

April 2021 Newsletter

TRIO Director's Cut

April has arrived with its legendary showers.

I don't know about each of you, but I find it's easier to focus on assignments when the weather helps keep me inside. With the promise of warmer weather ahead of us, it is important to plan out your activities and make enough time for studying, work, and play.

- Remember to join us during our daily Study Hall hour from noon to 1:00 pm at <https://zoom.us/j/2074541064>.
- Be proactive and schedule tutor sessions in advance. Contact your advisor, the tutor you've already worked with, or if you are unsure who tutors your course simply email trio@wccc.me.edu with your request.
- Meet with your advisor and get registered for classes next semester. Pre-Registration opens this week.
- Double check you have completed your FAFSA for next school year. Maine deadline - MAY 1, 2021.
- Fill out scholarships! Deadline – Friday, April 23

The Calais community offers a couple new opportunities this month. When you need a break or a good cup of coffee for your study time, you might want to visit Crumbs Café and Coffee Bar, which just reopened April 1st at their new location at 405 Main Street. Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge is hosting an event "Annual Amphibian Walk" on Saturday April 24th. Check them out online for more details.

Best,
Nicole Nygren

TRIO Scholar Joshua Liddic



Welcome Josh!

Josh serves as
Secretary
on the
Student Senate

"My name is Joshua Liddic. I am in my second semester of my first year at WCCC; I am in the Liberal Studies program and I plan to transfer to another College or University to complete my bachelor's degree. I haven't decided what to major in yet; I just wanted to go back to school!

I live in beautiful Downeast Maine in Columbia Falls with my husband of 20 years, our dog Jaxson, and our cat Frodo. I am originally from Baltimore, Maryland where I grew up in the same neighborhood all my life until moving to Maine, about 5 years ago.

I love gardening and orcharding and hope to someday have a huge homestead and possibly a plant nursery. Attending WCCC has been FANTASTIC so far; the staff are amazing, and I have had nothing but positive experiences. So... onward and upward!

TRIO Fitness Challenge Winners

**Fitness Challenge
Grand Prize Winner**

Ashley Yardley

*Congratulations
Ashley!*



**Fitness Challenge
Weekly Winner**

Jan Ramos-Arroyo

Congratulations Jan!



**Fitness Challenge
Weekly Winners**

**Marjorie Baron
Courtney Sullivan
Ashley Yardley**

Congratulations!

TRIO Scholar Senate Members

Congratulations to our TRIO Student Senate members. Student Senate hosts events and raises money for charity. A Student Senate member sits on the Community Council. *Thank you for your community service.*

- Nathan Andrick, *President*
- Josh Liddic, *Secretary * new member!*
- Marjorie Baron, member
- Brandi Ebbeson, member
- Wendy Smith, member
- Rachel Ackley, member (*non-TRIO*)

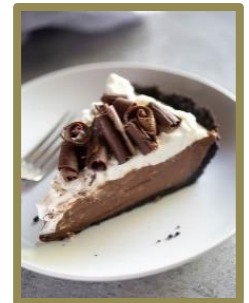
TRIO Pi Day Recipe Contest Winner



*Congratulations
Laure!
on your winning
Key Lime Pie
Recipe*



Laurel McGaw
won the Pi Day Competition
a
Chocolate Cream Pie
from
Helen's in Machias



Join the WCCC 2021 Pandem-A-dip!

Complete a Polar Dip at home.
Gather donations for your dip.
Take pictures or videos.
Send pictures and/or video to
kgookin@wccc.me.edu or post



<https://www.facebook.com/studentsenatepolar dip>

Donations to Karen Gookin - Deadline April 16, 2021!

The WCCC Student Senate organizes activities and fundraising events, such as the Polar Bear Dip, *in progress now – join in!* The Polar Bear Dip raises funds for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Maine and Sarah's House, organizations that provide housing for patients and family members receiving cancer treatment.

TRIO Upcoming Events

April is Financial Literacy Month!

All month during April on Brightspace: Finances impact all of us, no matter our situation. Taxes, FAFSA, student loan repayment, scholarships, saving for retirement, budgeting – find information to guide you through making wise financial decisions at whichever step you find yourself.



How to Participate:

- 1) Log into TRIO’s Brightspace course.
- 2) Find the Financial Literacy Module.
- 3) Browse at your leisure.
- 4) Use the discussion forum to ask questions,
- 5) Or share your helpful insights.



Earth Day is April 22nd.

Watch for an email announcing an Earth Day BINGO game!

Transfer Presentations Posted on TRIO Brightspace

Are you considering transfer to a 4-year college?

check out the

Exploring Transfer Module on TRIO Brightspace

Featuring

Exploring Transfer Workshop

Husson University

Maine Maritime Academy

University of Maine

University of Maine at Augusta

University of Maine Fort Kent

University of Southern Maine

WCCC Virtual Transfer Fair, Fall 2020

UM, UMA, UMFK, UMM, UMPI, USM, Husson, St. Joe’s, NOVA

Check out Modules on TRIO Brightspace

The TRIO Brightspace “course” has many **NEW!** Topics.

Financial Literacy

- Responsible borrowing
- Timothy’s Café Habit: Future Loan Repayment
- Types of Student Aid

Budgeting

- Budgeting iGrad
- How Good are Your Budgeting Skills?
- Everything You Need to Know About Budgeting

Credit

- National Credit Bureaus
- Credit Reports
- How Credit Cards Work
- Credit Card Interest
- Shopping for a Credit Card

FAFSA

- Reviewing Your FAFSA Application 2021-22
- 2021-2022 FAFSA Training – FAME

Career Development

- Building a Resume
- Resume Checklist
- Cover Letters
- Interview Questions
- Top Interview Tips: Common Questions, Body Language and More
- Follow up after an Interview

Tips and Advice

- Essential Stuff for Online Learning
- Watch the Tips & Advice Video
- Doodle Poll: Help us schedule workshops
- TED Talk Video: Amy Cuddy

Exploring Culture

- New videos and 7 Discussions
- *People of the Dawn, Deaf Culture, and more*

Exploring Social Justice

- New videos and 3 Discussions

Exploring Racial Justice

- New videos and 4 Discussions

National First-Generation College Celebration

- Pictures of first-generation TRIO students

TRIO Newsletters

- TRIO Newsletters September 2019 to present



PAY IT FORWARD

Pay It Forward Initiative: A student at WCCC wants to start a Pay It Forward initiative. A new microphone will be given away to whoever needs it and then they will do something for three other people. There is no need to verify need or actions taken; just look for ways to Pay It Forward. (Microphone to be picked up at TRIO)

TRIO Wants to Hear from You!

Stay in touch with us:



Find us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/trio.washingtoncounty>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/trio.wccc> Let's use the hashtags #WCCCTRIO and #TRIOworks for our Instagram photos.



Follow us on Pinterest!

<https://www.pinterest.com/triowashingtoncounty/>



Encourage your friends to join us!

Tutoring



Find a tutor even when the Study Center is closed!

FREE 24/7 Tutoring

Log into Brightspace.

Enter the Study Center course.

Click the Content tab.

Open the Brainfuse module; click the link.

Select your topic and subject.

Connect!

New! Virtual Study Hall

TRIO Student Support Services



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

All sessions at the same address

Sign up for private tutoring sessions with TRIO. Email your TRIO advisor or nnygren@wccc.me.edu.

TRIO Study Tip of the Month



Creating a Digital Signature

Please see the attached document with detailed instructions and illustrations.

Please see the additional attachment to this email for the instructions to create a digital signature.