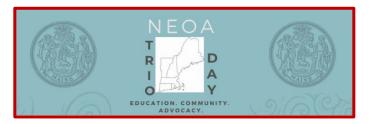
Newsletter

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

March 2021

Director's Cut



Hello TRIO!

March has arrived with welcome longer days, Daylight Savings Time, a break, the first day of spring, the start of Module B courses and a flurry of things to do. Read on for workshop offerings and events to join this month.

Thank you to all who have answered the Doodle poll (found in TRIO's Brightspace course) helping me schedule workshop times. The vast majority of you seem to be available at 2 pm on at least one day of the week.

Shoutout to Jill Hayman for representing our TRIO program at our region's TRIO Day event in February! This 3-day virtual conference included key-note speakers, breakout sessions, a history of TRIO programs, and an alumni panel that shared their personal stories of pursuing college degrees.

February's Fitness Challenge winners will be announced soon!

And We Soar,

Nicole Nygren

TRIO Days Participant Jill Hayman

What an honor it was to be invited to represent WCCC at the 3-day conference for our TRIO Program. There were many speakers including Representative Jared Golden, a Harvard Instructor, and three extremely bright female alumni members to name a few. Of course, we were unable to meet in person, but it was an amazing experience to hear from some very well-respected people from around the world. I never knew the TRIO program was so big.

I had the opportunity to do some personal networking and learn about growth and development opportunities as well as hearing some amazing stories of TRIO students overcoming struggles.

This conference has opened my mind to the opportunities we all can acquire as students here at WCCC. As one speaker said, "All you have to do is show up!" Our futures are in our hands and TRIO is here to help us succeed.



Jill Hayman, Human Service

Thanks TRIO!

Thank you Jill for representing WCCC at TRIO Days 2021!

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Poet and Artist Jake Pilsbury

Jake is a self-taught aspiring artist who is enrolled in the entrepreneur program at WCCC. Jake is also taking his second philosophy class with MIT. He is designing logos and graphics for the MIT Prison Education Initiative group. Jake is a creative soul who enjoys anything to express that creativity. Music, poetry, drawing, tattooing, or creating custom projects are some of his favorite things to do. Jake hopes to own his own tattoo shop one day, as well as becoming a freelance graphic designer. Jake has a passion for art because it gives him an opportunity to express himself though a canvas. He hopes his passion inspires other artists to pursue their artistic dreams someday.

Sorrows Alluring Artistry...

My pock marked paws clutch the paints or my soul's sorrow.

These utensils craft such vivid masterpieces on this easel of life.

The mysterious misery inspires these colorful compositions.

Which remains unseen to the eye of the admirer.

Can something so glorious be shaped by an abundance of gloom.

Preferably so.....

For despair holds such raw emotional power

Art is the disguise which conceals my crestfallen cause.

I hold a remarkable aptitude for the alluring pieces
I produce with a creative existence within

Although the outward appearance holds immense beauty the motivations inside carry extensive misery.

Art is the oil and sorrow the gasoline that keeps my soul's generator running smoothly.

O Jake Pilsbury 2021



Jake Pilsbury, Entrepreneurship

Timeless Battles...

This magnificent offering within the cosmos I call life holds such extraordinary splendor.

I am one of the cherished granules of sand within this fragile hourglass of life and its precious moments within determine my destiny.

Time is such a valued Gem that shimmers within the universe.

It often evaporates at the speed of light; I call it the speed of life.

The tricky demons within this journey attempt to rob us of our time and devour the fatigued souls of the cowardice.

I rise up dignified as an indestructible soldier within this grueling battle of life.

I am worthy of a blissful existence inside this stratosphere, misery has made many attempts to snatch my divine spirit.

However, I strive to become a master to withstand these vile schemes laid upon me

Affliction can no longer pierce my Steele plated spirit I have conquered my tribulations and transformed them into aspirations.

I breathe confidence and bleed style, precious moments become priceless within this journey.

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Congratulations Marjorie!

Congratulations to the Winner of the candy hearts guessing game. There are 692 hearts in the jar. Marjorie had the closest guess at 540.



Marjorie Baron Human Services

TRIO Membership Drive: Join us!

This month TRIO SSS is having a membership drive. Any student who applies and completes the intake process to become a TRIO member will receive a *Welcome* package:

- TRIO T-shirt with logo
- Flash drive for document storage

Apply here: https://www.wccc.me.edu/wp-content/uploads/Application-for-TRIO-SSS-1.pdf

Questions about TRIO? Contact Nicole Nygren, TRIO Director, nnygren@wccc.me.edu, 207.454.1062

TRIO Student Mid-Term Recognition

Each semester WCCC instructors send congratulations to students who are excelling in their courses; TRIO would like to join in congratulating the following TRIO members.

Nicholas Boulette

Business Management & Entrepreneurship

Danielle DelBiondo, Phlebotomy

Quigley Douglas

Business Management & Entrepreneurship

Brandi Ebbeson, Human Services

Nicholas Gagner, Computer Technology

Jill Hayman, Liberal Studies

Ruby Hoyt, Liberal Studies

Courtney Kake, Human Services

Michael Lacoote, Conservation Law

Mason Langer

Adventure Recreation and Tourism

Aaron Lank Jr.

Mechanical Technology, HEM

Kimberly Leblanc, Conservation Law

Joshua Liddic, Liberal Studies

Laurel McGaw, Early Childhood Education

Mary Mitchell

Human Services & Criminal Justice

William Perry, Conservation Law

Jake Pilsbury, Entrepreneurship

Jan Ramos-Arroyo, Criminal Justice

Harley Sanford

Medical Assisting & Phlebotomy

Amanda Seavey, Early Childhood Education

Wendy Smith

Medical Assisting & Medical Office Technology

Leigh-Ann Voisine, Liberal Studies

Kevin Williams, Heating Technology

Ashley Yardley, Human Services

Congratulations TRIO Students

You make us proud!

March Workshops - Career Readiness

Resume Readiness (please see on TRIO Brightspace)
Spruce up your resume or create one from scratch! Get it ready to use for your job applications.

For Resume Assistance:

- 1) Log on to TRIO Brightspace at your convenience and view the resources provided, then:
- 2) Schedule a private 1:1 session with Nicole at your convenience.
- 3) Email nnygren@wccc.me.edu with your current resume attached to have it reviewed.

March 8th–12th Step into your Career with Confidence

Do you ever feel overwhelmed when you think about your career? Searching for a job, entering a new career field, writing cover letters, and interviewing can be nerve wracking. Join one, or more, of these sessions to prepare yourself with the skills you will need to land your next job.

Options for participation:

- 1) Join Monday-Friday from 2pm 3pm. Zoom link: https://zoom.us/i/97174136130
- Schedule a private 1:1 session at your convenience.

April - Financial Literacy

All month during April on Brightspace: Finances impact all of us, no matter our situation. Taxes, FAFSA, student loan repayment, 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; use the discussion forum to ask questions or share your helpful insights.

Transfer Presentations Schedule on the next page

Join TRIO in Celebrating Pi Day



Help us create a Pie Cookbook!



How?

Submit your favorite recipe by March 14th to be entered to win a pie from Helen's Restaurant!

Where?

Entries can be submitted using the TRIO Brightspace page or by emailing them to esullivan@wccc.me.edu



Celebrate Women's History Month

watch

RBG

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg

Her life, career, and commitment to equality

6:00 p.m. March 24th

ZOOM: https://zoom.us/j/97980289151

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TRANSFER?

The Transfer Counselor can help you with:

- Career counseling
- Program and college search
- Academic advising to maximize transfer credit
- Completing college applications and documents
- Advising on and editing college essays
- Dual advising with transfer representatives
- Contact Pam at pfeeney@wccc.me.edu

Spring Transfer Presentations

University of Maine
Karyn Soltis-Habeck
karyn.soltis@maine.edu
Tuesday, March 9, 11:00 a.m.
Zoom: click below

https://zoom.us/i/91957119916



University of Maine Fort Kent
Davis Cyr, davis.cyr@maine.edu
Tuesday, March 23 at 11:00 a.m.
Zoom: click below
https://zoom.us/i/93574960363

University of Southern Maine Chris Fox, <u>cwfox@maine.edu</u> Thursday, March 25, 11:00 a.m. <u>Zoom</u>: <u>click below</u> https://zoom.us/j/98269030131





Husson University
Stephanie Cadwell Fazzino
cadwells@husson.edu
Thursday, April 1, 11:00 a.m.
Zoom: click below
https://zoom.us/i/99966190031

All Transfer Presentations will be posted on TRIO Brightspace. After spring break, look for the Fall Transfer Fair (with 9 colleges) and the MMA Transfer Presentations.

LEARNING RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Live Weekly Tutoring, Monday-Friday

English/Humanities/Social Science Contact Pam pfeeney@wccc.me.edu

Math

Contact Linda Ishattuck@wccc.me.edu

For all other subjects

Contact Nicole nnygren@wccc.me.edu

Brainfuse 24/7 Online 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!



FREE 24/7 Tutoring

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

Study Hall Schedule

Mondays, Liz ~ Tuesdays, Nicole Wednesdays/Thursdays, Pam Fridays, Linda

Log on daily when school is in session to ask questions, get academic help, or set up tutoring appointments.

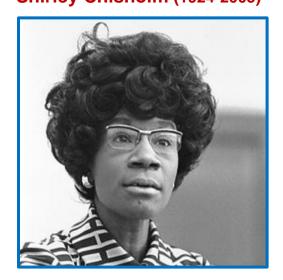
Enjoy Spring Break!



March 15th ~ March 19th Saturday March 20th is the first day of spring

Read about seven extraordinary women below ...

Shirley Chisholm (1924-2005)



"I want to be remembered as a woman who dared to be a catalyst of change."

"Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm was the first African American woman in Congress (1968) and the first woman and African American to seek the nomination for president of the United States from one of the two major political parties (1972). Her motto and title of her autobiography—*Unbossed and Unbought*—illustrates her outspoken advocacy for women and minorities during her seven terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Discrimination followed Chisholm's quest for the 1972 Democratic Party presidential nomination. She was blocked from participating in televised primary debates, and after taking legal action, was permitted to make just one speech. Still, students, women, and minorities followed the "Chisholm Trail." She entered 12 primaries and garnered 152 of the delegates' votes (10% of the total) ...

Chisholm retired from Congress in 1983. She taught at Mount Holyoke College and co-founded the National Political Congress of Black Women" (Michals, 2015, https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/shirley-chisholm).

Honoring Kekehtahsuwiw

"We are matriarchal people. That is who we have been for thousands of years. The fact that women's role has been diminished over the last 500 years is not our way ... we need to ... respect our women, believe in our women, and take care of our women. We are the ones who have been entrusted as givers of life ... Remember that we are matriarchal people."



"Women are still the leading force ... it's set in our DNA. Women were the givers of life, we nurtured the children, and today, we're really still pushing to make our people complete again. We're the caregivers – if there's going to be healing, we're the ones to do it ... We've been given a very special gift ... with community members voicing concerns, I take a look around, and I always see more women."



(https://www.abbemuseum.org/blog/2015/03/honoring-kikehtahsuwiw-it-heals-during 31.html).

Candy Torres, NASA Engineer



"In 1984, Torres moved to Houston to work on software for the Space Shuttle flight controllers ... Her projects included creating a long-term space habituation database and other computerization projects. Torres had no illusions about what she achieved.

'I'd got to Building 1 where I had my office, and on the door was a metal [plague] with the NASA logo engraved on it ... I would caress it ... because I knew what it had taken for me to get there ...' Torres ... became a flight controller for the International Space Station, the most ambitious ... multinational effort in history ... (http://usldhrecovery.uh.edu/exhibits/show/candytorrestec hnorican/page4)."

"Torres, the 57-year-old daughter of Puerto Rican immigrants ... studied astrophysics at Rutgers, worked on experimental satellite research at Princeton and developed next-generation software for the shuttle program.

She came of age with ... the original "Star Trek" television series. 'I thought about the future a lot ... because I recognized that the present and the past weren't very happy places for people ... to me, the future was always going to be better ... as a Puerto Rican, I really connected with the diversity of the Enterprise's crew, that vision of a utopian, multi-ethnic future" (http://edition.cnn.com/2011/IREPORT/07/06/torres.shuttl e.irpt/index.html).

Cecilia Chung Transgender Rights Activist

"Celia Chung has tirelessly advocated for transgender rights for more than 20 years, first in San Francisco, and later, nationwide. As an Asian transgender woman living with HIV, she's spent her life fighting to end discrimination, stigma and violence across marginalized communities, first as the former chair of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission and then on the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

'When I was coming into the movement, transgender people were dying left and right – not just because of violence, but because of what we later found out was HIV ... We weren't just fighting for our rights we were fighting for our lives by demanding treatment and more research. We were also demanding to be seen as human beings."



"Still fighting today, Chung works at the Transgender Law Center and directs Positively Trans, [] a project that uses research, policy advocacy and narrative to address the systematic inequalities that lead to poor health and high rates of HIV/AIDS in the transgender community" (https://www.huffpost.com/entry/asian-americans-womenshistory-month | 5c8699b9e4b0d936162a9eac).

Transgender Resources:

Positively Trans

https://transgenderlawcenter.org/programs/positively-trans GLAAD

https://www.glaad.org/transgender/resources
How to talk (and listen) to transgender people
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HbQZ7jAvgol

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Mary Walker (1832-1919)



"The only woman to ever be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor was best known during her life as a feminist, abolitionist, surgeon ... and the woman who insisted on wearing pants! Mary Edwards Walker was one of America's first female doctors, and eschewed the heavy dresses expected of women, writing that 'The greatest sorrows from which women suffer to-day are those physical, moral, and mental ones, that are caused by their unhygienic manner of dressing!' Instead, her preferred garb was trousers under a knee-length jacket or dress.

When the Civil War broke out, she quickly volunteered to provide medical care for the Union army. At first, she was only permitted to work as a nurse, but by 1863 she was officially contracted as a civilian surgeon — one who frequently crossed battle lines to assist the wounded, and who regularly treated civilians. She was captured by Confederate forces in 1864 and accused of being a spy, but later was freed as part of a prisoner exchange.

President Andrew Johnson awarded her with the Medal of Honor in 1865. In her later life, she went on to argue for women's suffrage -- and for a cause close to her heart, dress reform" (https://www.amightygirl.com/blog?p=11974).

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Ann Curry, American Journalist

Ann Curry has been a report for more than 30 years, focusing on human suffering in war zones and natural disasters. She has reported from the wars in Kosovo, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Afghanistan, Darfur, Congo, and the Central African Republic, and covered numerous disasters, including the Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004 and the earthquake in Haiti, 2010; her Twitter appeal is credited for helping speed the arrival of humanitarian planes.

Curry became the national and international correspondentanchor for NBC News and the anchor at large for the Today Show after serving as the anchor for Dateline NBC. She left NBC and founded her own multi-platform media startup and continues to provide major news interview on network television.



Ann Curry was born in Guam to a Japanese mother and American father of Irish and German descent who served in the U.S. Navy. She lived in Japan as a child and completed a BA in Journalism from the University of Oregon in 1978. Starting as an intern, she became the first female reporter at KTVL and moved to NBC where she became an anchor. She moved on to Los Angeles and received two Emmy Awards for her reporting. Her career blossomed from there (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ann_Curry).





