Well-prepared college students will already know that there are a wealth of options to consider when looking to find money for college. They’ll also know that paying for college isn’t an easy feat and is usually accomplished by exploring all of the resources available – scholarships, grants, tax credits, and student loans. Perhaps the single most effective way to enhance consideration for financial aid from a college is to apply early. Awards are given on a first come, first-served basis and to apply often, as the more scholarships you strive for the greater the chance you’ll have to pay for school with the least amount of borrowing. Your TRiO advisor is your best resource to help you match with federal and state grants, scholarships and low interest student loans. During February and March, the TRiO-SSS Learning Center in collaboration with UNICUE-EOC program will assist participants with the filing process of the 2012-13 FAFSA application. Contact your advisor for additional information and scheduling of dates and times including upcoming scholarship application due dates for current and transferring students. More information on page 2.

2011-2012 TRO Scholarship Recipients

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If you are looking to transfer to a four year university, Iowa State University and Upper Iowa University advisors will have information tables set up to talk with students in the Brock Center.

Iowa State
February 29, 10:00-2:00
Brock Center

Upper Iowa University
February 8, 9:30am.-2:00 p.m.
March 12, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
April 11, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Brock Center

Advisors from the TRIO Program will be taking campus visits during the 2012 Spring semester:

ISU Multi-Culture Visit
Wednesday February, 22
Sign-up deadline February 16

UNI Friday February, 24
Visit for admitted students ONLY
Sign-up deadline February, 20

Wartburg Friday, March 23
Transfer visit day (if more than 5 participants sign up)
Sign up deadline March 19

If you are awarded a scholarship, Hawkeye will notify you by mail on or before May 1st. Hawkeye scholarship funds will be awarded to your student account. If your student account is less than what you have been awarded, the Business Services office will mail you a refund check.

The fall scholarship deadline is March 1, 2012. By completing one application, you are applying for dozens of scholarships. 1. Complete an application.

2. Register for classes by May 1, 2012. If you are awarded a scholarship, Hawkeye will notify you by mail on or before May 1st. Hawkeye scholarship funds will be awarded to your student account. If your student account is less than what you have been awarded, the Business Services office will mail you a refund check.

“"If you think education is expensive…Try ignorance.”
Andy McIntyre

Financial Aid Resources

The 2012-2013 FAFSA application became available January 1, 2012.

You will need your 2011 tax information for you or your parents (if you are a dependent student).

SSS Advisors will be available to answer questions as needed. File early to avoid verification issues and long lines in the Financial Aid Office! File at www.fafsa.ed.gov

FAFSA appointment dates:
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 8:30 – 11:15 (last appointment @ 11:15)
Thursday, Feb. 9, 8:30 -11:15 (last appointment @ 11:15)

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1:00-3:15
Monday, Feb. 20, 8:30 – 11:15 (last appointment @ 11:15)
Wednesday, Feb. 22, 8:30 - 11:15; 1-4 p.m.
Thursday, March 1, 8:30 - 11:15; 1-4 p.m.

Financial Aid Web Links

⇒ Scholarships for Hawkeye Students
⇒ I Have A Plan Iowa
⇒ Iowa Residents Scholarships
⇒ Non-traditional Student Scholarships
⇒ National Scholarships
⇒ African - American Student Scholarships
⇒ Service Scholarships
⇒ No SS# Required Scholarships
December 2012 Graduates

Angela Gillum, Medical Administrative Assistant  
Chasity Jordan, Early Childhood Education  
Redzep Hodzic, Business Administration  
LaTonya Anderson, Liberal Arts  
Lacey Halleck, Liberal Arts  
Tasha Hancock, Liberal Arts  
Charles Johnson III, Liberal Arts  
Jill Lawson, Liberal Arts

TRiO Celebrates Black History Month

To commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by people of African descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week. The first celebration occurred on Feb. 12, 1926. For many years, the second week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide with the birthdays of abolitionist/editor Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, as part of the nation’s bicentennial, the week was expanded into Black History Month. Each year, U.S. presidents proclaim February as National African-American History Month. Education plays a major factor in understanding the status of African Americans in the U.S. as it does for all citizens, consider the following:

- 2.9 M Blacks enrolled in college in 2010, a 1.7 million increase since 1990.  
- 1.5 M Blacks 25 and older had an advanced degree in 2010.  
- 18% of Blacks 25 and older had a bachelor’s degree or higher in 2010.  
- 82% of Blacks 25 and older had a high school diploma or higher in 2010.

“Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.”  
-Maya Angelou

Student Health Clinic

Are you stressed or going through life circumstances that may be affecting your learning? The Student Health Clinic at Hawkeye Community College has a new licensed mental health counselor. Her name is Adarienne Burrow, LMHC. She has been a counselor helping a variety of people for 10 years. If you need someone to talk to, she can help you work through your thoughts and feelings and developing coping strategies to assist you. To see if you have symptoms of depression, anxiety, an eating disorder, bipolar disorder, alcohol abuse or post-traumatic stress, take a free and anonymous Mental Health Screenings are available 24 hours a day online http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/screening/Welcome.aspx.

Source: 2010 American Community Survey  http://factfinder2.census.gov
TRiO Alumni Spotlight—Katrina Webbeking

Meet a phenomenal former TRiO student. Katie is nothing short of a miracle. She has overcome insurmountable circumstances but never stopped working and climbing for her education. At birth Katie was born with neurological deficits due to lack of oxygen in the womb. The doctors stated that she would never be able to do the “normal” things people are able to do such as driving, dating, etc. Doctors stated she would probably be in special education for the rest of her life.

As a child, Katie felt like an outcast and was ridiculed at school. She was told that she couldn't do things; she internalized the belief and figured that she couldn’t do much. But instead she allowed her pain to push her toward having a love for learning and for reading books. When she was in the 2nd grade, she was tested for comprehension in reading and scored at a high school reading level. Katie had graduated from Hudson high school because she had some positive role models who tried to push and contradict that inner belief.

Katie still carried the defective thoughts that were inside her and began to take a spiral downward due to peer pressure and poor choices. Katie wanted to believe what her positive peers said, but it was hard to believe. Katie ventured away from her parents to explore the world. She felt free and on her own. But at some point, she began to see she had no sense of purpose or direction.

In 1997, Katie came home and enrolled at Hawkeye Community College. She struggled her first semester. Katie was 20 years old going to school and struggling in the learning process. She had a baby, worked and spent time in battered women’s shelters. In 2000, Katie started at Hawkeye again. She was determined to make it against all odds. Katie went to school and worked. Because, Katie did not have transportation, students would sometimes give her a ride. Katie purchased overalls in order to be warm because she would walk 9 miles to school, work and back. Not only was transportation an issue; Katie was also homeless and would get ready in the bathroom of the city bus stop.

In 2000, she enrolled in the TRIO Program. Katie stated that for the first time she felt listened to and respected for her choices. It gave her the confidence she needed to keep going. She connected with other students who didn’t look at her like a “leper”. She gained a healthy sense of belonging that she had never got in her own family. Katie went on to UNI to and received her B.A. in Psychology and her M.A. in Mental Health Counseling. Katie has even taken some classes towards her PH.D. She completed her internship at Covenant Clinic Psychiatry and teaches classes here at Hawkeye Community College and Kaplan University. There are truly no words to describe Katie and her determination to succeed against major obstacles. She didn’t make excuses and kept going with the end goal in mind. She is truly an inspiration!!! We can’t wait to see where she will be in five years! Way to go Katie! Let your light shine!!

Sign up for the TRiO program!!!
Applications for Fall 2012 Semester are available. Apply online at: TRIO online or in Bremer 120

TRiO Potluck –March, 28, 2012

Attention all TRiO students. The TRiO Program is having another great potluck which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7. The potluck that was scheduled before winter break was well attended! Everyone brought great dishes, sides and desserts!!! Come out again and enjoy great fellowship with the TRiO staff and TRiO students. The sign up sheet to bring your favorite dish for the potluck is located in the TRiO office, Bremer 120. Hope to see you there!!!
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- 1st 8-week classes begin
- No class
- Last day to withdraw w/o academic impact (8 week session)
- TRiO Potluck

- 7 Ethnic Food Festival
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