Adriana Castillo ‘18
Little did I know that I would be building a huge community within Carleton by joining TRIO. I felt very welcomed and my relationships with the staff have helped me a lot. TRIO is a family—the biggest thing is they are there for you. You need that support to be successful at Carleton.

Patrick Wallace ‘19
TRIO has introduced me to some of the most well-rounded, intelligent people I will ever meet. I have had the opportunity to create longlasting friendships with people who have challenged me to consider new ideas and perspectives.

Gladys Cortes ‘19
TRIO really helps students prepare for their future. I’ve seen the way the older students offer their support and help the younger students. TRIO has outlets for leadership opportunities, either through serving as a TRIO mentor or making us aware of other opportunities on campus. There are always people from around campus who come to TRIO and meet with us to identify those outlets and offer support to us.

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What is TRIO?
TRIO is a set of nationwide, federally funded college opportunity programs, beginning as early as the sixth grade, that motivate and support students from qualifying backgrounds in their pursuit of a college degree. TRIO/Student Support Services (SSS) provides academic counseling, personal guidance, financial advising, and mentoring to current college students.

Who is Eligible?
Participants must be Carleton College students who are U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or refugees pursuing their first bachelor’s degree. They must also meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be a first-generation college student (neither parent has a baccalaureate degree)
- Come from a low-income household as determined by federal guidelines for family-unit size
- Have a documented disability

Opportunities and Expectations
Eligible participants admitted to the TRIO/SSS program receive and commit to the following:

- Individual advising with TRIO/SSS staff
- Academic workshops and professional development programming (one per term)
- Peer mentoring
- Textbook assistance
- Opportunities to attend retreats and cultural events

“Being in TRIO has certainly improved my life here at Carleton on academic, social, and financial levels.”
- Eliot Ayala ‘19

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