TRIO Student Support Services is a community of underrepresented students pursuing academic success. The program fosters academic and personal growth through tutoring sessions, academic and professional workshops, graduate school preparation and visits, as well as social and cultural events. TRIO SSS creates a safe and reliable space for students to embrace their unique stories, overcome academic challenges and succeed in college. TRIO SSS is a community, where students are learning and growing together in order to maximize their college experience.
Letter from the Director

Brent Robinson, Ph.D.
Director, Academic Success Center

Dr. Robinson currently serves as the Director of the Academic Success Center (ASC), which includes the TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) program as well as University Tutoring, Supplemental Instruction, Academic Coaching, and Study Skills Tutoring. As the Director over SSS, his role is to ensure the Program is fully compliant with both federal and University standards in providing services to 300 students per year.

Dr. Robinson began at Kent State in August of 2012 as the Director of University Tutoring, and his responsibilities expanded to include SSS in June of 2013.

Prior to arriving at Kent State, Dr. Robinson worked for five years at Lake Erie College starting off as an Academic Advisor and later becoming the Director of Academic Advising and the Academic Learning Center. During his final two years at Lake Erie, he was responsible for creating the Academic Learning Center, a project that helped prepare him for his current role. In addition to his work as an administrator, Dr. Robinson also taught courses in the Philosophy of Religion, World Religions, and first-year experience at Lake Erie College. Dr. Robinson graduated from Miami University with a bachelor’s degree double-majoring in Psychology and Philosophy. Afterwards, he completed a master’s degree in Theological Studies from United Theological Seminary before earning his doctorate in Religion from Claremont Graduate University. He and his wife, Lydia, live in Chardon with their two dogs, Jasper and Bindi. He is an avid player of fantasy football, enjoys basketball, karate, good food, and watching television series on Netflix.

“It has been another banner year for the ASC as increasingly more students have chosen to utilize our free services to develop themselves academically and personally. Our staff is so thankful for all of the support we receive from faculty and administrators across campus. It is because of you that we are able to provide the types of continued support that have proven to substantially improve students’ likelihood of remaining at KSU and graduating. I would also like to personally thank our SSS students who, in the spirit of TRIO, have been so active in forming a real community of success.

We recently moved to the newly renovated, state-of-the-art facility in the Center for Undergraduate Excellence (CUE), which has truly been an exciting and defining moment in our history. Our goal is to develop even further by providing students with an array of outstanding academic support services that rival what is available anywhere in the nation.” – Dr. Robinson

“We empower students to become independent learners through engaging support programs while providing an inclusive community that honors the uniqueness of each individual's academic journey.”
(Academic Success Center Mission Statement)
Meet the TRIO SSS Staff

Dondrea Brown

Dondrea Brown transferred to Kent State University in the fall of 2008, so he has been at KSU for almost seven years. He graduated with his Bachelors of Arts, majoring in political science with a concentration in American politics. As an undergraduate student, he worked for the Kent State University Library. In 2013, he graduated with a Master of Arts in Teaching secondary education with a focus in social studies. As a graduate student, he worked for the EXCEL living-learning community as a graduate assistant. Now, he is working toward his Ph. D. in Cultural Foundations. Dondrea is the TRIO Student Support Services Reading and Writing coordinator. He coordinates the tutoring program and plans academic, personal developmental and leadership opportunities through workshops and events. He also advises, mentors, and advocates for TRIO SSS students as they navigate their college experiences. When he is not working, he is usually researching or reading articles for class. His favorite TV show is Scandal (He loves Olivia Pope’s Gladiators). His favorite quote is "Don't tell me what you believe, show me what you do and I will tell you what you believe."

“I like building relationships with our students and watching them grow and development. I love when they are able to show and share the impact TRIO or I had on them."

Kristin Carvajal

Kristin Carvajal is the Program Coordinator for Science Tutoring and Peer Mentoring for the TRIO SSS program. Kristin graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of the Arts degree in English Literature and a Bachelor of Science in Communication and Media from the State University of New York at New Paltz. Kristin has worked in many diverse areas in Higher Education throughout her college experience, which inspired her to pursue a Master of Education in Higher Education Administration and Student Personnel, which she is currently finishing at Kent State University. Kristin loves working in the Academic Success Center and being a part of the TRIO SSS team! This is Kristin’s second year with the Academic Success Center; she was a graduate assistant in this department for the 2013-2014 academic year. As a first generation college student, she recognizes the challenges students may face while transitioning from high school to college. She is passionate about helping others navigate the college environment, and wants to aid and encourage students to reach their full academic potential.

“I am truly fortunate to be working with such amazing students and tutors. I enjoy aiding in and supporting their learning experience, while honoring their individuality and unique personal backgrounds. TRIO SSS allows me to do this, and being a part of this incredible community inspires me daily.”

Adam Cinderich

Adam B. Cinderich is the Program Coordinator for Mathematics Tutoring for the TRIO SSS program. Adam graduated from California University of Pennsylvania with his Bachelor of Science in Earth Science, majoring in Meteorology with minors in Mathematics and Geographic Information Systems & Emergency Management and his Master of Science in Geography with a concentration in Climatology from Michigan State University. Since 2007, Adam has been passionate about and an advocate for TRIO, when he first worked as the Lead Male Resident Assistant with Cal U’s Upward Bound Summer Academy. Prior to joining the TRIO SSS Staff in 2014, Adam worked as Lab Manager for KSU’s GIS, Health & Hazards Lab during the academic year and as a Science Instructor for Kent State’s Upward Bound Programs during the summers. Adam also teaches as an Adjunct Instructor for Colorado Community Colleges Online where he teaches World Regional Geography. As a first-generation college student navigating college life without the opportunity to join a TRIO program, Adam has a unique set of personal, academic and professional experiences that he believes aid him every day in helping our students.

“TRIO isn’t a job, it’s a passion and I am blessed that I have the opportunity to work with some of Kent State’s hardest-working students every day.”
Alexsa Wanchick
Alexsa Wanchick is the Program Assistant for TRIO SSS. During her time here, she has especially appreciated meeting many different students and having the opportunity to be involved in their growth and progress; words cannot express how grateful she is to have had that privilege. Before she worked at Kent State, she worked as a bookkeeper with Friendly’s restaurants while raising her five children. In 1989, she joined the staff at Kent State University, first in the President’s Office as an administrative assistant under Dr. Michael Schwartz. After Dr. Schwartz retired, she joined TRIO SSS and has been here ever since. When not at work, Alexa loves the outdoors, especially gardening and visiting the beach.

“I have much love for this university and the ability to grow in my personal life. I feel like I am a better person because of the students and staff I interact with.”

Jim Piascik
Jim Piascik is a Project Coordinator with TRIO SSS. Jim started with the TRIO SSS program in September 2009 as a program student and was hired as a math tutor in January 2010, a position he held while earning his undergraduate degree in History. After finishing his Master’s in Reporting and Editing for Print and Online Media through the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Jim was hired in June 2014 to rejoin TRIO SSS in a professional capacity. When Jim is not working, he enjoys writing about baseball. He also enjoys spending time with his wife, Hannah, mostly watching sitcoms on Netflix such as Friends, Parks and Recreation, and Scrubs.

“By helping students transition academically to Kent State, form the needed relationships on- and off-campus to succeed, and recognize the value of the investment in a college degree, TRIO SSS helps students receive every possible opportunity to succeed in college and in life.”

Emily Lamielle
Emily Lamielle is a graduate assistant with TRIO SSS. She is pursuing her Master of Education degree in the Higher Education Administration and Student Personnel program. Emily earned her B.A. in English with minors in Public Relations and Digital Media Arts at Duquesne University. As an Upward Bound alumna, Emily can personally testify the value of TRIO. Upon graduation, Emily will pursue a career in academic support, academic advising or career advising. This year, Emily has also been busy planning her May 30, 2015 wedding.

“I still cherish the support that I received from my first TRIO family in Clarion, PA, and I couldn’t be more blessed to serve the students in Kent’s TRIO SSS program. Our students are incredible, and I love Morgan Clark
Morgan Clark is a senior at Kent State studying Managerial Marketing and Economics and is originally from Pittsburgh, PA. She is currently an Undergraduate Assistant with TRIO SSS Writing and Humanities tutoring. This will be her third year with the TRIO SSS program where she started in the fall of her sophomore year as a tutor. In addition to that position, she has recently begun an internship with the J.M. Smucker’s Company.

“TRIO supports students inside and outside of the classroom to help them graduate and succeed in the world beyond Kent State.”

Katie Wilkinson
Katie Wilkinson is currently a graduate assistant with the TRIO Student Support Services program at Kent State University, studying to receive her Master’s in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She also attended Kent State as an undergraduate student, majoring in Human Development and Family Studies with a concentration in Youth Development and minoring in Human Sexuality. After she graduates in May 2016, Katie plans to become a counselor. In addition to her on-campus involvement with the counseling fraternity Chi Sigma Iota (CSI), Katie enjoys the downtown life Kent offers. When she is not working or at school, Katie likes to spend her time hanging out with friends.

“TRIO has given me the opportunity to meet many people on campus that I otherwise would not have been able to do. Through my time here I have grown professionally, personally, and academically. I am very sad to see my time at Kent State and TRIO come to an end.”
Fall 2014 Highlights
Our favorite memories from the Fall 2014 semester.

During the Fall 2014 semester, TRIO SSS hosted a variety of workshops and events to ensure student success. Some workshops provided students with resources to budget for the semester and learn more about credit, while other events allowed students to network with Kent State University, TRIO SSS alumni and hear what these professionals have pursued since they graduated from Kent State. Students engaged in workshops on how to create an effective LinkedIn profile with Sasha Thackaberry, District Director for eLearning Technologies at Cuyahoga Community College, and they served the local community by putting together a diaper bag drive for the Portage County Shelter for Domestic Violence, and held a successful Food Drive in collaboration with the Women’s Center.

A favorite of the semester was the annual holiday party. This gathering allows our students to come together and celebrate accomplishments made throughout the semester. Students enjoyed an ugly sweater contest, potluck dinner, holiday-themed photo booth, board games, and a gingerbread house contest. Laughter filled the room of the previous tutoring office in the Michael Schwartz Center as students celebrated their semester ending and the beginning of winter break.

Graduate School Visit to the University of Pittsburgh
By Adam Cinderich

The idea behind Pittsburgh was to showcase the culturally rich, urban landscape Pittsburgh offers while exposing students to the world renowned programs at the University of Pittsburgh, all just a short, two-hour drive from Kent. Taking into consideration the various programs in which many of our students are enrolled, we were excited to hear presentations from Public Health, Education, Business, Medicine and Public & International Affairs during our visit.

In addition to exposing our students to graduate school possibilities, we also wanted to provide them with cultural, educational and social opportunities while in Pittsburgh. To accomplish this, it was clear that we would have to visit the Andy Warhol Museum (the largest single-artist museum in the nation), take a ride on the historic Duquesne Incline (a historic incline up the side of Mount Washington used during the coal mining era) and enjoy an afternoon at the Carnegie Science Center (the premier center for exploring the STEM-related fields and Omnimax theatre), all of which are iconic must-dos while visiting the city of Pittsburgh.
This spring, TRIO SSS held workshops and activities to advance students’ knowledge about effective study strategies and learning styles, job, internship and graduate school preparation, healthy relationships, financial aid and the FAFSA. TRIO Advisory Council (also known as TAC – a group of TRIO SSS student leaders who work together to contribute to planning workshops, cultural enrichment events and other TRIO related events) planned a social event to Zip City. TRIO SSS also collaborated with the Women’s Center; Women’s Center staff shared a “Friend or Foe” presentation on communication habits, respect, and honesty in healthy and unhealthy relationships.

Graduate School Visit to The Ohio State University
By Adam Cinderich

The idea behind Columbus was to showcase a city with historic and cultural significance within the state of Ohio, while exposing students to a nationally recognized, Division I University with a significant research focus and agenda. Similar to the previous trip, in taking into consideration the various programs in which many of our students are enrolled, we were able to secure presentations from Nursing, Business, Arts and Sciences and the Graduate Admissions Office.

In addition to exposing the students to the graduate school possibilities at OSU, we also wanted to provide them with some cultural and social activities outside the University setting while in Columbus. We planned a scavenger hunt of German Village (a historic village on the National Historic Register settled in the early 19th century), meals at Schmidt’s (an iconic German restaurant previously features on The Food Network’s “Man vs. Food”) and Spaghetti Warehouse (the first location outside the state of Texas) and the Center of Science and Industry (CoSi), all of which are must-sees while visiting Columbus.
We moved!

This spring, we moved from the Michael Schwartz Center to the new Center for Undergraduate Excellence.

Our tutoring spaces and offices are now housed in suites 109, 111, and 113 of the CUE.

Game Night!

TRIO SSS hosted a game night in the CUE with game systems hooked up to monitors in the Wi-Fi bar, SI room, and TRIO tutoring labs. Students and staff spent the evening playing XBOX Kinect, Wii, PlayStation 4, and XBOX 360. They competed in a Mortal Kombat tournament, played a variety of board games, and raffled TRIO prizes. This annual event is a favorite among TRIO participants!

Photo Credit: Kenny Jenkins, Junior, Electronic Media Production Major, TRIO SSS Participant
**Living History: The Underground Railroad**

During this immersive experience, students and staff were transported back into the year of 1850, when the Fugitive Slave Act was passed requiring Ohio (formerly a free state) to turn in any runaway slaves and/or report those who were helping slaves escape to freedom. Despite this, abolitionists still fought for the cause and continued to help runaway slaves on their trek to Canada.

Led by a conductor, students and staff took on the role of runaway slaves and participated in a harrowing journey that many slaves attempted but few accomplished. Along the way, they encountered “Copperheads” (slave catchers), “friends of friends” and situations leaving them wondering whether they would be captured or further helped to freedom. After reaching freedom, students were able to share their feelings about the experience, their reactions, and also relate this to modern day discrimination and racism.

**High Ropes Course**

After the Underground Railroad Experience, students and staff participated in a high ropes course at the camp. The challenges included a sky bridge of suspended platforms, a tight-rope, a Zipline, and three rock climbing walls, all of which were suspended 30 feet in the air. Participants set personal goals, and helped one another achieve their goals by offering support and encouraging words. At the end of the day students were exhausted but were able to relish in their personal achievements.
Student of the Month

Emily Storm, October Student Spotlight

By Mamadou Ndiaye, TRIO SSS Tutor

Emily embraces the essence of TRIO SSS. “TRIO to me is like a second family,” she says. “I can go in there and be myself with no judgment attached, everyone just makes your session the best. There is also a lot of laughter, smiles and jokes. I couldn’t ask for a better family away from home. The people around me at TRIO have faith in me that sometimes I wonder even exists in me.”

It is the home environment TRIO SSS provides, which has helped aid Emily Storm in her current success, and in becoming student of the month. Emily has established a true mentee/mentor relationship with her tutors: “When I came to my peer mentors they helped me when I needed a friend. If I was juggling stress, they were there to listen. I don’t know how many times I have cried, but they always had something to say to make my day just a little bit more tolerable. Also, with my mentors, they know what I need to be successful in all of my classes. They showed me that school isn’t all about studying, and homework, you have to have time for yourself.”

This is the second semester of Emily’s first year as a pre-nursing major, meaning Emily has the challenge of gaining acceptance into the nursing program. Many students in the program can attest to how daunting this challenge can be. However, Emily is currently in good standing. She states after midterms her reported GPA is a 3.63, with a goal of reaching a 3.7 at the end of the semester.

Now Emily is working hard to accomplish her semester goals, and she plans to use TRIO to do so. “I’m going to use TRIO by having the support, making sure I keep in contact with the people that want to me succeed at my school work.” When asked about how much she feels as though the program supports her, she replied “They had my back 110%.” TRIO will continue to do so, as Emily strives to meet her goals. We all believe in Emily, and can only congratulate her for becoming the TRIO Student of the Month!

Bobby Whipple, TRIO tutor and participant nominated Emily for the honor of Student of the Month. Bobby declares that “Emily has displayed an adeptness to her level of academic pursuit. She is constantly so committed and dedicated to her course load, and even prepares two sets of notes. I enjoy our sessions and look forward to them every time.”

Melvin Stitt, November Student Spotlight

By Chuck Campana, TRIO SSS Tutor

Congratulations to our Student of the Month, Melvin Stitt! Melvin is working toward several goals this semester, such as achieving a 3.0 GPA and staying involved with TRIO. Melvin values both the academic support from TRIO, but also the overall community and support it provides. He sees a “different side of the staff”: “TRIO to me is a great support system and another family. They do so much more than provide tutoring. They are a place where you can find people who care not only about you academically, but socially and mentally as well, which I appreciate. Dondrea, Kristin, Adam and the rest of the staff are always welcoming and make me feel comfortable approaching them if I need help with something.”

Additionally, Melvin has embraced several opportunities with TRIO this year, including the grad school workshop and trip to the University of Pittsburgh. “The grad school workshop was very helpful because I only have a few more semesters here, and it was very useful information in helping me decide where to go,” Melvin shared. After visiting the University of Pittsburgh, Melvin put it on his list as one of the schools he is interested in attending.

Melvin has also been focusing on perfecting the ever-difficult skill of time management. “This semester, the biggest thing I’ve accomplished is getting a better handling over my time management. It took me a while to understand that I need help with it, but I finally realized it and got the help I needed.” The “help” Melvin mentioned came in the form of Cassandra Bronson’s TRIO study skills sessions. “My tutor, Cassandra Bronson, is very friendly and was prepared to help me with any situation that I bring to her. My favorite line she uses is ‘we can work or do anything you want this session, even if it’s doing jumping jacks in the hallway’.” Melvin has certainly taken advantage of the services here at TRIO SSS. Again, congratulations to Melvin Stitt!

Cassaundra Bronson, TRIO tutor and participant nominated Melvin for the honor of Student of the Month. “Melvin has been following suggestions and putting new study methods to practice. He is open to new techniques and has improved from our study sessions,” Cassaundra expressed.
Student of the Month

Molly Beal, February Student Spotlight

By Emily Lamielle, TRIO SSS Graduate Assistant

General George S. Patton once explained that when you meet a trial, how far you fall is not the key, but how high you bounce back shows your success.

This semester, Molly has accomplished bouncing back from academic challenges, and she has embraced support from TRIO SSS to assist her in her journey. “TRIO is the reason I was able to improve in my coursework. From the first day of the semester, I made sure to seek out help from TRIO in the areas that I struggled in the most, and they were able to set me on the right track to getting better grades,” Molly explains.

“This semester I was able to take back control on my sophomore year after finishing my fall semester very poorly. I have been focusing on my class work better and have better organized my life around courses,” Molly admits. Her work ethic and perseverance to do well in her academics are paying off: “My main goal is to finish college with a GPA above a 3.0. I know TRIO will make this possible just by providing tutors for certain courses I find difficult and by having workshops and events that give me even more opportunities for me to better myself. I am very excited for my future here at Kent State and as a member of TRIO.”

Molly’s dedication to TRIO bespeaks her ambition and determination to reach her academic and professional goals. She particularly invests time and energy in her tutoring sessions and workshop participation: “My sessions with tutors were always enjoyable and effective. My favorite workshops are the various financial literacy and study strategies workshops because those are the areas that I could use improvements in still and am always interested in improving.”

“TRIO is a source a pride for me,” Molly shares, “I joined TRIO late in my first semester of my freshman year and have loved it ever since! I get so excited to come to the workshops and meet new people and meet with my tutors. It motivates me to do better every day, which is something that I cherish.”

TRIO tutor Leanna Thomas nominated Molly for the honor of Student of the Month: “Even though Molly is always busy, she continually works to improve and always comes prepared for our sessions.” Molly’s dedication certainly merits recognition – congratulations, Molly!

Kyle Weaver, March Student Spotlight

By KaShala Smith, TRIO SSS Intern and Tutor

Kyle has had a major academic breakthrough this semester and TRIO could not be more proud of him! “TRIO has been such a pivotal part of helping me to improve not only my Math and Science class standings, but self-confidence in my major,” Kyle shares. He also gives special thanks to his tutor, “A massive shout out to Mitchell Gillespie for dealing with my insanity and helping me through the trenches of University Physics and Calculus.”

Kyle expresses the positive impact TRIO has made on his academic and career track. He says, “Since finding out about TRIO my sophomore year at Kent State University, it was like wildfire; spreading to every aspect of my personal and professional life. The care and adoration showed in the program has made me feel more connected with my University than anything else before it.” While embracing the family environment of TRIO, Kyle expands his relationship with TRIO.

In addition to tutoring, Kyle has also participated in the TRIO Student Support Services workshops. Some of his favorites this semester were the Job and Internship Fair as well as the Graduate School Presentation put on by Don Asher. “The learning and growing opportunities here were a delight to witness as well as experience”, he explains.

The accomplishments he has made this semester include becoming the treasurer in the KSU chapter of AIAA (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics) and the Humanist Society of Kent State. His best achievement has been maintaining a GPA over a 3.3 while he ambitiously makes strides for his future. Kyle is very enthusiastic about getting involved and paying it forward to other students who are in need. He plans to “use this program to ascend to a higher level and be able to grant all of these things to people in need, in hopes that they may one day reach the same heights.” In one semester, Kyle has gone from student to student leader!

Morgan Clark, TRIO SSS Writing and Humanities Assistant nominated Kyle for this honor, saying: “I always hear positive things said about Kyle. He donated his money for Zip City so another student could attend, and he helped clean up a table in a dining hall at Columbus when students left it covered in dirty dishes. He is incredibly selfless and works hard.”
CELEBRATING SUCCESS

By Michaela Gearhart, TRIO SSS Tutor

Students in the TRIO SSS program here at Kent State have many inspiring stories to tell. The TRIO SSS program has been promoting academic, personal and professional aspects of student success. The students here have been involving themselves in these opportunities. One of these students is Braylon. Braylon transferred here from a university in Arkansas where he first began to be involved in the TRIO program. In an interview, he revealed a story of how the TRIO program here at Kent State touched his life:

“Another experience that really shaped me was I had a really bad semester and I think it was at the end of the year I was talking to Colleen when she was still here. She said we believe in you like you believe in TRIO. And we would love to give you this book scholarship. I immediately started crying because I got a D and an F that semester, so the fact that something positive came out—that was a big blessing for me. I used that money to get my books immediately and I used those books to help me get two A’s and two B’s.”

This story really speaks for itself. It just goes to show how students can seize an opportunity and make the most out of it. There are other instances, such as Cassaundra’s case, where she talks about a trip to Pittsburgh with the TRIO program. She explained the program activities, which included hearing different administrators speak about graduate programs. She also told us about a museum, the Andy Warhol Museum, which she didn’t even know was there until she visited. It really is experiences like this that shape us to be very diverse and well rounded in the future. It is evident that this experience has helped Cassaundra expand her knowledge about graduate programs.

In KaShala’s case, she started as a student in the program and eventually became a tutor. KaShala expressed, “There was a transitional period where I was a student and then I became a leader in the situation. I feel like they really encouraged me to not just help myself, but then come to all the events, start helping other people, and then all of a sudden, here I am the intern.” Students like Braylon, Cassaundra, and KaShala really shape the TRIO community and encourage all of us to be a part of making this university a better place.

Success Stories: As Told By The Staff

As told by Adam:

One of our students had struggled for multiple semesters to get through his basic math requirements. Having only one semester left to complete these requirements before enrolling in the pre-requisite courses for his NYC internship for credit, we put a game plan together and he attacked his courses head on. With the help of a tutor, he passed his last math requirements, ALL with B’s. He is currently enrolled and receiving credit for his internship this semester in New York City, where he is actively working within his field, pursuing his dreams and opening up the door to new opportunities he never thought possible just two short semesters ago. In addition to his current internship, he recently informed me that he was also offered a summer internship with Ross Stores. This is how I know #TRIOworks.

As told by Dondrea:

Like other students on our campus, our TRIO SSS students are overcoming life obstacles and achieving their self-defined success. Some of our students come from neighborhoods plagued with poverty and crime, but are still able to be effective peer leaders, mentors and scholars on our campus. We have students holding student organization positions in which they are responsible for increasing the cultural awareness and support for students at Kent State University. The students in our TRIO SSS program are phenomenal!

As told by Kristin:

During the academic year, I have had the wonderful opportunity to build relationships with our program students, and to watch their successes unfold. Working so closely with students and tutors, it is inspiring to see the dedication and drive that these students exhibit to reach their goals. One success story from this semester was seeing a student pass a class that was a requirement for his major. This was the second time he had enrolled in the course, and was frustrated with the subject. However, he knew what he needed to do to succeed, and made sure that he followed those steps to reach his goal. As this was a class that we do not typically offer tutoring for, we met in the fall to discuss different options for tutoring in the spring. He was able to receive tutoring for this course and attended sessions twice a week to improve his grade. His persistence and dedication was very moving. Watching him progress throughout the semester and finally reaching his goal truly encapsulates how TRIO really does work!
Congratulations to Our Grant Aid Recipients!

Each year TRIO Student Support Services and Kent State University award $50,000 in Grant Aid to eligible Program participants. Students receiving these funds can utilize them for educational expenses for the upcoming Academic year. Recipients of Grant Aid must have maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.0, and have proven to be active program participants in TRIO Student Support Services by attending tutoring sessions, workshops, events, and Academic Mentoring sessions.

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