

Project Challenge Newsletter

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From the Director's Desk

Dear Participants,

Did you have a great spring break? Do you realize that when you return you will only have 7 more weeks plus finals week to complete this semester? I hope that you have rested and are ready to get back into the studying mode!

I hope that you have viewed your mid-term grades. Congratulations to all of you who did so well. For those of you who did not do as well I have some suggestions for you.

1. Do not miss class; if you are too ill to attend then e-mail your Professor and then when you are feeling better make an appointment with that professor(s).
2. Make sure you are studying every night; there is always something you could work on.
3. If you don't have a tutor then come to our office and see if one is available.
4. If you feel you are too behind in your class after discussing this with your professor then go to your academic advisor and discuss this matter with him/her. You must remember to consider how dropping a class or failing a class can effect your financial aid for the following semester.
5. I would suggest if you have financial aid questions to make an appointment and discuss your situation with them.
6. And of course we are here for you so please do not hesitate to make an appointment with one of us at Project Challenge.

Remember this is your education and your future and you should be in control of it but always know as well that there are people here to help you out; you are not alone.

I hope all of you have your pre-enrollment appointment with your advisor. If you are attending summer school and feel you might need a tutor, please come to our office so we can put you on our tutoring list. In the summer we don't have more than 1 or 2 tutors so we need to know where the need is.

Take care,

Trudi Benjamin,
Director

Spring and Summer Graduates

Congratulations to these seniors, who will graduate this spring or summer:

Patrick C.	Mary H.	Bullet Koehn	Maria S.
Abigale Elyacharshuster	Keith Harrison	Audanell Lester	Mary Sigle
Miranda Fridley	Alicia Herrarte	Terrell Matthews	Veronica Sotelo
Maira G.	Annie Jadric	Michelle Nila	Naomi Wymore

The traditional PC Senior Dinner this spring will be a dinner theatre event. Seniors will receive personal invitations in the mail soon with more details. Due to reservation requirements, all those planning to attend MUST RSVP by Wednesday, April 8.

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Scholarship Winner

PC participant and tutor Lasonya “Sony” McElroy was awarded the Susan B. Anthony Scholarship on Wednesday, March 11. Sony won the award for her contributions to the advancement of women. She is a communication major.

Outstanding Participant

I am twenty-one years old and I am studying to be a elementary education major and a creative writing minor. I lived on the trio floor my first year and now I am on my third year of college. I have rheumatoid arthritis which sometimes makes it hard to go to classes but I literally make myself go without any excuses. I also come up with a whole schedule for each day so I can get a good study routine. I just recently got engaged and planning my wedding to be July 11th, 2009.

Kendra was nominated for this award by her tutor, who said, “She is putting forth her best effort which is the most we expect from participants.”



~Kendra Meyn~

Happy-Grams!

Personal letters of congratulations have been sent to the following students so far this semester for outstanding personal or academic accomplishments:

Vanessa Artiga	Hayley Finch	Audanell Lester	Cindy Rogers
Erikah Bahret	Ilda Flores	Rebecca Libertus	Rochele Romano
Jenna Blanton	Adam Galindo	Terrell Matthews	Ashley Rutz
Ashley Brandt	Esteban Gomez	Sony McElroy	Andrea Schindler
Jacob Brotbeck	Naomi Gonzalez	Kendra Meyn	Cami Shaw
April Brewer	Weston Grove	Michelle Nila	Veronica Sotelo
Casi Bruner	Tarrie Grubb	Leah N.	Tyrone Townsend
Alice Christian	Delia Guzman	Vicky Ortega	Brock Tucker
Kelli Coble	Krystal Hardin	Maria Peña	Eden Tullis
Krissy Cortez	Yasmin Henderson	AJ Pence	Ethan Walston
Jill Creager	Tina Herrera	Jessica Penn	Jamie Watt
Whitney DeVader	Bullet Koehn	Eduardo Perez	Juliet Wesley
Caitie Edmundson	Geneva Lawrence	Carlos Pringle	Naomi Wymore
Manuel Estrada-Espinoza	May Lee	Amanda Puhr	Derrek Zietz
Katherine Fehr	Amy Lemmon	Chelsea Rogers	Esenia Zuniga

Studying Abroad

Congratulations to Lasonya “Sony” McElroy! She is one of only twenty TRIO SSS and McNair students selected nation-wide for a three-week leadership training and study abroad program in Liverpool, London, and Amsterdam co-sponsored by the Council for Opportunity in Education and the University of Liverpool. The course, “World Citizenship: Building Leadership Skills in a Multicultural Society,” which provides three credits, will take place June 19—July 11, 2009. This is the ninth year that COE and the University of Liverpool have offered this program to TRIO students.

Celebrating TRIO

The annual TRIO Day Luncheon was held on Friday, February 27. The audience of about 90 included TRIO students and staff; university administration, faculty, and staff; and special guests. Student Support Services senior Kelli Coble was Mistress of Ceremonies for the program and President Michael Lane gave the official welcome.



~Scholarship recipient Adam Galindo~

As is tradition, the focus of the program was the successes of our TRIO Program participants. Upward Bound senior Andrea Simmons and Project Challenge participant Adam Galindo were awarded the Trudi R. Benjamin TRIO Scholarships. The pinning ceremony for the new Chi Alpha Epsilon members was also held during the luncheon. Inductees were pinned by family members, friends, or staff members. Project Challenge participants Ashley Brandt and Derrek Zietz, who will travel with TRIO staff to Washington, DC, in late March, shared with the audience what TRIO has meant to their education.



~Ashley Brandt~

Fall PC Courses

SC320PE: Foundations for Success Focusing on the qualities that employers seek the most—communication and decision-making skills, this two credit-hour course will be offered Tuesday/Thursday from 1:00-2:20 in PH 308.

SP101L: Public Speaking This section of Public Speaking is offered only to Project Challenge participants. The course is held Tuesday/Thursday from 11:00-12:20 in RH112.

Both courses require permission from Project Challenge. Please contact the office if you are interested in either course.

Advising Information

Pre-enrollment for the fall semester begins March 23. Contact your advisor soon if you have not yet made an appointment to enroll. Fall course options are now available for viewing on Buzz-In; it is important to be proactive in your course selection process. Please note, also, that **the last day to withdraw from a class this semester is Wednesday, April 1.**

Chi Alpha Corner

Hola! Hope you all are enjoying the beautiful weather. Last month we had our spring induction for the new members of Chi Alpha Epsilon and we would like to welcome Krissy, Dustin, Tina, and Carlos. We are looking forward to your participation in our organization. Thanks to all who were in attendance at the induction and the meeting that followed. Just a quick reminder that this month, on the 26th, we will be having an ice cream party at our organizational meeting. Please be there to enjoy the treats and talk about upcoming events for your organization. We have had several great suggestions but would love YOUR input! I hope everyone's semester is running along smoothly and that you all had a safe and fun spring break! ~Kelli Coble, XAE President



Spring 2009 Chi Alpha Epsilon Inductees were (l-r): Tina Herrera, Carlos Pringle, Dustin DuBree, and Krissy Cortez.