Meet our new TRiO Director

Raymond Navarro “A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way” –John C. Maxwell

Raymond is the Director of CWU Academic Achievement Programs which includes TRiO Student Support Services (SSS), Educational Opportunities Center (EOC), and The College Success Foundation. Raymond is a CWU Alumni! He received his BA in Psychology at Central. He furthered his education through Heritage University and Fielding Graduate University, receiving Master’s Degrees in Guidance and Counseling and Human and Organizational Systems.

Fun Facts About Director Navarro:
- He wanted to be a math teacher when he was a child
- His father is his role model
- He chose Central because of the opportunity to work with First Generation College students

His favorite things about working for TRiO:
- Great staff to work with
- Enjoys helping SSS students be successful
- Also enjoys watching SSS students develop into leaders and make a difference in their community

Winter Workshops
TRiO SSS offers workshops to support students in the TRiO SSS Program.

These workshops are designed to offer you the chance to learn new things and to expand your professional competencies. Each quarter TRiO offers a completely new list of workshops that students can choose to attend.

Remaining Winter Workshops:
Access to Power and Privelage - Wednesday, Feb. 26th - Hertz 121 at 3:00 PM
Navigating Power and Privilege - Wednesday, March 12th - Hertz 121 at 3:00 PM
Meet the new TRiO Academic Counselor: Jordan Wolf

Jordan Wolf is one of the academic counselors in the TRiO SSS program. As an academic counselor he provides direct support in academics and connects students to resources for success. He helps his students create an academic plan individualized to their needs and dreams. Jordan first attended the University of Idaho and received his Bachelors in Psychology in 2008. He then attended a Masters of Education program at Washington State University, where his focus was on guidance and counseling.

While he was at the University of Idaho, he changed his major three days into his freshman year. He would then go on to change it nine more times after that and finally decided Psychology as his major and finished his studies within one year. Jordan says much of his inspiration comes from his younger brother Zach. One of the main reasons he decided to pursue studies in Psychology was that Zach has Asperger’s Syndrome and Jordan wanted a better understanding of what that was like.

With Ellensburg being in the middle part of the state, Jordan said that Central was a perfect opportunity because it was close to home (Idaho) and also a few hours away from the Westside. He likes the size of Central and the many opportunities within the school. Jordan enjoys working for the TRiO SSS Program because of his students but also his co-workers. He loves that the TRiO staff work as a team and are always working together. He appreciates Central students because they are willing and eager to learn, motivated, and a joy to be around.

“\[We would accomplish many more things if we did not think of them as impossible\]”
– Vince Lombardi

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Winter Calendar 2014

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I am from Fred Meyer, and I cost a Snickers bar. No, seriously, my birth mother handed me over to my adopted parents when I was only two days old in a Fred Meyer parking lot and my dad gave the woman a Snickers bar in exchange. Twenty-one years later, my birth mother still has that Snickers bar.

My adoptive parents divorced when I was in third grade. By eighth grade, my dad – who had threatened to kill mom and I after the divorce – started stalking me. By twelfth grade we had a restraining order placed on him after he actually did pull a gun on me.

I was sent to a really good private high school on a scholarship. The teachers were amazing – the kids sucked! In an affluent private school, I was considered the “poor kid” and therefore had few friends. Everyone else seemed to have the “perfect mom and dad, white picket fence-lifestyle” while I almost got kicked out of school because my dad was considered a “threat” when he started showing up repeatedly at school.

After graduation I started working full-time at Starbucks and had enrolled in Bellevue College. Soon after leaving my mother’s home, I dropped out of college and within four months had married my high school sweetheart. Four months later, my husband lost his job, and I started working two jobs because he refused to get another job. Seven months later he told me that he was in love with someone else, and he filed for divorce.

My life dramatically changed for the better when my best friend in high school encouraged me to apply to Central Washington University. He and I have always had the dream of going to medical school. August 3, 2013, I moved into my own apartment in Ellensburg and started my life here. Central is my second chance – my way of starting over – my way of finally pursuing my goals and dreams and making sure they come true.

TRiO Fall Honor Roll: 3.5 & Above

Ana Alcala    Cody Gillman    Cynthia Moreno    Kayla Smith
Holly Allen    Benito Gonzalez    Omar Moreno    Camlien Tran
Valerie Alvarez    Veronica Guadarrama    Jonathan Muck    Sandra Valencia
Jesus Barajas    Enrique Guzman    Allyson Mundy    Cristina Vazquez
Carly Berry    Tarra Hall    Ben O’Reilly    Taylor Weekes
Carlee Carlucci    Veronica Hernandez    Mia Patterson    Alyssa Welch
Marco Carmona    Josh Hudson    Anna Parker
Daniel Chavez    Sara Kay    Antoinette Pennington
Kevin Choe    Bryce Kehn    Blanca Ramos
Christopher Clarke    Caleb Marrs    Nicole Richardson
Natasha Dallman    Sergio Madrid    Nolan Robirds
Monte Eldridge    Shauna McBride    Rouchelle Robison

https://www.cwu.edu/academic-achievement/
GOAL:

Our goal is to ensure students stay in college and graduate by providing academic and personal support for any challenges which may prevent their success.

MISSION:

We offer TRiO SSS students at Central Washington University comprehensive academic support services through advising, tutoring and study skills instruction while simultaneously providing a broad range of opportunities that enhance their social and personal success.