

TRIO Tribune



Hawkeye Community College

College Anyone?

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Starting or returning to college is a mixed experience for anyone. According to Dr. Gaddis, author of the book "Tips to Alleviate Pre-college Anxiety" many students "swim" these uncharted waters without a "lifesaver." She outlines the following recommendations to consider as you embark on your quest for academic success:

Attend Orientation. Some institutions require students to attend a "new student orientation" It is a great way to learn about student support services, campus organizations, classes to take/avoid, get familiar with the campus, and meet other students!

Apply for Financial Aid. For all colleges there are a

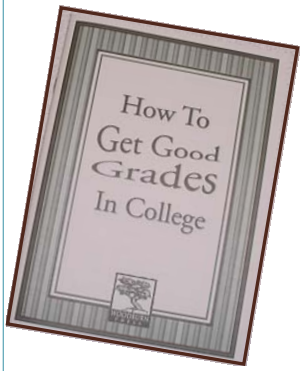
number of grants, loans, and scholarships that are based on financial aid and other factors that the FAFSA application determines. If you are unsure about the guidelines, the financial aid office in your college will guide you to the appropriate resources.

Register for classes early. If you "plan" ahead, this process is simple and works to your advantage, no long lines, or courses that are full and in many cases you can do it online and securing preferred course days/times.

Attend Class. Yes, it is important to clarify and remind students that attendance is part of the process. The first day of classes can have a great impact on the outcomes. Instructors

review course requirements, and other information to help you determine if this class is really a good choice. You can assess the teaching style of you instructor, learning environment and interaction with other students.

To help you "navigate" this process, stop by the TRIO Learning center and visit with on advisor and get additional resources including this **FREE** booklet.



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NEW AND RETURNING TRIO STUDENTS!

OPEN HOUSE AND WELCOME WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 Bremer 120

Meet the TRiO Staff



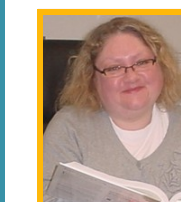
Darrell Jesse
Math



Stacey Reicherts
Advisor



Ruben Carrion
Director



Michelle Klingfus
Writing



John VonTersch

TRiO STARS: Show us your accomplishments



Let your accomplish-
ments **shine** bright

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Bring in any academic papers, projects, or tests/quiz with the grade of an **A** and receive a star to be posted up for all to see! Collect as many as you can!

Later in the fall term winners and prizes will be announced!



TRIO Academic Resources

Welcome back students! Here's a reminder of the many academic services available to TRIO students. In Bremer 120, TRIO has:

- *Our own computer lab with lab assistants (Debra and Tony) to help with computer needs and formatting issues.
- *We have Stacy Reicherts and John VonTersch as Academic Counselors to help with FAFSA, scheduling, and all academic-related issues.
- *We also have Darrell Jesse and Michelle Klingfus as Academic Specialists. Darrell is the Math Tutor and can help you with Math for Liberal Arts, Pre-Algebra, Elementary Algebra, and any other math-related problems. Michelle can help you with English courses such as Composition I/II, any writing courses, papers, researching, and proofreading your work.
- *Some websites that Darrell and Michelle use frequently are: www.math.com, www.mla.org, www.apa.org, and www.owl.english.purdue.edu.

*If you need a tutor in a certain discipline, please let us know and we will find you a Peer Tutor.

TRIO students can also use the Academic Support Center (ASC) for workshops, "how to" handouts, and help with access to online courses or email. The ASC is open Monday through Thursday – 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Another academic service available to TRIO students is Smarthinking. Smarthinking is an Online Tutoring service that helps students with Math, Biology, Psychology, Economics, Accounting, Statistics, Spanish, and Writing. This is a free account and it lets you access tutoring anywhere at anytime. Go to www.smarthinking.com and enter the username smart0506 and password hawkeyetutor. To use this service, complete the registration form, choose a new username and password, and login when you need help.

The TRIO staff encourages you to use all of the services available. Please let us know if you have any questions or need assistance.

August-September 2009 Birthdays

Tasha Hancock August 11
 Casey Niemeyer August 12
 Devon Scroggins August 14
 Megan Hill August 24
 Stephanie Gienau August 25
 Craig Moschle August 26
 Deborah Hubble August 27
 Latonya Anderson August 27
 Sherry Davis August 28
 Amanda Harrison August 28
 Melissa Curtiss August 29
 Amanda Bowers August 30

Christopher Dameron August 7
 Drew Poland August 8
 Joyce Levingston August 9
 Kelly Johnson (Jochims) September 19
 Kirk Haan September 19
 Marilyn Martin September 2
 Kandice Little September 2
 Alejandro Guzman September 2
 Michael Garrett September 28
 Tina Harmon September 6
 Roberta Gary September 6
 Meridee Bell September 9



Campus Events: Fall 2009 Kick-off

FALL 2009 KICK-OFF ACTIVITIES

Aug. 24: Faces in Fantasy Places

Aug. 25: Grocery Bingo, Noon

Aug. 26: Fall Fest, 11 am ô 1 pm, 4:30 ô 6:30 pm

Aug. 27: Wii Gaming Tourney, 3:30 pm

Aug. 28: Dating Game, Noon

Sept. 1: Scrapbooking, 11 am

Sept. 2: Wellness Center Open House, 10 am ô 2 pm

Sept. 3: Mini Golf/Go-Kart, Lost Island Water Park, 2pm

Sept. 8: Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?, 11 am

Sept. 9: TRIO OPEN HOUSE/WELCOME



Student Resources

O = The Student Health Clinic will be opening Monday, Aug. 17 with medical and mental health services. To schedule your appointment, please call 292-2295 until Aug. 17 or contact studenthealthcenter@hawkeyecollge.edu after Aug. 17, please call 296-4224.

Records and Registration

To view your grades, go to the Student Menu of SOAR and under the header —Academic Profile select the —Final Grades and GPA by Term link. Minimester grades are due from instructors on Tuesday, August 18, at 4:00 pm. They should be viewable on SOAR by 4:30 pm that day. If your grades are not dis-

played by 4:30 pm, please contact your instructor. As a reminder, Hawkeye does not mail final grades.

For more information, read the “ROYAL FLUSH” flyer posted around campus and read your Hawkeye email for important announcements and information from various college departments.

Financial Needs...

Hawkeye Foundation News

The Hawkeye Foundation would like to announce the new interest rate of **4.5%** for the McElroy and Fovall loan program. The McElroy loan criteria are as follows:

Must have a 2.75 cumulative GPA

Must have a co-signer; signer and co-signer must pass credit review

Must be at least half-time

Loan amount plus financial aid cannot exceed the cost of attendance

Loan amounts per semester are as follows: 6-9 credit hours—\$500; 10-11 credit hours—\$750; 12 or more credit hours—\$1,000. The Fovall loans are for females who also meet the same criteria as the McElroy. The loan amounts per semester are as follows: 6-9 credit hours—\$250; 10-11 credit hours—\$375; 12 or more credit hours—\$500.

Loan applications are available in the Foundation or Financial Aid offices. Questions – contact Muriel Poppens, Foundation Accountant at x1564 or mpoppens@hawkeyecollege.edu.

Transfer News

The Fall 2009 semester will have several dates available for college visits. If you are interested in checking out the following colleges and universities, contact John VonTersch for more information.

Sign up today!

UNI, Thursday, October 15 (tentative)

University of Iowa, Friday, October 30

**Iowa State University,
Monday, November 16**

**Wartburg and Upper
Iowa University, Waterloo Center will be arranged on an individual basis.**



Important Dates Fall 2009

August 26 Late Registration ends

September 6 Last day for full refund from 16 week courses

September 7 Labor Day College Closed

September 28 Last day to withdraw without penalty or 1st week session

October 15 Fall Semester midterm

October 19 Second week session begins

Ask us about a FREE calendar/planner

