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### TRIO AND YOU



Since 1964, TRIO programs have made it possible for more students to attend, succeed in, and graduate from college. Funded by the federal government, TRIO programs provide support, services, and resources to nearly one million students nationwide—students like you!

For more on TRIO, watch this quick video.

### What can TRIO do for you?

#### ► Academic support

TRIO can offer academic assistance and support, as well as help you develop the study skills you need to succeed in school.

#### ► Career counseling

From exploring your career options to choosing a college major, TRIO programs offer you personalized guidance every step of the way.

#### ► College planning

TRIO programs can help you prepare for college entrance exams, fill out college applications, apply for financial aid, and more.

### ► Life skills and personal growth

TRIO can help you achieve your goals, improve your financial literacy, and much more.

### Why is college important?

Here are just a few reasons why a college education is important.

### More career opportunities

A college education can open doors and prepare you for careers that are personally satisfying and financially rewarding. With a college degree, the sky is the limit!

#### ► Greater income

Statistics show that two-year college graduates earn over \$10,000 more per year than high school graduates—and four-year college graduates earn almost twice as much!

### Opportunities to develop and grow

Going to college gives you the opportunity to study a variety of subjects, expand your skills and knowledge, and become more independent. Most importantly, college gives you the opportunity to become the person you aspire to be.

### **GET ORGANIZED**

Being organized makes your day run more smoothly and saves you time. Being organized will not only make you a better student, it will help you succeed in your career and in life.

### Use a planner

The best way to stay organized is to use a planner every day. Take this TRIO planner to each class and use it to record the following:

- daily assignments
- ► tests and quizzes
- ► large assignments
- ▶ important dates
- social activities
- appointments
- ▶ to-do lists

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### Stay organized

#### Create to-do lists.

If you have a lot to do, create a to-do list. Prioritize the items, putting the most important things at the top of the list. Focus on one task at a time, and cross things off as they get done.

### Keep phone numbers.

Have a phone number for at least two students in each class. If you have a question or miss a class, you'll have someone to contact.

### Organize your papers.

Your notes and class handouts are your most valuable resource when studying for tests. It is therefore very important that you have a system for keeping these organized.

### Use a monthly calendar.

Use the monthly calendars in this planner to write in major events, project deadlines, vacations, and other important dates. You will then be able to see what's happening each month at a glance.

### **SET GOALS**

Goals help you determine where you want to go and what you want to accomplish. They give you focus, direction, and purpose. While goals can be short-term (get a B on your history test) or long-term (graduate with a 3.0 GPA), every goal should be SMART: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound.

### **Set Goals that are SMART**

**Specific** – Specific goals are well-defined and clear-cut.

Measurable – Measurable goals make it easier to know how successful you are.

Achievable – Achievable goals are goals you can realistically accomplish.

**Relevant** – Setting relevant goals ensures you're working toward goals that are worthwhile.

**Time-bound** – Time-bound goals have a date when they are to be accomplished.

Set some academic and non-academic goals for first semester. At the end of the semester, set some new goals for the second semester. Regularly check back here to remind yourself of your goals.

First Semester Goal	s
Academic goals:	
Non-academic goals:	

Second Semester Goals	
Academic goals:	
Non-academic goals:	

## **AUGUST 2024**

"Learning never exhausts the mind." Leonardo da Vinci

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Notes / To Do

Write & Reflect

What is a career you would love to have someday?

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# Notes / To Do

Raise Your Grades

Get organized for the new school year. Use folders or binders to organize handouts and notes. Have a home file for anything you want to keep, and throw out what you don't need.

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## SEPTEMBER 2024

"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship." Louisa May Alcott

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# Notes / To Do

# TRIO Trivia

Upward Bound was the first of the three original TRIO programs. It was established in 1964, followed by Talent Search in 1965 and Student Support Services in 1968.

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Write & Reflect

What do you like the most about about being a TRIO student?

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Friday, September 27	Sat/Sun, September 28-29

## OCTOBER 2024

"Nothing will work unless you do." Maya Angelou

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	The FAFSA opens October 1st  Seniors: College?
Wednesday, October 2	Thursday, October 3
Friday, October 4	Sat/Sun, October 5-6

# Notes / To Do

# Raise Your Grades

SURVEY, READ, and REVIEW your reading assignments to retain as much information as possible.



Want more reading tips? Check out this short video!



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Friday, October 18	Sat/Sun, October 19-20

# Notes / To Do

# TRIO Trivia

In 2021-2022, there were almost 3,000 TRIO project sites across all TRIO programs.

Monday, October 21	Tuesday, October 22
Wednesday, October 23	Thursday, October 24
Friday, October 25	Sat/Sun, October 26-27

### NOVEMBER 2024

"Don't give up. Whatever comes up against you, cross over those hurdles." John Quiñones

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Notes / To Do

Write & Reflect

Think of someone who has affected your life in a positive way. How did they impact you?

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Friday, November 1	Sat/Sun, November 2-3

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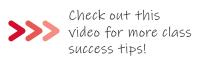
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>>> First-Generation College Celebration Day	

# Notes / To Do

# Raise Your Grades

When you participate in class, you learn more and the time goes by a lot faster.





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Veterans Day	
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Friday, November 15	Sat/Sun, November 16-17

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## DECEMBER 2024

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."

Arthur Ashe

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Friday, November 29	Sat/Sun, November 30 - December 1

# Notes / To Do

# TRIO Trivia

More than 1,000 colleges, universities, community colleges, and agencies now offer TRIO Programs in America, the Caribbean, and the Pacific Islands.

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Write & Reflect

What is a new skill you would like to master, or a topic you would like to learn more about?

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January

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Wednesday, December 25	Thursday, December 26
Christmas Day	
Friday, December 27	Sat/Sun, December 28-29

## JANUARY 2025

"Work hard in silence. Let your success be your noise."

Anonymous

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January

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Sat/Sun, January 4-5

# Notes / To Do

# Raise Your Grades

Did you know that your counselor can help you with almost any problem or question? Never be afraid to ask for help.



Watch this video to find out when to see your counselor.



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Friday, January 17	Sat/Sun, January 18-19

# Notes / To Do

# TRIO Trivia

The McNair Scholars TRIO
Program helps assist and
prepare current college students
to pursue a doctoral degree.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
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Wednesday, January 22	Thursday, January 23
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### **FEBRUARY 2025**

"What do you want your life to be? What do you want your testimony to be? Go for it!" Viola Davis

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Notes / To Do

Write & Reflect

What is one personal goal and one academic goal you have for the new year?

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# Notes / To Do

# Raise Your Grades

It's normal to struggle in some subjects. Having a growth mindset can help you improve your confidence and your grades.



Check out this short video for more on growth mindset.



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## **MARCH 2025**

"True courage comes in enduring...persevering, the preparation and believing in oneself." Dr. Ronald E. McNair

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# TRIO Trivia

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Write & Reflect

How do you feel about going to college?

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## APRIL 2025

"Memories of our lives, of our works and our deeds will continue in others."

Rosa Parks

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# Notes / To Do

# Raise Your Grades

Setting academic goals can help you maintain and improve your grades, and keep you on the path to success.



For more on SMART goals, check out this short video!

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# Notes / To Do

## TRIO Trivia

Some famous TRIO alumni include Viola Davis, Patrick Ewing, Angela Bassett, Oprah Winfrey, A.C. Green, and Troy Polamalu.

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## **MAY 2025**

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Gandhi

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Write & Reflect

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Wednesday, May 7	Thursday, May 8
Friday, May 9	Sat/Sun, May 10-11

# Notes/To Do

# Raise Your Grades

The end of the year can be overwhelming. Use your planner to keep track of everything, start studying early for tests and exams, and most importantly—take time to relax!

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## **JUNE 2025**

"Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn." Harriet Beecher Stowe

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Friday, May 30	Sat/Sun, May 31 - June 1

# Notes / To Do

# TRIO Trivia

Approximately 80% of Upward Bound and Talent Search participants go on to attend either a 2-year or 4-year college.

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Write & Reflect

What are some goals you have for the next school year?

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## JULY 2025

"I've failed over and over again in my life, and that is why I succeed."

Michael Jordan

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Independence Day	

# Notes / To Do

Raise Your Grades

What is your favorite book genre? Choose three books from that genre that you have not read and set a goal to read them this summer.

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Thursday, July 10
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Friday, July 18	Sat/Sun, July 19-20

# Notes / To Do

# TRIO Trivia

Hector Balderas, Jr., a lawyer and TRIO alum, was the youngest person ever elected to state government. He eventually went on to serve as New Mexico's attorney general.

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Wednesday, July 30	Thursday, July 31
Friday, August 1	Sat/Sun, August 2-3

## AUGUST 2025

"Education is the key to unlocking the world—a passport to freedom."

Oprah Winfrey

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# PREPARE FOR COLLEGE

### A college education will open doors and provide you with a wide range of career choices and opportunities. Going to college, however, takes planning and preparation. Your TRIO program is here to help you.

### **Preparing for college - year by year**

#### 9th Grade

- ▶ Work hard to get good grades. Your freshman grades will be on your permanent high school record and used to calculate your GPA.
- ▶ Get involved in at least one or two school activities.

#### 10th Grade

- ▶ Take college prep courses and do your best in all of your classes.
- Increase your involvement in activities and develop your talents and skills.

#### 11th Grade

- ► Start checking out your college options.
- ► Take the PSAT/NMSQT in October.
- ► Take the ACT and/or SAT in the spring.
- ▶ Meet with your counselor to review your academic record and discuss your college plans.
- ▶ Make college visits in the spring and summer.

### 12th Grade

- ► Take the ACT or SAT in the fall, if necessary.
- ► Complete college applications.
- ▶ If you need help paying for college, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The application opens October 1st for the following school year. For information, visit fafsa.gov.

### Take college prep classes in high school

Most 4-year colleges recommend that students take the following courses:

- ▶ 4 years of English
- ► 2-3 years of a world language
- ▶ 3-4 years of math
- ▶ 3 years of social studies
- ▶ 3 years of science
- ▶ 1 year of fine or performing arts

### **TOP 10 SUCCESS TIPS**

These 10 tips will help you have an awesome school year!

- 1. Be in school every day. Attendance is the #1 school success factor. Be in school on time, every day.
- **2. Be engaged in your classes.** When you're in class, ask and answer questions and participate in discussions. You'll learn more, get better grades, and the time will pass more quickly.
- 3. Be organized. Use a planner every day to record assignments, tests, and anything else you need to remember. Have a specific place for each of your papers (class notes, handouts, homework) and keep your backpack, locker, and study area neat, clean, and organized.
- 4. Manage your time well. Look for chunks of time during the day that are wasted, use any extra time in school to start on your homework, and limit time-wasters such as social media, TV, and video games.
- **5. Do all of your homework.** When you've done your homework, you get more out of your classes, do better on tests, and get better grades.
- 6. Set goals. Goals give you direction, focus, and purpose. Regularly set academic and personal goals to work toward.
- **7. Get involved in school activities.** Studies show that students who are involved in school activities tend to do better academically. Being involved in activities is also a great ways to make friends, learn new skills, and have fun.
- **8. Make smart choices.** Think about your goals and values, and decide what activities you will and won't get involved in. Say no to tobacco, drugs, and alcohol, and never post anything mean, offensive, or embarrassing on social media.
- **9. Get help when you need it.** Everyone needs help from time to time. If you are having a problem in a particular class, talk to the teacher. If you're having problems in several classes, or if there's a problem that's making it difficult for you to succeed in school, talk to your TRIO advisor or see your counselor.
- 10. Plan and prepare for your future. Think about your interests, abilities, and values, and consider which careers and college majors might be a good fit for you.

### STAY MOTIVATED

We all get stuck sometimes. After all, school can be tough—and maintaining the focus and effort necessary to succeed can be difficult. Here are some things you can do to help you keep going when you're feeling stressed out, discouraged, or overwhelmed.

### Surround yourself with positive people.

We come across all kinds of people in life. Some are positive influences and some are not. Avoid people who are negative or critical. Instead, choose to be around people who support and encourage you. These are the people who will help you achieve your goals and realize your dreams.

### Practice positive self-talk

We all have an inner voice, and when things aren't going well, that voice can be negative and critical. You can help yourself stay positive just by changing your self-talk. For example, replace "I'm terrible at math" with "I'm smart—I can do this."

### Focus on your strengths.

While it's good to work on your shortcomings and weaknesses, your strengths are where your future lies. Pursue your interests, and look for ways to develop your talents and strengths.

### Learn to accept negative feedback.

Whether it's a bad grade on a paper or a low test score, it can be tough to accept that others think your work is less than stellar. Remember that all feedback (even when it's discouraging) is an opportunity to grow.

### Use motivating "self-notes."

Write motivating words, ideas, and/or quotes on sticky notes. Put these notes anywhere you're likely to see them.

### Figure out what motivates you.

Turn what competes with your schoolwork into a motivator. For example, get a paper done early so you can hang out with friends, or reward yourself with video game time once your homework is done.



"Everything you can imagine is real." Pablo Picasso