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### TRiO Students Attend the Wanda Hendricks- Bellamy Student Leadership Conference

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The Wanda Hendricks-Bellamy Student Leadership Conference (WHBSLC) is an annual event sponsored by the South Carolina Council of Educational Program Personnel (SCCEOPP) at Myrtle Beach. Over the years, thousands of dollars have been generated by this affair and passed on to students through scholarships and grants.

Four of Central Carolina's TRiO students, along with the TRiO Director, Gwen Parker and TRiO Counselor, Sonia Blyther, had the privilege of attending the 11<sup>th</sup> annual WHBSLC held from January 16, 2009 to January 18, 2009. This year's



theme was "Enhance the Mind. . . In 2009." Jason Murray, Marla Stewart, Tequila Hunter, and Rasaan Younkins were exposed to several different workshops that focused on diverse topics such as leadership, community service,

financial management and how to increase one's personal power.

An interactive and comprehensive presentation entitled "Cops and Teens" was delivered during the opening plenary. This program was created



and developed by Senior Investigators Darnley Scoon and Kenneth Taylor of the New York State Police whose combined 47+ years of work experience and complimentary personalities allowed them to convey a meaningful presentation that students, teachers, parents and the community could relate to. These presenters used role reversals and the authoritative position of the police to depict the behaviors of teenagers and how they relate to the difficulties they encounter. It was a presentation enjoyed by all. *Continued on Page 3*

#### TRiO Tip of the Month

*With the start of a new semester resist the urge to slack off the first couple of weeks. If you fall behind now, you will have to make up the work when your busier.*

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### Important Dates to Remember

#### April Workshops

- April 1:** Professionalism in the Workplace (Ms. N. Williams)
- April 1:** Satisfactory Progress (Carrie Adams, Rm 104, 5pm)
- April 7:** Child Abuse Awareness (Gwen Parker)
- April 20:** Interview Skills (Ms. D. Woodward)

Reminder: You must complete **two workshops and two Financial Literacy trainings** per semester to remain an active student in TRiO.

#### Campus Visits:

**March 27:** USC-Columbia, Columbia, SC.

**April 24:** Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC

#### Other Meetings.

- April 22:** Tutor Meeting, 3:30 pm
- April 27:** TRiO Awards Night
- April 30:** Tutor Applications are Due

### Carnival Music in Trinidad: Continuity and Change in the African Diaspora



TRiO Student Support Services participants were invited Wednesday, February 25, 2009 to attend USC-Columbia's

“Carnival Music in Trinidad: Continuity and Change in the African Diaspora,” in honor of Black His-

tory Month. The program was sponsored by the Division of Arts and Letters and the South Carolina Center for Oral Narration.

The lecturer for the event was Mr. Jeff Jones, Instructor of Music at USC-Columbia. Mr. Jones opened by delighting the audience with a musical example of Trinidadian music on the brass drum. Mr. Jones shared history on Trinidad’s culture along with the evolution of Trinidadian music. He detailed the

make-up of the music which consists of the cutter, filler, and the boom through demonstration and video streaming. The experience was both entertaining and educational. Students who attended this event was given credit for attending a cultural event.

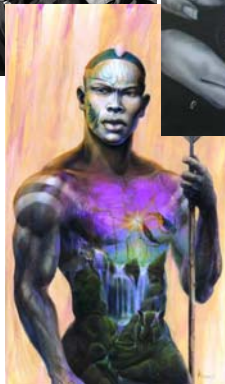
*G. Parker*

### Annual African American Heritage Test

TRiO Student Support Services conducted a “Test Your Knowledge” African American Heritage Test for participants in recognition of Black History Month. The test consists of seventy-five questions concerning present, past events and people. The student with the highest number of correct answers received a \$25 gift card, second place \$15 gift card, and third place a \$10 gift card. The winners of this gift card were Mr. Rasaan Younkins, Kyeenia Nix, and Antonia Mclean, respectively.



*G. Parker*



**Wanda Hendricks- Bellamy Student Leadership Conference Continued...**

The keynote speaker for the awards banquet was Demar Roberts who is a former participant in the WHBSL conference. He is a senior Political Science major at South Carolina State University and is employed by the Office of Alumni & Community Relations as the Program Coordinator.



He delivered a thunderous and momentous speech that focused on areas of health, empowerment, education and civic engagement. He urged the students to get involved and take advantage of all the opportunities afforded them. It was definitely an uplifting and unforgettable oration.

Also, Tequila Hunter was awarded the WHBSLC TRiO Leadership award at the banquet. This award was given to students who demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities, maintains a positive attitude, serves as a role model for his/her peers, is always respectful to others and exemplifies the 2009 theme "The Wanda

Hendricks Bellamy Student Leadership conference 2009. . . Where students come to be EDUCATED. . . ENTHUSED. . . and EXPECTED to EXCEL." Tequila did a great job in representing Central Carolina Technical College as well as the Student Support Services TRiO Program.

The WHBSL conference was not all about business. There was entertainment that helped to relax the mind. The students were able to attend a dance that featured a highly sought after disc jockey. In addition, there was a fashion show entitled "Rip the Runway" that highlighted casual and business wear. Jason Murray was a model in the professional wear category as he strutted the stage in his blue pin-striped Ralph Lauren suit. Rasaan assisted the ladies as they exited the stage after their runway walk. Tequila was in



charge of photographing the participants while Marla cheered everyone on. A great time was had by all.



From the clean rooms at the resort to the careful selection of the cuisine at the banquet, from the show-stopping entertainment to the beautifully dressed ladies and well-attired young men participating in the fashion show, from the extraordinary workshop topics to the amazing presenters and conference participants, the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual WHBS Leadership Conference is one to remember.

**WORDS OF WISDOM FROM A PROVEN LEADER**

*"Control is not leadership; management is not leadership; **LEADERSHIP IS LEADERSHIP.** If you seek to lead, invest at least 50% of your time leading yourself— your own purpose, ethics, principles, motivation and conduct. Invest at least 20% leading those with authority over you and 15% leading your peers and the remainder of your time pondering your investments." - Dee Hock*

**New Requirement for TRiO Students—Financial Literacy**

The Higher Education Act of 2008 mandates that TRiO Student Support Services programs are to improve financial literacy for students. To incorporate Financial Literacy Education, TRiO has implemented the use of Financial Literacy Online (<http://www.nslpflonline.org>).

This program analyses financial stress, credit card use, budgeting, long and short term financial goals, loan pay-backs, etc. The program is set in six segments to meet the goal of understanding finances.

It is mandatory that each TRiO member completes at least two segments of the Financial Literacy program each semester. The TRiO program tracks the progress of each student. To access the Financial Literacy website, go to MYCCTC and enter the TRiO group site. Click on the link and follow the instructions to gain entry. Printout your progress sheet and turn it in to the TRiO office to receive credit for completing the requirement.

Studies have shown that financial stress can have negative consequences ranging from reduced academic achievement to dropping out of school.

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Knowledge is of two kinds: we know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it.....  
-Samuel Johnson

TRiO Student Support Services is a federally funded program, that is committed to helping students become successful in their college career. It offers:

- ⇒ College Tours and Transfer Assistance
- ⇒ Cultural and Social Events
- ⇒ Financial Aid Assistance
- ⇒ Academic Assistance
- ⇒ Counseling Services
- ⇒ Workshops (Financial Aid, Interviewing Skills, Personal Finance, etc.)

All the services offered are free to Active TRiO Students.

**WE ARE ON THE WEB!!**  
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*Number of students served per year of funding: 160*

**USC-Columbia Diversity Leadership Conference**



Workshops such as *Pop Goes the Leader: Utilizing Pop Culture to Become an Effective Leader on Campus*, *Confronting the Rainbow Elephant in the Room* and *Evolving Your Leadership of Today into Your Career of Tomorrow*, provided opportunities for TRiO students to discover their potential and develop leadership skills. Students and staff were also challenged to recognize, appreciate and respect...not just tolerate others' differences.

TRiO Student Support Services is always looking for students who are interested in and would benefit from experiences such as the Leadership & Diversity Conference. Talk to your counselor to learn more about upcoming events!

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, a group of TRiO and other CCTC students attended the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Leadership & Diversity Conference held in Columbia. The keynote speakers were Melissa Shriver, the Director of Intercultural Affairs at the University of Georgia (<http://www.uga.edu/ica>) and T.S. Grant, an educator from Bowie, Maryland (<http://www.tsgrant.com/>). Both provided excellent insight into the meaning of leadership and diversity.

*Annie Jones*