



A Note from MI-CAPP – Kailee Laplander



Greetings!

“TRIO Works” is a common phrase in the TRIO world. It is a constant reminder that data from the inception of TRIO programs in 1962 until now proves that students who have the support of TRIO programs are more likely to graduate from high school and complete their degree than their peers who are not TRIO participants.

Another reason TRIO Works is because there is a system in place to provide top-level professional development, training and support to TRIO professionals in order to keep up with the ever-changing topics in education. TRIO has national, regional and statewide associations.

As the President-Elect of the Michigan College Access Programs & Personnel (MI-CAPP), Michigan’s state association, I am excited to announce that we are opening our training to our fellow educators in our local school systems.

On April 9th, MI-CAPP will be hosting a Teacher Day during our annual professional conference, which will take in Frankenmuth this year. Teachers & administrators are welcome to join us and receive the same training Michigan’s TRIO professionals receive from national and state education networks. Participants can earn 6 SCHECH credits during the day.

This will also serve as the kick off for MI-CAPP’s partnership with the MI Department of Education in providing Cultural Proficiency Training. This program, over the course of six months, is worth an additional 30 SCHECH credits.

If you are interested, please feel free to contact me.

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TRIO Talent Search Travels with 9th grade Students

Approximately thirty 9th grade students traveled to Green Bay, Wisconsin on November 8th & 9th, 2018. The participants were picked up at their schools Thursday morning and enjoyed a charter bus ride down to Green Bay. Upon arrival, the group toured the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay and took in the sights. Besides seeing classrooms and labs, some of the highlights included the sports complex, residential housing, and the shoetree (a tradition for UWGB Seniors). Thursday evening found the participants enjoying the waterpark at the Tundra Lodge Resort and shopping at Bay Park Square mall.



After a good night's sleep and a filling breakfast, the participants hopped back on the bus and headed for Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College. Participants toured a department of the college matching their area of interest. These departments included public safety, health sciences, automotive, business/IT, and trades/engineering. The travelers wrapped up their Green Bay adventure with a hearty meal and ventured back North.

TRIO Pre-College Lends a Helping Hand

As a community organization, it is important for TRIO Pre-College Programs to be aware of the needs of our students. While our main goal is post-secondary access and success for potential first-generation students and students from modest income homes, we recognize a student's basic needs for food, clothing and shelter must be met in order for them to accomplish their academic goals.

In 2017 & 2018, local pastor Soren Schmidt has managed the logistics of bringing a Feeding America mobile food pantry to Baraga (fall 2017 & fall 2018) and Ontonagon (spring 2018) counties. TRIO Pre-College Programs have been proud to work beside our students, as well as serve our students at these events.

The Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry seeks to assist communities who deal with food insecurities, which is a state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. According to Feeding America, this affects one in eight people in West Michigan & the Upper Peninsula. To help combat this statistic, nearly 9 million meals have been delivered to these populations in 2016 alone.

To learn more about Feeding America and food insecurity, please see FeedWM.org.



Alumni Spotlight: International TRIO Travel



The winter 2019 alumni spotlight is a follow up with one of our previous alumni spotlights. Miranda McClellan, a 2017 Hancock High School graduate and current Michigan Tech student, shares her study abroad experience below.

As a Yooper, who attends Michigan Tech, I knew from the beginning that I wanted to study abroad as soon as I could. Once I knew that I was going to study abroad, I had to decide on where I wanted to go. This was easy for me, as I have always wanted to travel to Scotland and learn more about my family's ancestry.

Michigan Tech has an amazing International Program Services that helped me find Stirling University in Scotland. This university had biology related courses that I could use towards my degree. Stirling was also a smaller university with roughly 12,000 students, which is still larger than what I am used to at MTU, but not too different that it would be overly difficult to adjust to.

I was not sure what to expect when I arrived, but the first thing that crossed my mind was that it definitely was not the UP. The airport that I arrived in had police officers with huge guns walking around, and paparazzi waiting for the Belgium "football" team to arrive. It was overwhelming at first, because I did not know anybody there and I have never had to use public transportation, so I was not sure how to get around town. Luckily, the bus system was actually quite simple to navigate, and everyone I met was extremely helpful if I got lost.

It was also weird being able to take weekend trips around Europe. I went to Belfast, Cork, Killarney, Dingle, London, Amsterdam, Krakow, and Prague. It was common for students to take these kinds of trips as often as possible. I also had plenty of time to travel throughout Scotland. I went up to Isle of Skye, Loch Ness, Inverness, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Kirkcudbright, and Dumfries. The easy travelling was my favorite part of my semester abroad.

Although Scotland was quite different, I noticed the people were very similar. Everyone I met was polite and willing to help whenever I needed it. They would go out of their way to make sure I was enjoying Scotland and would leave having had a positive experience. Also, it is true that the Scottish men do wear kilts, and I did hear bagpipes regularly. I would definitely suggest for everyone raised in the UP to leave for a bit and experience the world, as there is so much more out there to see.

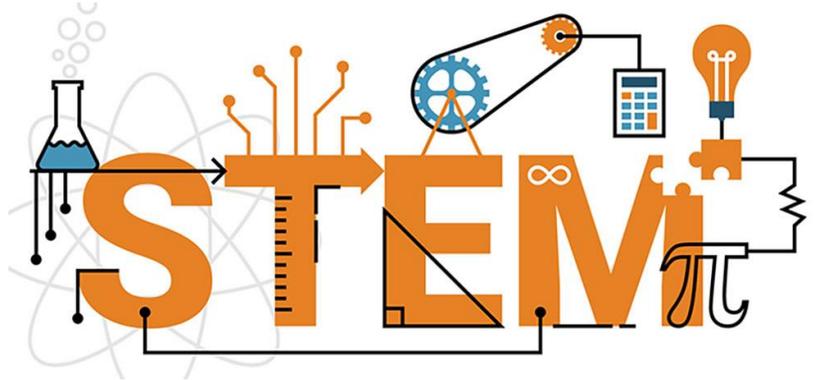


TRIO Upward Bound Receives STEM Grant

TRIO Upward Bound was awarded a supplemental STEM grant for 2018-2019 academic year. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering & Math. It has been an educational hot topic in the past years because STEM has proven to be a major part of students' everyday lives in the 21st Century, and it will be a vital part of their future careers.

TRIO Upward Bound has been using this grant to bring STEM professionals to our monthly Saturday Academies throughout the 2018-19 academic year. These professionals lead the students in hands-on, STEM focused activities that relate to real life situations and potential future careers. STEM focused activities take place during the morning session of each Saturday Academy.

This year, as a culmination of the STEM focused Saturday Academies, TRIO UB will be hosting a trip to Chicago in May where students will have the opportunity to use their newfound STEM knowledge at Six Flags, the Museum of Science & Industry, the Adler Planetarium, and the Illinois Institute of Technology.



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