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TRiO Students Go To D.C.



By: Donald A. McCorkindale

During the week of March 9th, 2008, five CWU TRiO students attended the 28th Annual Policy Seminar for the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) in Washington, D.C. Led by TRiO Director Dr. Neil McFarlane and TRiO Academic Advisor Arthur Manjarrez, students Angella Culic, Andre Dickerson, Martha Marquina, Kristine Sarandi, and Daisy Stevenson spent the better part of a week in our nation's capital.

The five students were answering the call from COE to come to

Washington, D.C. and speak to Senators, Congresswomen, and Congressmen. The time students spend with congressional leaders is known as the "Day on the Hill," and it is an opportunity for TRiO participants to speak about the services provided by the federally-funded TRiO program.



In order to attend the seminar, students raise money to pay their own way. Arthur Manjarrez organized the fundraisers needed. This was the fourth time he has

headed that endeavor. All students involved in the D.C. trip are members of the "Students for Diversity" club (formerly known as the "Culture Club").

These students washed cars, made and sold tamales, held a bike raffle, and participated in various other activities to raise money. Manjarrez also assisted students in writing proposals to receive the additional necessary funds that enabled the students to attend the policy seminar.



A Word from the Director...Dr. Neil McFarlane



It is hard to imagine that the end of the academic year is almost here. Of course, I know that a number of you are planning on taking summer session. Nothing like making hay while the sun shines! What with escalating gas prices, sticking around and taking some summer courses may not be a bad thing after all.

Congratulations to those of you who have been accepted into the McNair program. You will find the experience of doing research a stimulating exercise. Summer on campus with the McNair program is also fun and rewarding. Your research this summer will prepare you for future McNair sponsored opportunities to visit graduate schools and participate in symposiums, present papers and participate in other enervating activities, all geared to help you make that leap towards your ultimate goal...a Ph.D. We hope to highlight some of our McNair scholars in future editions of our newsletter.

Speaking of McNair, I'd like to offer a special welcome to the new McNair director, Ms. Karen Francis-McWhite.

Thanks to Fabian Partida and Don McCorkindale who have put our newsletters out and advised TRIO students this academic year. We wish Fabian best of luck as he graduates, and look forward to having Don with us for another year.

Congratulations to our graduates from all the SSS/WaTEP staff. We wish you all the best for your future endeavors. Keep us posted now!

Neil McFarlane.

TRIO Students Serve as ASCWU President for Two Years Running



Pedro Navarrete & Arthur Manjarrez

For the second consecutive year, a TRIO participant will hold the position of ASCWU President. Graduating senior and incumbent President of the Associated Students of CWU, Katie Underwood, will pass the presidency on to Pedro Navarrete for 2008-09.

Katie is receiving a BS in Business Education from Central and has been accepted to the University of Arizona where she will begin graduate studies in higher education this fall. She hopes to be a TRIO Educational Talent Search adviser upon graduation. Pedro Navarrete is currently a junior at CWU. He is a history major and military science/coaching double minor. Congratulations to both of these students and good luck with their future endeavors.

Trip To Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR



On the last weekend of spring break (April 21-24), seven TRIO students and three TRIO advisors made the long road trip to Ashland for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Carmelita Barrett, Cathy Caraway, Maria Caro-Sanchez, Megan Henderson, Brittney Higgins, Susan Johnson, and Felicita Oropeza-Guerrero represented the CWU student body, while advisors Arthur Manjarrez, Don McCorkindale, and Tom Spencer served as chaperons.

The TRIO group took in three plays while in Ashland: *The Clay Cart*, *Fences*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Only the latter play was written by Shakespeare, but all three productions were first-rate and the en-

tire group was thoroughly pleased with the plays. English graduate student Don McCorkindale gave a brief presentation to the group on Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* before they attended the play.

The group also toured the Schneider Museum of Art located on the Southern Oregon University campus. In addition, everyone became familiar with the city of Ashland by touring its shops and restaurants. Kudos to Tom Spencer for driving one of the two vans the entire way (approximately 18 hours of driving). Also, special thanks should go out to Cathy Caraway for providing comic relief!



TRIO's Evening of Celebration

On May 7th, 2008, the 11th annual TRIO Evening of Celebration was held in the Sue-Lombard dining hall. Mardi Gras was the theme for this yearly event that celebrates graduating TRIO participants. The night was kicked off by Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Studies, Tracy Pellet, who was quickly followed by President Jerilyn McIntyre. The outgoing president not only praised the graduating seniors, but commended Central's TRIO pro-

gram and all those affiliated with it.

This year's graduating class of 38 students was represented for the night by graduate speakers Antonia Caro-Sanchez, Eric Gonzalez, and Alfred Keller. These speakers shared their inspirational stories of the obstacles they had to overcome in order to graduate and the role of the TRIO program in their success.

Special recognition was also given to the following select group of faculty for their contri-

butions to the academic success of certain graduates: Dr. Cynthia Coe, Director & Professor of Women's Studies; Professor Patrick Deffenbaugh, Art Adjunct Instructor; Dr. Eric Mayer, Assistant Professor of Spanish; and Dr. James Pappas, Professor of Education

All attendees enjoyed a dinner buffet, and the jazz trio, The Jonathan Campbell Group, provided excellent music.

TRiO Graduates (2008)

Clementina Abundiz
Emmanuel Alvarez
Cathy C.J. Anderson
Laura Aguilar
Cheryl Bach
Sammyra Blazina
Melanie Brogard
Antonia Caro-Sanchez
Sandra Castro
Angella Culic
Kevin Ely
Uziel Estrada
Brent Gentling
Eric Gonzalez
Emily Grove
Luz Herrera
Katherine Humphries
Channel Jones
Alfred Keller
Sammy Kravette
Raquel Lemus
Brooke Lindsay
Yvette Marquez-Gonzalez
Rocio Martinez
Noemi Mejia
Jose Mendoza
Felicita Oropeza-Guerrero
Aurora Pacheco
Carlos Perales
Michelle Plooster
Silvia Ramirez
Adan Rodriguez
Joanna Thomas
Robyn Townsend
Terry Truitt
Katie Underwood
Natalie Washington
Kayla Winans



Non-Traditional TRiO Students Shine

Two non-traditional Trio participants, CJ “Cathy” Anderson and Alfred Keller, are graduating from CWU this June and both plan to further their education here at Central in the coming months and years. CJ finished her coursework this past fall quarter and will “walk” June 7th with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology coupled with a minor in Geography. Alfred graduates on the 7th with a Bachelor’s degree in Fine Arts.

Anderson was born in Tacoma, and prior to enrolling at CWU, she was educated in Washington State public schools. CJ states that she “brought thirty years worth of community college credit to CWU upon enrolling in winter quarter, 2000.” She maintains that “In the beginning, the program provided an anchoring tether, while learning how to be a worthy university student, which included receiving academic advising and (free) mathematics tutoring. Further, I met Linda Garcia, department secretary, and (later) Neil McFarlane, both of whom, along with Toni Menig, are the best cheerleaders that a hardcore, long distance, endurance racer could hope to find on a university campus at a late age.”

On why she chose Anthropology as a major, Anderson declares “When I was a child, I told the adults, who inquired about my future, that I wanted to be an archaeologist when I grew up. I did not know where archaeology was located until, in 2003, I took a biological anthropology class as part of basic-and-breadth requirements, and discovered that anthropology is the study of ‘all peoples, all places, all times,’ which includes techniques to investigate human culture, linguistics, biology (evolution), and waa-laa archaeology. There it was...the destiny that I had identified at age 12. I declared a major in anthropology in 2004.”

CJ has been accepted into the Resource Management graduate program and will begin her studies in the fall. She has been awarded a research assistantship that will help offset the costs involved in obtaining a Master’s degree.



C J Anderson



Alfred Keller

Alfred Keller has an artistic background as a sculptor. He was initially a ceramics major, but later switched to wood design. Keller prefers creating public works art, such as murals and outdoor sculptures, as opposed to gallery art. Upon completing his BFA, Alfred intends to begin a second Bachelors degree in Anthropology. He became interested in Anthropology through his involvement in the Wenas Creek Mammoth Project. According to Alfred, he “fell into the project.” Alfred met CWU Anthropology professor Dr. Patrick Lubinski, the team leader of the Mammoth Project. Also instrumental to Alfred’s involvement in the project is paleoecologist Bax Barton from the University of Washington. Because of his artistic experience with casts, Alfred became a valuable addition to the Wenas Creek Mammoth Project.

Initially, there were no funds available for casting and Alfred either volunteered his time to the project or received credit for his time through independent study. Through his contact with Dr. James Pappas (Education Department), Alfred discovered the Service Learning Program. Through that program he was enrolled in EDCS 309 (Civic Engagement). This two credit class provides a grant that pays Alfred’s wages for the casting work he does. Even better news came for Alfred when, on May 7th of this year, he was awarded an undergraduate research fellowship. Those funds will subsidize the material costs involved in the casting process and will enable Alfred to begin work on his second Bachelor’s degree this fall.



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6-Week Session	6W1	June 16	July 25
Full/Nine-Week Session	I	June 16	August 15
Workshops	WKS	June 16	August 15
Intensive	INT	June 16	August 15

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Fresh Faces Around the TRiO Office: The Return of Monica



Monica Reece-Bruya
Office Assistant,
WaTEP

Monica earned her B.A. in Administrative Management from CWU, then moved to Portland, Oregon, where she gained 20 years of experience as a nursing home and assisted living administrator. She and her husband moved back to Ellensburg six years ago after her husband accepted a teaching position in the music department at CWU. When not at work, Monica spends time with her family at baseball games and musical events. She also helps plan the *Jazz In the Valley* weekend that takes place in Ellensburg every July.



Jamie Sagdahl
Office Aide,
WaTEP

Jamie is the new clerical aide that some of you may have noticed in the main office. She is from Puyallup, Washington and is just finishing her freshman year at Central. Because Jamie will most likely choose Dental Hygiene as a career path, she plans on pursuing a degree in a Natural Science.