Comprehensive Support

• Free tutoring
• Early course registration
• Career guidance and comprehensive advising
• Leadership and service experiences
• Social gatherings
• Computer lab and free printing
• Financial literacy programs
• Financial aid application support
• Graduate school application assistance

TRiO Vision
All TRiO SSS students are successful in their pursuit of an undergraduate education and progress seamlessly toward advanced degrees or rewarding professional careers.

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

Andre Dickerson - CWU TRiO Alumnus

“I would attribute much of my academic and professional success to the guidance I received from the TRiO support staff.”

- Andre Dickerson

Andre Dickerson, a well-spoken and intelligent individual, has persisted through an overwhelming number of complex personal and academic challenges to realize his long-term dream of becoming the first in his family to graduate from college.

Passion, tenacity, and hard work—these are words that you hear often when speaking to Andre about the reasons for his success. He states that these attributes “propelled my quest for a career in medicine. This led me to conduct neuroscience research, excel in medical school prerequisite courses, serve others in free health clinics, and shadow physicians in the areas of general and neurological surgery.”

Andre’s significant accomplishments, both in and outside of the classroom, now serve as the solid platform from which he will be able to launch his next big dream—becoming a neurosurgeon.
Veronica Hernandez

Veronica Hernandez is determined to be the first one in her family to obtain a college degree. She is from Yakima and decided to attend Central to remain close to her family. Veronica is currently a CWU sophomore with a 3.6 GPA who is still deciding on a specific career path. Veronica has broad academic interests that include teaching, science, and clinical psychology which could take her in multiple career directions.

Regardless of the major she ends up choosing, she is poised to make a sound decision because she has kept her grades high and taken courses that directly align with her career interests. According to Veronica, maintaining a high GPA takes a strong commitment to studying every day for her university classes and utilizing the services the CWU TRiO Program offers. She states matter-of-factly that her TRiO Counselor has provided knowledgeable, long-term guidance throughout the development of her academic career and routinely provides her with opportunities which contribute to her future professional goals.

What’s next for Veronica? She has been accepted into the summer medical and dental education six week program at the University of Washington. She boldly asked for information about the program at a College Success Foundation Institute. It just proves that opportunities are often provided to individuals who are prepared and boldly ask for what they want!

Carly Goltiani

There are real reasons scholars are selected for advanced studies. Carly Goltiani will be transferring into a dental hygiene school as one of 18 students selected to enter into a highly competitive program. She attributes this to a high GPA (3.92), strong letters of recommendation and her ability to consistently meet or exceed expectations in all aspects of her life.

Although she sets a high priority on her academic course work, the major focus of her life is her three children, Reef, Rome, and Piper. She also rides horses competitively with the long-term aspiration of joining the US Olympic Team.

Carly is an excellent example of a scholar with what researchers call an “open mindset.” She is curious, determined, positive, and persistent—even when she is presented with very challenging obstacles. Those are most certainly the attributes that contribute to Carly’s current success and the characteristics that will enable her to reach any future goal she chooses.

Carlee Carlucci

My passion for the medical field started in kindergarten. I knew that I was destined to become a physician. Despite this, I faced a number of personal challenges including a orthopedic injury that kept me out of the majority of sports activities. I was determined to persevere and continue working towards my goal.

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The University takes great pride in recognizing our TRiO and College Success Foundation scholars. We believe a strong program achieves significant outcomes, and our statistics prove that we are accomplishing our goals. Currently, 88 percent of our scholars are maintaining a GPA that keeps them in “good academic standing” at the university and 72 percent graduate, frequently with honors.

University coursework is challenging—it’s designed to be! So, we want to acknowledge the hard work and perseverance it takes to be a successful student. Regardless if it is an event such as our annual TRiO Open House, or an impromptu dinner sponsored by our Academic Achievement Leadership Council, it is our intent to celebrate our scholars’ significant accomplishments and have a great deal of fun while doing it.