CMU TRIO Student Support Services assists 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 income eligibility. Eligible students complete an application process and must be accepted into the program.

**Participation Demographics**

- **TRIO Regular**: 150 participants
- **TRIO STEM**: 120 participants

**Good Academic Standing**
Aligned with CMU’s standards of academic achievement.

**TRIO Grant Aid**

- **$15,000**: 20 students awarded
- **$11,250**: 15 students awarded

Improves student retention by reducing financial loan burden. It also provides incentives for active participants to make timely progress in their degree program.

**Daniels Fund**
Boundless Opportunity Scholarship

- **$24,000**: 15 students awarded

Improves retention by reducing financial barriers for students who are adult learners, GED recipients, veterans, or previous foster care youth.

**Persistence Rate**
Defined as participants progressing from one academic year to the beginning of the next academic year or who have graduated from the institution.

**Six Year Graduation Rate**
45% Six Year Graduation Rate is defined by the percentage of participants from the 2016-2017 cohort year who completed a bachelor’s degree within six years of entering TRIO. Over 50% of the CMU student population are eligible for TRIO and those students outside of the TRIO cohort graduate at 34.1%/six year rate.

*TRIO Regular program

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Gaining Direction: Advising Services
Advising services were provided to **45% of TRIO Regular** participants and **54% of TRIO STEM** participants. This included counseling and advising about academic, career, graduate school and transferring universities.

Money Matters: Financial Literacy
Financial literacy and financial aid assistance were provided to **51% of TRIO Regular** and **46% of TRIO STEM** participants. This included help with FAFSA, scholarships and personal financial literacy including Dave Ramsey courses.

Hours of Service
Throughout the 2021-2022 academic year, TRIO-SSS provided **1,383 TRIO Regular** and **1,711 TRIO STEM** hours of service to their participants.

Personalized Academic Tutoring Sessions
Academic tutoring services were received by **13% of TRIO Regular** participants and **15% of TRIO STEM** participants. Peer tutoring services provide participants with academic tutoring, organizational coaching, and a consistent tutoring experience in the Fish Bowl and Bird's Nest Study areas.

DID YOU KNOW...
Colorado Mesa University students participating in Student Support Services are among approximately 812,000 student candidates, benefiting 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 and the McNair Post-Baccalureate Achievement Program. TRIO programs are designed to support first-generation, income eligible and disabled students in their pursuit of a college degree, which strengthens our workforce, economy and global achievements.