According to the 1986 Congressional resolution, National TRiO Day is meant to focus the nation’s “attention on the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives, to the necessary investment if they are to become contributing citizens of the country, and to the talent which will be wasted if that investment is not made."

TRiO Day (celebrated on the last Saturday of February) has been proclaimed a National Day of Service. TRiO programs are encouraged to perform some sort of community service as a way for TRiO to give back to their community and say thank you for its support.

It’s in that spirit that SIC TRiO is sponsoring a campus community project called “Caring 4 Kids.”

TRiO will be collecting donations of sanitation materials (Clorox Wipes, Lysol, and hand sanitizer), underwear and pants (boys and girls sizes 1-5), and craft materials (paint, crayons, markers, scissors, glue sticks, regular glue, colored pencils, and construction paper), all to be donated to the Mary Jo Oldham Center for Child Study.

Donations may be dropped off at the TRiO Lab in E106 from 8am – 4pm. Delivery of the donations will be on February 21st.
TRiO DAY SOUTH
Saturday, February 23, at Kaskaskia College, Centralia, IL
TRiO Day has been proclaimed a National Day of Service. TRiO programs are encouraged to perform some sort of community service as a way for TRiO to give back to their community and say thank you for its support. SIC TRiO will be collecting supplies for the SIC Child Study Center and presenting at Kaskaskia.

BUDGET AND MONEY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
Friday, March 1, 10:00 am - 11:00 am, VPAC Lobby
No matter how you have managed money in the past, new habits start now! Presented by TRiO Director, Lolita L. Mack.

SIUC/SIUE CAMPUS VISIT
Friday, March 22, One-Day Trip
TRiO students tour the sister campuses of Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Departure and return times will be posted and emailed to students prior to the trip.

TRANSFER WORKSHOP
Monday, April 1, 12:30-1:30 pm, VPAC Lobby
It’s never too early to begin planning for your transfer to a 4-year university. TRiO Counselor, Debbie Suh, presents tips on how to make a smooth transition into university life.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CAMPUS VISIT
Friday, April 12, Day Trip, Champaign-Urbana
SIC TRiO students visit the second oldest public university in the state of Illinois, University of Illinois Champaign. Departure and return times will be posted and emailed prior to the trip.

CULTURAL TRIP: MUSIC MATTERS: TOUR OF MEMPHIS
Friday, April 12, One-Day Trip - Times TBA
TRiO students tour the great city of Memphis, Tennessee. TRiO will also tour the Rock and Soul Museum and the Stax Museum.

HONOR’S DESSERT RECEPTION
Thursday, April 25, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, VPAC Lobby
TRiO recognizes students that have earned academic success in the past year. Eligible students will receive an invitation and must RSVP to attend.

TRIO ACTIVITIES

ONLINE WORKSHOPS

- Study Skills I & II: Brush up on note taking, test taking, and reading strategies.
- Interview Tips: Learn how to get that perfect job with a winning interview.
- Writing Resumes: Create a new or update your current resume with help from Purdue OWL.
- Virtual Cultural Trip: Research historic areas in Southern Illinois.
- Financial Literacy I & II: Refresh your money skills with Money Smart Online.

How to Sign Up for Workshops:
If you want to complete an online workshop, email Anita at anita.lowery@sic.edu. She will enroll you in the workshop selection. After you are enrolled you may access it through the ANGEL portal.

Face-to-Face workshops are free and available to all TRiO students and do not require pre-registration.
Congratulations to SIC TRiO’S Students of the Month!

AUGUST 2012
SHAWNA BROWNING
Graduating Spring 2013
Major: Pre-Engineering
Transferring to U of I in Champaign-Urbana

SEPTEMBER 2012
ELISHA BURTON
Graduating Spring 2013
Transferring to a 4-Year University in Fall 2013

OCTOBER 2012
CHRISTINE WOLFERSHEIM
Transferring Fall 2013 to Southern Illinois University

NOVEMBER 2012
JENNIFER “JJ” LANE
Graduating Spring 2013
Major: Medical Office Assistant

DECEMBER 2012
MACKENZIE HUNGATE
Graduating: Spring 2014
Major: Medical Office Assistant

JANUARY 2013
ABDEL-HADI AMIN
Graduating: Spring 2013
Major: Computer Science
Transferring to: Georgia Tech in Atlanta, GA

February, March, April & May TBA
2012 Fall President’s List (Perfect 4.0 GPA)

Crossville: Branden Westfall
Eldorado: Connor Pulliam
Norris City: William Sidwell

2012 Fall Vice-President’s List (GPA 3.25-3.99)

Carmi: Shawna Browning, Brandon Wurst
Eldorado: Kelly Lake, Katlyn Lawrence, Ronda Marcadante, Tnea Turner
Galatia: Alex Cooley
Harrisburg: Anna Best, Elisha Burton, Makenzie Hungate, Shane Jones, Jennifer Lane, Salena Russell
Norris City: Mallory Ledbetter, Dalton Pearce, Rheanna Pearce, Margaret Phillips

SIC TRiO HONOR’S DESSERT RECEPTION

SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 25TH

Spring will be here soon and so will the Annual TRiO Honor’s Dessert Reception.

Each year, students that have earned an overall GPA of 3.0 or above are invited to attend the annual recognition ceremony.

In addition to delicious cakes from Larry’s House of Cakes, certificates and awards will be given to deserving TRiO students.

This year’s event will be held in the VPAC Lobby on April 25th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Invitations will be mailed after Spring Break with RSVP’s due by April 11th.

Anna Best, freshman guard and SIC TRiO student, set a new school record for three-point shots made in a single game. On December 11, in a game against West Frankfort’s Morthland College, Best made nine of 19 attempts from three-point range to break the previous record which stood at eight. Great Job Anna!
FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Fact #1
As a child Muhammad Ali was refused an autograph by his idol, boxer Sugar Ray Robinson. When Ali became a prize-fighter, he vowed never to deny an autograph request, which he has honored to this day.

Fact #2
Muhammad Ali the self-proclaimed "greatest [boxer] of all time" was originally named after his father, who was named after the 19th century abolitionist and politician Cassius Marcellus Clay.

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

60% of women believe they have more opportunities than their mothers had.
National Women's History Month's roots go back to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. International Women's Day was first observed in 1909, but it wasn't until 1981 that Congress established National Women's History Week to be commemorated the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the President has issued a proclamation. (Profile America Facts, United States Census http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/cb13-ff04.html
To view the Women’s History Timeline: http://www.biography.com/tv/classroom/womens-history-timeline

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April was first declared Child Abuse Prevention Month by presidential proclamation in 1983. Since then, April has been a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse. In Child Maltreatment 2010 (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau) it was reported that in FFY 2010 in the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, an estimated 695,000 children were victims of child abuse; and 1,560 children died as a result of abuse or neglect. The majority of child abuse cases stemmed from situations and conditions that can be preventable when community programs and systems are engaged and supportive. A community that cares about early childhood development, parental support, and maternal mental health, for instance, is more likely to foster nurturing families and healthy children. https://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/history.cfm

MAY IS ASIAN HERITAGE HISTORY MONTH

In June 1977, Representatives Frank Horton of New York and Norman Y. Mineta of California introduced a House resolution that called upon the president to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian/Pacific Heritage Week.
Items available online at http://asianpacificheritage.gov/collections.html have been grouped together into collections, which give the items meaning in a broader context. The following list and groupings are a sampling of the material related to Asian and Pacific American history available from the Library of the Congress and other partner agencies.
Transfer Deadlines are Approaching…

If you are transferring next fall, do you know when your four-year school’s application deadline is? *Make time to get organized with your scholarship search and writing.

*Start filling out your online applications to four-year universities now.

Please inform the TRiO office if you have an email that you check more often than Falcon Mail. Also, make sure that TRiO has your current phone number and address.

NEW TEXTING PROGRAM

SIC TRiO has changed to the new gTEXT texting program. Go to https://www.gtext.com/ and join, and then search for the group SIC TRIO. There are additional instructions on their website or come to the TRiO Lab for assistance.

STAY IN THE TRiO LOOP! JOIN FREE TODAY!

SUMMER & FALL CLASS REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION OPENS ON MARCH 25th.

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH THE TRiO COUNSELOR, DEBBIE SUH, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SPRING 2013 GRADUATION

TRiO students that are graduating, pick up sashes and pins starting May 7.

You MUST do an exit interview with Debbie to get your TRiO pin.

Your sash MUST be returned right after graduation.

You will have a hold placed on your account until it is returned.

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✓ Social networking/Web

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✓ Lab assistance
✓ TRiO Student Advocate
TRIO WORD SEARCH
Be the first TRiO student to complete the word search and win a USB Drive. We make an announcement when we have a winner! Good Luck to all!