
Jeffrey Scheller
Paige Schwabenbauer*
Morgan Secco*
Paige Secco
Nathan Shreckengost*
Hunter Sliker

Michael Sparks
Kaitlynn Stasko*
Kari Steuer
Rachel Stucke
Danielle Tarr
Rachel Thompson
Sara Toretti
Melissa Totin
Devon Vallies
Kyresten Whetstone*
Tracy Willetts
Barry Wolfe
Alison Wright*
Alexandra Young
Bradley Ziegler
Gina Zingaro
Kaela Zingaro

*Signifies a 4.0

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Student Success Stories



Alison Wright

I am currently a junior Communication Major at Clarion University. I currently work in Becht as an ambassador for TRiO while also managing TRiO's social media. In the past, I was a home-schooled student and participated in art and music extra-curriculars. I have also been a part of 4-H where I learned leadership skills, meeting etiquette, and public speaking skills, and participated in multiple community service projects a year for over a decade. At the college level, I keep busy with a full class load, and work with TRiO as well as my work-study position with the arts and music department. "I love applying not only dedication but creativity to my work. At the end of the day, I not only want the job to be well done, I want it to be a work of art." I will graduate in December of 2018 with a degree in Communications and a minor in Interdisciplinary Leadership and hope to pursue a career in strategic social media marketing.

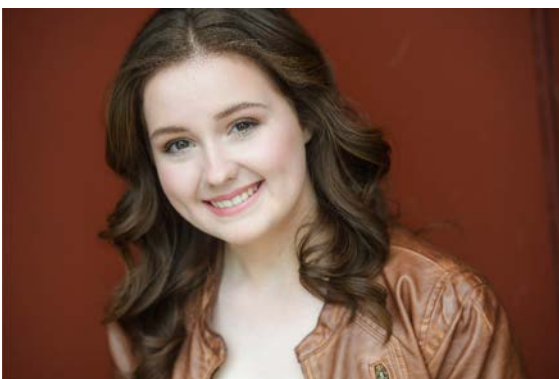
Melissa Evans

"TRiO has helped me so much throughout college! They are always there to answer my questions and to help me in any way that I may need. Thanks to the help of TRiO, I was able to study abroad at the University of Chester in England during my spring semester. It was so amazing to be able to travel the world and learn all about life in other countries! I have now been to 9 different countries! I owe a lot of my success to the TRiO program. If it hadn't been for their help, I would not have been able to free up a semester to go abroad. I now work as a TRiO ambassador, so I can help other students succeed! I enjoy working with the TRiO program. It is very rewarding to be able to help my fellow students!"

I am currently a junior here at Clarion University and am studying Early Childhood and Special Education.



Mickenna Ansell



"When I entered the TRiO program as a freshman, I had no idea how much I would learn from the experience. Because everyone in the office was always so kind, knowledgeable, and happy to help, they were the first ones I turned to when I needed advice. When it was announced that TRiO was looking for students to work along side them in their quest for helping students, I knew that was exactly where I wanted to be.

Becoming a TRiO Ambassador is by far one of the best decisions I have made as a Clarion student. This job has given me such amazing opportunities to get to know the advisors as well as fellow TRiO members. I have had the privilege of working with the other ambassadors to organize some really fun and wonderful programs for the students, such as; craft and game nights, study skills and test-taking workshops, a book club, private tutoring sessions, and study groups. The advisors have also been hard at work coming up with activities. They have put together numerous helpful workshops dealing with financial literacy, registration, and building resumes. Another exciting development this year was the cultural trip to Cleveland to see the Broadway production of Wicked this fall. A Cooks Forest Trip also occurs towards the end of the school year for one last adventure before finals week.

I am currently a sophomore psychology major with a minor in sociology. Before I graduate in May of 2020, I hope to be accepted into a graduate program so that I have the chance to earn my PhD. My biggest aspiration in life will always be to help those in need, and the TRiO program has been a huge stepping stone towards that goal."

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Math Study Tips

Do you know how to study math effectively in college? Here are some tips that can help, including how you can have the right mindset, how to study in a math class, how to do your math homework, tips on studying for math tests, and how to take math tests effectively.

You must understand underlying concepts to succeed in college-level mathematics classes. Many students solely focus on memorizing formulas. Multiple steps often must be completed to solve problems listed on tests. It's difficult to solve these problems without understanding basic concepts. Students willing to constantly practice can master college-level math 😊

How to Study in a Math Class

- Review concepts learned in previous math classes before beginning a new one
- Don't put off homework and avoid missing class. Most classes are easy at the beginning of the semester since teachers take time to review concepts from previous classes
- Read the textbook and review previous lecture notes before lectures
- Set multiple hours aside each week to study
- Copy examples instructors write on the whiteboard into your notes. List the step-by-step process required to solve these problems
- Complete practice problems listed in the textbook
- Memorize formulas
- Get assistance when needed from your teacher or a peer tutor

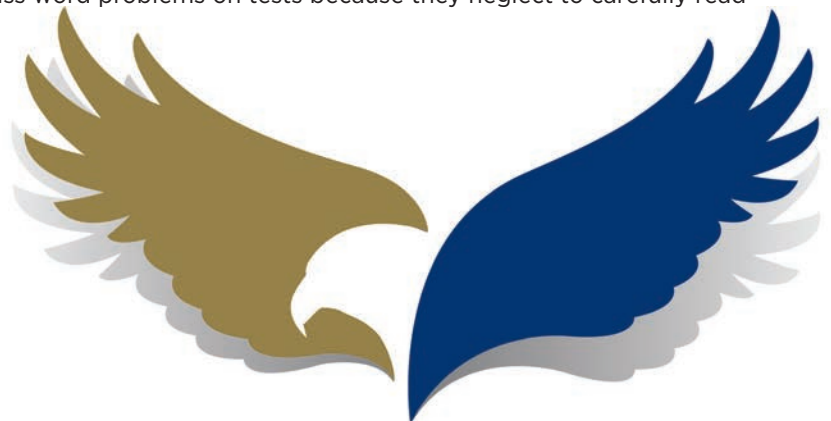
How to do Math Homework Effectively

- Complete homework assignments immediately after class since lecture concepts will remain fresh in your mind. Set time aside each day to work on math homework. Students often make the mistake of procrastinating math homework until the weekend
- Review lecture notes and work through example problems from class
- Organize study groups with classmates
- Receive help from peer tutors
- Don't move onto a new set of problems until you fully comprehend the ones you're currently working on
- Complete all assigned homework problems and complete extra ones if time permits
- Thoroughly read word problems. Students often miss word problems on tests because they neglect to carefully read instructions
- Draw visual aids and diagrams to understand confusing or complicated word problems

Tips on Studying for Math Tests

- Study hard throughout the semester. Many students become over confident after earning high grades on easy tests
- Thoroughly understand underlying concepts since word problems are often presented confusingly to test understanding
- Participate in review sessions organized by teachers or classmates
- Memorize mathematical formulas
- Work through problems missed on quizzes
- Prepare for tests by studying textbook practice tests, reviewing lecture notes, and working through various types of problems. If possible, obtain practice tests from previous years
- Since most tests are timed, practice timed problems

<https://www.educationcorner.com/math-study-guide.html>



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Program Nights!

Program Nights are put on almost every Monday night at 7 PM. The TRiO Ambassadors plan these events for everyone in TRiO to enjoy! On September 6th the TRiO Ambassadors started their weekly programs with a game night, located in the Gemmel second floor lounge in front of CSA office. Multiple TRiO students from all different years came to participate in the event. While being able to play games, the students were able to enjoy snacks and refreshments, like apple cider and popcorn. Urban Myth, Clue, and checkers are just a few of the games at the event. While playing these games TRiO Ambassadors were able to meet their mentees and more students in the program. Two weeks after the first event a craft night was planned. TRiO Ambassadors were so excited to see so many students show up. At the craft night students were able to paint rocks while everyone listened to music and talk. On the back of the rocks everyone put #TRiORocks. All the rocks were painted so well! Some rocks were painted like bugs, flowers, and even an eggplant. The rocks



were then hidden around campus so if anyone finds them they can take a picture with the rocks and post it on our Facebook page TRiO Rocks! The turn out for both events was amazing and the TRiO Ambassadors cannot wait to put on more! HOPE TO SEE YOU AT MORE EVENTS!

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