NEW LOCATION
This fall TRIO Student Support Services will be adapting to better meet the needs of its students. The first major change students will notice is that TRIO SSS has moved to Kettler Hall, Room G25. The move will make it much easier for students to find and interact with TRIO staff.

TRIO COFFEE HOUR
Besides meeting in the office, students can socialize with other TRIO SSS students during several different TRIO events this year. Every Wednesday from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. TRIO SSS students are invited to meet in the Engineering & Technology Building lobby for TRIO Coffee Hour. TRIO will have tables reserved and free coffee will be available for TRIO students. This is a good opportunity to meet other TRIO students and touch base with your TRIO advisor.

TRIO HOUR
Another time to bond with your fellow TRIO students will be during TRIO Hour. During this time, all TRIO SSS students are invited to participate in teambuilding and group learning exercises. This is a great way to bond with other TRIO students and make some new friends. Dates are: Sept. 8, 22, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1. All sessions meet in LB 275 from noon to 1 p.m.

CHICAGO TRIP
TRIO SSS students will be visiting Chicago’s Museum of Science & Industry on Monday, October 13. Spaces are limited. More information on how to RSVP will be sent via email in September.
TRIO Upward Bound Turns 50

Before there was TRIO Student Support Services, there was TRIO Upward Bound. The Upward Bound program started in the United States 50 years ago as a way to encourage high school students to attend college. IPFW has hosted a TRIO Upward Bound program for the last 10 years.

This summer several TRIO SSS students volunteered to help celebrate Upward Bound’s 50th anniversary. One of the highlights of the event included a speech by Fort Wayne Mayor, Tom Henry, and his willingness afterwards to take selfies with students.

TRIO SSS students also had a chance to share their stories and struggles with high school students going through similar situations. Thanks to all who volunteered!

TRIO Workshops Offer Tips

All TRIO SSS students are invited to the following workshops for 2014-2015. All will be held in LB 275 from noon to 1 p.m.:

- Sept. 15th: Budgets & Credit Cards—RSVP by Sept. 8th for free pizza to trio@ipfw.edu
- Oct. 20th: The Easy Way to Write a Research Paper
- Nov. 17th: Tips for Saving: Scholarships to Coupons
- Feb. 23rd: Having Fun Outside of Class—Student Life
- March 23rd: Résumés: Starting & Updating
- April 27th: Finals Stress Relief

Join TRIO for a Night of Comedy!

To quell his growing pile of medical bills, Monsieur Argan, a chronic hypochondriac, will go to any length to marry his daughter off to a doctor. Of course, his daughter has other ideas. A narcotic cocktail of romantic triangles, double entendres and mistaken identities ensues, promising to leave you gasping, giggling, and possibly...in stitches.

IPFW TRIO SSS students are all invited to TRIO Night at Williams Theater. Students will enjoy a performance of “The Imaginary Invalid” on November 20th at 8 p.m. in IPFW’s Williams Theatre. Tickets are free to all TRIO SSS students who RSVP (to reserve your seat: 481-0220 or trio@ipfw.edu!)
TRIO Student Brandon Bucklev Studies in Spain

Where did you stay in Spain? I stayed in Salamanca, a city in northwest Spain, in a residence hall with students from all over the world.

Approximately how much did it cost? The trip cost me approximately $2,300 for four weeks. This included airfare, food, weekend excursions, classes, and housing.

What was your favorite part of the trip? My favorite part of the exchange was getting to step outside of my comfort zone, experience a new culture and place far from home, and lastly, having the opportunity to meet students from a wide variety of countries.

What advice would you give someone thinking of studying abroad? I would suggest saving money in advance. Spain was one of the most memorable trips that I have taken and I miss being there already. Studying abroad is a wonderful experience to earn college credits in a new and exciting environment, while essentially being on vacation.

Brandon was nominated by TRIO SSS Director, Shubitha Kever. Interested in opportunities like this? Let your TRIO Advisor know!

IPFW TRIO Student Support Services student, Brandon Buckley, was selected as one of 17 TRIO Student Support Service students nation-wide to attend the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program for 2014. As a part of the summer program, Brandon explored Spain’s vibrant cities and culture while taking Spanish language, history, art, and culture classes at the University of Salamanca in Spain.

Why did you go to Spain this summer? I felt that going to Spain would help improve my fluency in Spanish, as well as increase my marketability for future careers.

What surprised you most about living in Spain? The most surprising part of the trip to me was how different the lifestyle is from that of the United States. While being in Spain, I realized that the pace of things is much slower and appeared to be much more relaxed.

Did you earn college credits? I took part in the Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program and I earned college credits for having completed the exchange. I was able to take advanced Spanish Grammar, Spanish culture and even Spanish Business.

Did you go alone or with other students? I went with a group of 17 other TRIO students from all over the United States.
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Have a friend in need of TRIO SSS?  

Eligibility requirements:  
- Full-time student at IPFW seeking 1st bachelor’s degree  
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident  
- Additionally, students must meet one or more of the following qualifications:  
  - Are first-generation college (parents do not have a bachelor’s degree)  
  - Meet federal income guidelines  
  - Have documented disability with SSD office

Completed applications should be returned to the TRIO SSS office. After completing the application, potential students will be interviewed by program staff. Acceptance is based on availability and need for the program. Have more questions? Contact us!

TRIO Office Has Moved

The TRIO Student Support Services offices has moved to Kettler G25. Phone numbers and emails will remain the same. Come check in with us for the fall! We’d love to help you succeed!