



Trio Wall of Fame



 *December Graduates* 

Matthew Mallock, Phi Theta Kappa
 Associate in Applied Science, Computer Technology

Travis McGivery, Honors
 Associate in Applied Science, Computer Technology

Lauren Rafferty, High Honors
 Associate in Applied Science, Career Studies

Congratulations to all WCC Honor Roll Students

<u>Dean's List</u>	<u>Dean's List</u>	<u>President's List</u>
<i>Bradley Arthurs</i>	<i>Mariah Kirshman</i>	<i>Tyler Ackley</i>
<i>Jeremy Bolduc</i>	<i>Aaron Lank, Sr.</i>	
<i>Blayne Chaffey</i>	<i>Caleb Leighton</i>	<i>Ryan Bayliss</i>
<i>Diana Demers</i>	<i>Toby Leighton</i>	
<i>Katie Erskine</i>	<i>Jacob Maroan</i>	<i>Gene Holmes</i>
<i>Cassidy Esposito</i>	<i>Nicole Nicely</i>	
<i>Joseph Fuller</i>	<i>Chloe Russell</i>	<i>Nikki Mills</i>
<i>Rebekah Guiltner</i>	<i>Faith Tirrell</i>	
<i>Nicholas Janson</i>	<i>Summer Woodruff</i>	<i>Donna Mutty</i>

TRIO Honor Students Share Tips for Success

Hey everyone! My name is Kim LeBlanc and I am enrolled at Washington County Community College to pursue my career goal in becoming a Maine Warden in the Conservation Law Program. My words of wisdom would include never giving up even when things get overwhelming. It always gets better eventually. Take everything one step at a time and you'll do just fine. Reaching out is very important when you feel like you're drowning, so don't ever be afraid to speak up! Washington County Community College is filled with great people who are rooting you on to make it to where you're headed. I appreciate all my instructors and thank them for pushing me to be the best me when I sometimes doubt myself on the hard days. I wish all my fellow students the best of luck in their educational journey, and do not be afraid to reach out if you hit a bump in the road!



Honors! Congratulations Kim!



My future career goals include coming back next year to get my Associate in Applied Science degree. My first semester I made sure my work was done on time, even if it wasn't complete to the best of my ability. I pushed myself

because I knew that I could do it even if I didn't want to. For everyone that is having trouble with this, I recommend putting in earbuds or wearing headphones to block out other noises around you so you can focus on your work.

Honors! Congratulations Emma!

Courtney is earning an AAS in Human Services

Honors! Congratulations!

Courtney Kake



Lauren is a December 2020 graduate with an AAS in Career Studies

High Honors! Congratulations!

Lauren Rafferty



Jessica will be a May 2021 graduate with an AAS in Human Services

High Honors! Congratulations!

Jessica Stevens



Would you like to contribute to the TRIO Newsletter?

Please send a picture and a brief biography with career goals and/or inspirational messages to share. pfeeny@wcc.me.edu.

Upcoming Events *Look for date announcements!*

- What:** Spring TRIO Workshops and activities
- When:** Schedule TBA February Newsletter
- Where:** Zoom links: TBA February Newsletter
- Why:** To support and inform TRIO members to reach their personal, educational, and career goals

SPRING WORKSHOPS and ACTIVITY TOPICS

Career Development

- Resumes, cover letters, interview skills

Get Fit February!

- Health and Wellness
- Step Challenge: *weekly in February, then monthly*
- Schedule TBA in an email announcement



Virtual Transfer Fairs

- U Maine Universities and more

We need your pictures!

Send your selfies to trio@wccc.me.edu



Please email or Facebook message us a picture of yourself that we may use in TRIO communications.

THANK YOU!



NEOA is hosting 3-days of **Workshops & Speakers**

Virtual TRIO Days Celebration

February 16 – 18

College & Industry Fair ~TRIO Alumni Panel~Community & Service

The registration fee of \$50 will be covered by TRIO SSS for TRIO members to attend
See the brochure attached to the email for details

Contact Nicole Nygren to register
nnygren@wccc.me.edu

New! Virtual Study Hall

What: Daily Study Hall for all WCCC Students

When: NOON! 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Mondays – Fridays

Where: **Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/2074541064>

Why: We realize that students need help throughout the week with a variety of questions and concerns, and many students do not have the opportunity to drop into TRIO SSS. The Virtual Study Hall is open to all students. Simply log on at noon, M-F and a TRIO staff member will be available to help you. Each session is live on Zoom, just login.



Traditional School Supplies: Much of your work will be completed on the computer, but you will need items such as pens, pencils, highlighters, binders, and notebook paper on hand. Depending on the course, you may still need to purchase textbooks and other required items.

Pens, Pencils, and Highlighters: Classes may require heavy notetaking so students should have plenty of pens and pencils on hand.

Paper and Notebooks: Online learning requires a lot of paper. Math classes take plenty of writing and scratch paper. We recommend that students dedicate a notebook to each subject for the purpose of taking notes.

Folders, Files, or Binders: It is always good to have notes organized for each class so they are readily available for completion of assignments and tests.

Planner for the Academic Year: Use the free WCCC planner for the academic year or use an online site to create a daily schedule.

Bookbag: A backpack with room for a laptop, books and other supplies will be useful when you move to another location.

Flash Drive: A flash drive is a way to provide storage that can be accessed from any computer. Backing up important assignments on a flash drive is a good idea.

Earphones, Earbuds, Noise Canceling Headphones: A set of earphones or earbuds will help ensure you do not disturb those around you and can also drown out outside noise to minimize distractions. *TRIO notes* * →

Reliable Computer and Internet Access: It is essential for students to have a reliable computer that operates at a good speed and is able to handle a variety of different programs. Your internet should also be reasonably fast and reliable. It is a good idea to have a backup option for online work if your primary connection is having issues.

Webcam: Online classes and tutoring frequently use Zoom or a similar program to enable virtual class attendance. If your device is not already equipped with a camera, you will want to obtain a webcam.

Printer: A printer is helpful but typically not necessary to complete work for your online courses. The *TRIO Study Center* has printers for student use on campus.

Necessary Software: The software needed for online learning will probably be covered by Microsoft Office 365. *Microsoft offers its Office 365 subscription plan free to students.* Visit the Microsoft website and search for the Office 365 Education web page.

Dedicated Workspace: If possible, a dedicated workspace can provide a quiet and comfortable space that is essential to be able to accomplish your work.

TRIO The *TRIO Study Center* has three computer stations with internet connection, webcam, and handphones* available by appointment if you need a dedicated workspace. Students may print in TRIO.

TRIO can provide most traditional school supplies listed above and flash drives to TRIO members. TRIO members who meet specific criteria can qualify for free noise canceling headphones.*

Three Ways to Join TRIO:

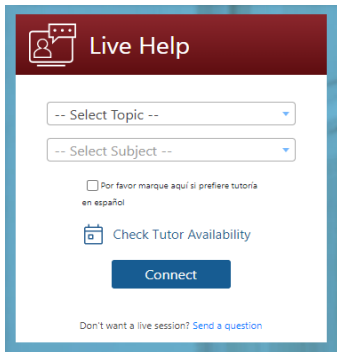
1. Use the TRIO application fillable form attached to this Newsletter email. *Note:* If you use the fillable form please title the completed application document with your name before emailing it to trio@wccc.me.edu. Thank you.
2. Completed TRIO applications can be submitted through the link on the student portal.
3. Paper applications can be hand delivered or mailed to WCCC TRIO SSS, 1 College Dr, Calais, ME 04619.

Brainfuse 24/7 Online Tutoring



Find a tutor even when the Study Center is closed!
FREE 24/7 Tutoring

Find the Brainfuse link online:



1. Log into Brightspace.
2. Enter the Study Center course.
3. Click the Content tab.
4. Open the Brainfuse module; click the link.
5. Select your topic and subject. Connect!

LIVE WEEKLY TUTORING AVAILABLE Monday – Friday

English

Humanities & Social Science

Monday & Tuesday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Contact Pam pfeeney@wccc.me.edu

Math

Available Mondays – Fridays

Contact Linda for an appointment

lshattuck@wccc.me.edu

For all other subjects

Contact Nicole nnygren@wccc.me.edu



FREE!

TRIO T-shirt

with

Membership!

Apply now while supplies last!

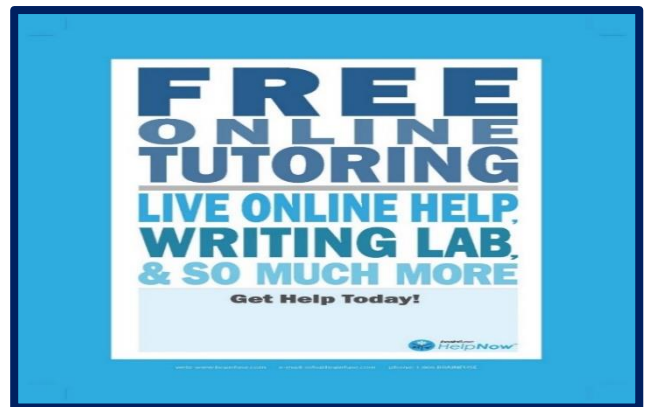


Plan ahead and set up Tutoring now

Spaces for weekly appointments fill quickly

If you set up a weekly appointment to meet and do not need help one week, simply email your tutor to cancel. The tutor can work with someone else during that time but save your weekly meeting time.

← sign up now



SAVE the DATE!

TRIO DAYS February 16-28

Contact Nicole to register!
