



# ANNUAL REPORT TRiO - SSS 2016-2017

CMU TRiO Student Support Services assist participants in achieving their academic, personal and career goals. The purpose of TRiO is to increase the retention and graduation rates of its participants.

For CMU students to be eligible, they must demonstrate an academic need and meet at least one of the following criteria: be a first generation college student, have a documented disability or meet low-income qualifications. Eligible students complete an application process and must be accepted into the program.

## '16-'17 ACHIEVEMENTS

CMU successfully served 151 participants during the 2016-17 academic year.

**90%** GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING

**Good academic standing** is aligned with CMU's standards of academic achievement.

**83%** PERSISTENCE RATE

**Persistence rate** is defined as participants persisting from one academic year to the beginning of the next academic year or to those who have graduated from the institution.

**36%** SIX YEAR GRADUATION RATE

**Six Year Graduation Rate** is defined by the percentage of participants from the 2011-2012 cohort year who completed a bachelor's degree within six years of entering TRiO. Over 50% of the CMU student population is eligible for TRiO; those students outside of the TRiO cohort graduate at 25%/6 year ratio.

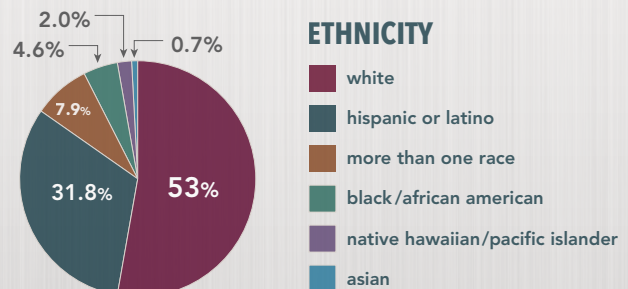
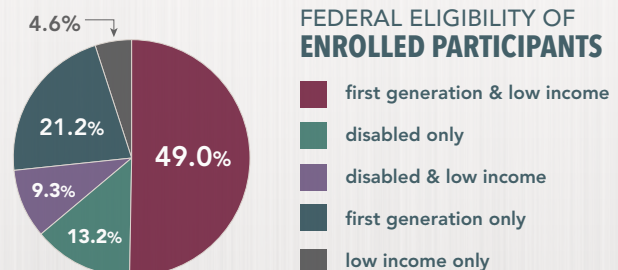
**\$8,000** TRiO GRANT AID AWARDED TO 11 PARTICIPANTS

**TRiO Grant Aid** improves student retention by reducing financial loan burden. It also provides incentives for active participants to make timely progress in their degree program.

## TRiO BY THE NUMBERS

**\$32,000** DANIELS FUND BOUNDLESS OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO 9 PARTICIPANTS

**Daniels Fund Boundless Opportunity Scholarship** improves retention by reducing financial barriers for students who are adult learners, GED recipients or previous foster care youth.







# 2016-2017 PROGRAM SERVICES

## PROVIDING DIRECTION...

**Advising services were provided to 78% of TRiO participants.**

This included counseling and advising about academic, career, graduate school and transferring universities.

## ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT...

**94% of participants benefitted from mentoring and counseling services.**

This included peer and professional mentoring and personal counseling.

## KNOWLEDGE IS POWER...

**Personalized academic tutoring services were received by 28% of participants.**

Peer tutoring services provide participants with academic tutoring, organizational coaching and a consistent tutoring experience in the FishBowl Study Lounge.

## MONEY MATTERS...

**Financial literacy and financial aid assistance was provided to 65% of participants.**

This included help with FAFSA, scholarships and personal financial literacy, including Dave Ramsey courses.

## EXPANDING THEIR WORLD...

**76% of students participated in informational workshops and cultural enrichment activities.**

These activities included the TRiO Kick-Off Success Conference, University of Colorado Gold Leadership Conference, and workshops on topics including academic skill building, personal development, career enhancement and community support.

## BUILDING COMMUNITY...

**66% of students gained a sense of belonging which is important to all students.**

Many participants utilize TRiO as a "home base." Services such as: peer coaches within the FishBowl Study Lounge, private study spaces, free printing and/or being involved in TRiO community service activities are a few of our most utilized services.

## DID YOU KNOW...

Colorado Mesa University students participating in Student Support Services are among approximately 790,000 students across the country, ranging from sixth graders to PhD candidates, benefitting from a pipeline of college opportunity programs known as TRiO. TRiO programs include Upward Bound, Veterans Upward Bound, Talent Search, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers,

Throughout the 2016-2017 academic year, TRiO-SSS provided more than 3,000 hours of services to 151 TRiO participants.

and the McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program. TRiO programs are designed to support first generation, low-income and disabled students in their pursuit of a college degree, which strengthens our workforce, economy and global achievements.



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