



April 2013: TRiO, Upward Bound, BGCP, and BTO students and staff celebrate first generation students in a collaborative workshop designed to highlight resources and provide support and community through the I'm F1RST campaign.

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Save the Date!
Saturday, May 25th

10 am

Cañada College
Commencement Ceremony



Building the TRiO community

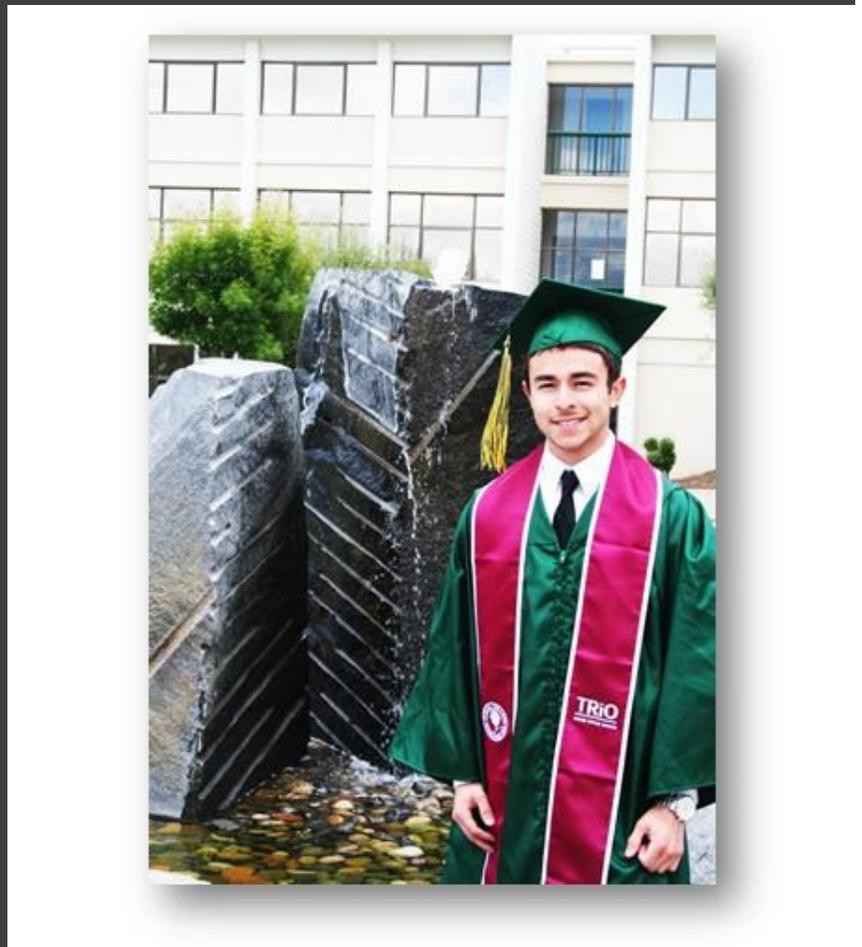
Dear Graduating and Transferring TRiO students,

First of all congratulations for completing this chapter of your academic journey! The staff and I are excited to see you at the upcoming commencement ceremony. For those who are participating in this ceremony, our TRiO team ordered TRiO graduation sashes for you which are ready starting tomorrow on May 14th at the bookstore. Please give them your name and your G-number and you will see that there is a FREE credit for the sash rental already on your G-number. Please bring a credit card to secure the rental. Unfortunately, due to our reduced TRiO budget for this year and for next year, I am unable to offer these sashes as gifts anymore. However, if you feel inclined to purchase the sash as a souvenir, you may do so and pay for the \$21 plus tax once your rental credit is deducted from the total \$36 purchase.

Lastly, I am excited to host another free graduate photo shoot this year at the Cañada College Fountain near the flag pole. Please meet us at that location on Friday, May 24th between 12pm and 2pm prior to the Cañada College Commencement dress rehearsal that will start at 2:30pm that same Friday. Please email me to RSVP so I have ample time to take everyone's pictures. I will send you the digital copies of these pictures as a souvenir for you.

Again, congratulations and best regards,

Romeo



Babekian Bedros, Augustin Robles, Sagar Singh, Jonathan Sandoval, Nehad Dababo, Lexie Munevar, Lorena Ruiz, Daniela Larson, Rebecca Hernandez, Omar Arriaga, Hector Prado-Guerrero, Catherine Newell, Jose Cardenas-Pisfil, Samantha Gatton, Nicholas Metas-Chapman, Adriana Lopez, Clara Garcia, Vashon Guidry, Ava Thompson.



Hello TRiO-SSS Students!

First of all, I'd like to say congratulations to all of our graduating and transferring students! I'm so proud of you and I wish you all of the success you can handle in your future endeavors.

This school year was unique in that we had TWO Cultural Enrichment outings: The Lion King Musical in November and the de Young Museum in April. These outings are designed to be a reward for our students who are active in our program.

The places we go and the events we attend are meant to introduce you to parts of American culture that you may not have otherwise experienced. Completion of your TRiO Points puts you into a drawing for a chance to go on one of these outings (if we could take everyone, we would!).

In the Spring 2013 semester, students joined staff at the de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park, SF. Our general admission tickets allowed us to explore many of the exhibits on display at the museum. The main exhibit that we wanted students to experience was photography display called "Eye Level in Iraq." It featured up-close photographs of ordinary Iraqi citizens in the aftermath of the 2003 U.S.-led allied invasion of Iraq.

The photographs, though often times graphic, spoke candidly about the experience of the citizens.

As you all may know, budget cuts have been and are taking place in education throughout this country. TRiO, a federally-funded program, is no exception.



Thorne Anderson, *Thawra, Baghdad, Iraq*, April 18, 2003. Digital inkjet print. High Museum of Art, Atlanta. © Thorne Anderson

If there is something that you've wanted to do or heard about but haven't been able to do, please email me! I'm always looking for new suggestions (unfortunately, sports outings are not permitted).

I hope you all have an awesome summer and I'll see you in the fall!

Warm regards,

Candice Johnson

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Subjects Covered:

Mathematics



Counselor's Corner

What's up TRiO Student Community!

While we are closing the end of the spring 2013 semester and the 2012-2013 academic year, I hope that all of you are finishing-off your classes strong!! First, we would like to take a moment to recap our successful academic year by highlighting the following accomplishment:

A cohort of 19 TRiO students will be graduating with an Associate in Art/Associate in Science Degrees this May and many will be transferring to four-year universities for the start of the fall 2013 semester/quarter (Congratulations to all of our hard-working students).

Our program takes great pride in providing to all of you quality counseling and tutoring services.

Our counseling team, Melissa and I, co-facilitated workshops and group activities related to major exploration--identifying a career path that is suited to your interests, skills, and personal experiences; and

learning the importance of transfer basics—how to select appropriate courses, and begin to plan for graduation and/or transfer. During the upcoming academic year 2013-2014, we plan to provide similar workshops and activities to help you meet your academic and career goals. Furthermore, we hope to re-start our Men's and Women's Support Groups in the fall 2013 semester. We highly encourage you to participate and learn insightful perspectives from your fellow peers on how to follow successful pathways at Canada and beyond. Please come by to visit Melissa and me to learn more about how you can become a member of our Men's and Women's Support Groups.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer break, and comes back rejuvenated, refreshed, and ready to experience more success. You guys are one more step closer to attaining your goals! Remember that TRiO works and we are here to make it work for you!!

Take Care,

Will Reyes and Melissa Alforja



Counselor:
Melissa Alforja



Counselor:
Will Reyes

<p>TRiO Graduate Stoles</p>	<p>Will be ready early May</p>	<p>Please email garcia@smccd.edu to reserve your TRiO stole rental.</p>
<p>Cañada College Commencement Ceremony</p>	<p>Saturday, May 25th at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>I'm pleased to announce that Cañada College will be celebrating Commencement this year on Saturday, May 25th at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony will take place outdoors on the Upper Quad between Buildings 13 and 9. Students receiving Associate Degrees and Certificates will both be recognized and honored. (In case of rain, the alternate location for the ceremony is Building 1.)</p> <p>I realize that this year's Commencement will fall on the Memorial Day holiday weekend, but I hope you'll still be able to join in celebrating the accomplishments of our students. Our graduates appreciate seeing the faculty and staff who have helped them achieve this important step in their academic careers.</p> <p>Please take a moment and email Maggie Souza (souza@smccd.edu) and indicate whether you'll be participating in the processional and Commencement ceremony, or if you're able to assist with ushering and other related Commencement tasks. Please be advised that you'll need to contact the Bookstore by April 9th if you intend to rent your regalia.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your participation in this very special ceremony honoring our students.</p> <p>Best,</p> <p>Larry G. Buckley, PhD</p>

Happy Birthday!



June

Luis Amaya 6/1

Ulises Montejano del Rio 6/4

Lexie Munevar 6/4

Michael Runckey 6/6

April Valenzuela 6/10

Peter Moala 6/11

William Frazier 6/13

Simran Kaur 6/19

Vahram Antonyan 6/21

Ernest Frimpong 6/25

Lashan Tennakoon 6/25

Sean Thompson 6/27

Daniel Valverde 6/27

Jesus Garcia 6/28

Lashanda De Rosans 6/29

July

Nicholas Metas-Chapman 7/3

Jimena Keilan Palacios 7/7

Kathryn Fenske 7/10

Gerardo Mardigal 7/12

Tabitha Uelesa 7/12

John Omar 7/15

Hector Prado-Guerrero 7/15

Barbara Parigi 7/16

Stephanie Valencia 7/17

Nictray Smith 7/19

Sandra Villegas 7/19

Shamariah Jinter 7/23

Nestor Menjvar 7/23

Jesse Medina 7/24

Clariss Cuellar 7/26

Ashley Kumar 7/26

Michelle Mojas 7/31

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Congratulations to the
2012-2013 TSAC

Officers. TSAC was
awarded for
'Outstanding Communi-
ty Service Project' by the
ASCC for their ongoing
collaboration with the
Boys and Girls Club of
the Peninsula.

Newly elected officers
for the 2013-2014 school
year will be announced
in an upcoming
newsletter!



Get to Know TRiO Student Advisory Council (TSAC)

TSAC is a student-led organization that works in partnership with the TRiO-SSS Program. As an official registered student club via the Office of Student Activities, it is open for all Cañada College students. Membership includes TRiO-SSS active participants and student allies who support TRiO-SSS and TSAC's mission to promote graduation and transfer. Students give direct feedback and are part of the planning process for workshops, transfer success tours, cultural enrichment events, peer leadership activities, and community service.

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NO-SHOW POLICY

We look forward to seeing you at your next counseling and tutoring visits, cultural enrichment activities, and transfer fieldtrips! We would like to encourage you to seek our services as you accumulate your TRiO Star Points for more rewards, grant money, and incentives! For reference, below is our Rescheduling and No-Show Policy effective September 17, 2009.

Rescheduling an Appointment:

Please do your best to commit to your appointment or activity. However, we do know that sometimes stuff happens. If you cannot make your appointment, we understand. Please contact us **at least 24 hours** in advance so that we can make alternate arrangements and so that we can open up that appointment or activity for other students. You can contact us by visiting the TRiO area to reschedule, you can email TRiO staff, or you can call (650) 306-3384 for the tutoring line or (650) 306-3369 for TRiO Admin line.

No-Show Policy:

If you have 2 or more no-shows in a semester, you will forfeit your eligibility for college tours, field trips, emergency grant aid money, and other TRiO incentives for the remainder of the semester. It will also forfeit your eligibility to schedule counseling and tutoring appointments, and you will only be able to do drop-in tutoring appointments for the rest of the semester. If a pattern of no-shows develop beyond 3 no shows, you may be dismissed from the TRiO program and you will have to apply for re-instatement.

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