TRIO SSS Welcomes New Students

TRIO Hour is back with a slate of success programming centered on the power of proaction. Designed especially for freshmen, this is a chance to embrace college life while bonding with other newbies. Meet with other TRIO Students to connect planning ahead and self-advocacy as tools to take charge of your college experience.

Come to Library 275 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for workshops on:

- Goal Setting
  September 14th

- Conflict Resolution
  October 19th

- Long-Term Study
  Habits November 9th

Stop by. Have a snack. Be empowered!

TRIO WORKSHOPS:

Want to know more about studying abroad, budgeting, scholarships or getting a job? See back cover for upcoming TRIO Workshop topics and dates.

TRIO Club Study Tables

Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Walb Union 118
ODMA office

TRIO Coffee Hour

Thursdays
9:30-10:30 a.m.
Engineering Bldg. Lobby
Gladys Calderon Visits Peru

Last May, TRIO SSS student Gladys Calderon, along with four other IPFW students, went to Peru. As president of the Hispanos Unidos club, Gladys helped arrange the week-long trip. While in Peru, the students volunteered at a boys’ orphanage, renovating wooden lockers, tutoring and playing with the kids. The IPFW students also brought toys, vitamins, tooth brushes and soap to the children. Advisor Stephany Alarcon said, “Everything the orphans owned fit inside a 2’x3’ cubby. One boy only had three marbles to play with.”

“I learned to be grateful for my relationships,” Gladys added. Although most had lost both parents, some of the residents had been abandoned by their families or sent there by the courts. “One of the homework assignments that I had to help the boys with was writing a letter to their fathers and grandfathers. In their letters, they would say things like, ‘I wish I could hug you, I miss you, I wish I could see you’ and it was just heartbreaking.”

Gladys also learned that college students need to take advantage of the opportunities they have. The trip was almost fully funded by IPFW’s Student Travel Committee. “Even though the process of requesting money was time-consuming, I’m so glad that we did because we most likely wouldn’t have been able to go if we hadn’t received this help.” She is very thankful that she had the chance to travel to another continent because she is a student at IPFW. The Hispanos Unidos club plans to take another trip next spring.

In addition to volunteering in Peru, the IPFW students had the opportunity to go sightseeing. “Each time I looked or went outside, there were breathtaking views all around. What stands out to me the most was when we went to Machu Picchu. Being up on the Andes Mountains at the sacred site and looking around was surreal. It felt like I was in a picture.”

If you’d like to travel, but don’t think you can afford to, attend the TRIO Study Abroad workshop on Monday, Sept. 21st, 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Library conference room 275.

*If you’re interested in joining the Hispanos Unidos club, e-mail
hispanosunidos@students.ipfw.edu

Gladys Calderon enjoys the view at Machu Picchu.
TRIO Summer Picnic
Since so many TRIO students took summer classes, TRIO decided to celebrate by having a picnic on June 23rd at the IPFW gazebo.

TRIO New Student Orientation
Freshmen competed in a teambuilding exercise to build the tallest marshmallow tower at TRIO New Student Orientation.

TRIO CLUB GOING TO PUERTO RICO
Six students in TRIO Club who have never been outside of the Midwest planned a 5-day trip to Puerto Rico and received funds from IPSGA to make the trek. “Since we’re first-generation, we wouldn’t normally have an opportunity like this due to finances,” TRIO member Kristin Costello said. “I’ve never been on a plane before and I don’t have a passport. That’s what’s nice about Puerto Rico is that I can go experience another culture without needing a passport.” While in San Juan next March, the students will volunteer at a Manatee Conservation Center at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico and will learn how their behaviors impact ecosystems. They will also learn about Puerto Rican history and culture while staying on the island. TRIO Club is an organization that creates a sense of belonging among first-generation college students at IPFW and engages in several volunteer opportunities throughout the year. The students going with Kristin are TRIO Club President Britten Friar, Colby Flye, Emily Salisbury, Nathan Seelye and Taylor Talamantes.
Come to TRIO Workshops

Study Abroad: Mon, Sept. 21st
12-1 p.m. LIBRARY 275

Preparing to Graduate: Mon, Oct. 5th
12-1 p.m. LIBRARY 275

Budgets & Credit Cards: Mon, Nov. 2nd
12-1 p.m. LIBRARY 275

How to Win Scholarships: Mon, Feb. 8th
12-1 p.m. Walb 114

Getting a Job: Interviews & Résumés:
Mon, March 21st
12-1 p.m. Walb 114

Finals Stress Relief: Mon, April 11th
12-1 p.m. Walb 114

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Underground RR & Zoo Trip Planned

On Monday of IPFW's Fall Break, October 12th, TRIO students are invited to visit Columbus, Ohio. Students will spend the morning visiting a house that was a stop along the Underground Railroad, known as Kelton House. In the afternoon, students will visit the Columbus Zoo and experience behind-the-scenes educational opportunities. Students may tour the Animal Hospital to learn about how the zoo uses quarantines, labs, X-rays and other medical procedures to care for a variety of animals. By visiting the Manatee Coast, students can learn about manatee migration as well as food preparation for fish, stingrays and manatees housed at the zoo.

If you’re interested in this free trip, sign up in the TRIO office, Kettler G25.

$2500 Scholarship Available to Study Abroad

If you’ve never traveled outside of the United States, you’re eligible to apply for a new $2500 scholarship to study abroad this spring. Deadline is October 16th. Apply at http://www.ipfw.edu/study-abroad/ and select “scholarships.”