Meet the NEW TRIO Staff!

Trey Williams, the new Director, started at Carleton in November. He has a long history with TRIO, both as a participant and an employee at St Olaf College. Trey lives in Saint Paul with his wife Jamie and two-year-old daughter Avery. They’re expecting a new addition (a son this time) any day now.

Melanie Cashin, the new Assistant Director, started at Carleton in February. Melanie is new to TRIO. Previously, she worked as Assistant Director of MSU, Mankato’s Center for Academic Success. She continues to teach the occasional English course at MSU, and she’s nearly done with her MFA in Creative Writing. She lives in Faribault with her husband Matt and two sons: Will (9) and Eli (7).

Kristin O’Connell, the new Quantitative Skills Coordinator, moved to TRIO from the Science Education Resource Center (SERC) in March. Kristin is an ’04 Carleton grad who majored in geology. She lives in Northfield (on College Street, actually!) with her husband Jon and children Eliza (6) and Rowan (2).

Director’s Note By Trey Williams

Greetings!
As a new staff of Carleton’s TRIO/Student Support Services program we are excited to continue the legacy of assisting this amazing population in achieving their academic and professional goals. We are looking forward to connecting TRIO to the greater Carleton Community, thus creating a more inclusive dialogue.

TRIO has been a part of Carleton since 1981. During this time TRIO has played a prominent role in many students lives, and through innovative programming and targeted class-specific workshops, we look to continue this trend.

As Spring Term comes to an end we are sorry to say goodbye to our seniors but we wish them well in their future endeavors. They have helped transform TRIO into what it is today. On behalf of the staff we look forward to sharing and celebrating the History of TRIO and our students.
Many of our TRIO students are familiar with one of the unacknowledged challenges of the winter term: an intense application season for scholarships and fellowships. It is with great pride that we congratulate those of you who received the news you wanted to hear! One of TRIO’s spring joys is hearing the good news you shared with us, from acceptances to Off-Campus Study programs, to awards of two-year research support from the Mellon Mays Foundation, to summertime fellowship work. Make sure to congratulate your fellow TRIO students who shared snapshots of their awards, passions, and pursuits!

I received the Iseminger Scholarship. I am very grateful to be able to use the funds towards the Visions of California OCS program, which I am planning on participating in during Winter 2017 (my sophomore year). The program involves roadtripping down the coast of California with pitstops at major cities, cultural sites, and geographic landmarks along the way, such as Venice Beach and Yosemite National Park. I’m excited to see what that assertion beholds right in the heart of the Golden State, with the generous aid of the Iseminger Scholarship.

Kha Huynh ‘19

I was able to obtain the Carleton Summer Science Fellowship. This award will allow me to work in a research lab either at Carleton or at another institution for two summers with a summer stipend of $4200. I will be working with Professor Calderone in deciphering the enzymatic logic of secondary metabolite biosynthesis.

Phuong Nguyen Chemistry Major, ‘18

I was awarded the Professor Roy Grow Fellowship. I will be doing a case study on the ways that scholarship and academic disciplines were used to reinforce the powers of the “West” to aid their colonization of the “non-West.”

Jenny Nguyen, Art History Major, Medieval and Renaissance Studies Concentrator, WGS Concentrator, ‘17

I received Carleton’s Independent Research Fellowship. I will spend approximately 6 weeks in Milan, Italy working on Comps research focusing on a small Salvadoran immigrant community. I will be conducting in depth interviews with community members in order to better understand the dynamics of community formation, particularly among Latin-American immigrant communities in Europe.

Susie Pérez, SOAN & WGS, ‘17
Kudos continued

I plan to do Studio Art in the South Pacific. This OCS program is focused on water-color painting in nature as well exploring the different cultures in the South Pacific. I am really thankful for the Iseminger scholarship and I will use this Scholarship to help me with the expenses for Studio Art in The South Pacific.

Pa Yao Vue ’19

I received the Iseminger Fellowship. I am planning on attending the Paris study abroad program for spring of 2017. I can’t wait to study abroad, not only learn but to be immersed into another culture.

Brianna Fitzpatrick ’19

TRIO recognizes that a great deal of self-reflection and visioning was required for these applications. Whether you were awarded for your application or not, we are proud of your hard work and the growth you underwent through the winter term!

Winter Term Highlights
By Miguel Rincon Cervantes

Although Winter term was a bit cold and chilly, we still had some fun events to keep our heads up. The 1st year’s Winter retreat gave us the chance to establish a stronger community among the first-years and also introduce them to some of the resources we have here at Carleton. To build a stronger community among the 1st years, we had as much New Buffet as we could fill our stomachs with (my favorite activity), and we also played a few interactive games with Mellow Melanie and Terrific Trey. We also had Marynel Ryan Van Zee, the Director of Student Fellowships, and a Career Center Associate come to tell us about fellowships, internships, externships, and ways to get funding for these opportunities. Short PSA from the Career Center: if you ever need career help, contact Chue Lor.

On 6th Thursday, we had “When Money Does Grow on Trees,” our Winter term class act where we discussed our personal perceptions of debt and how these perceptions influence the financial choices we made and choose to make. We were lucky to have staff, including the Assistant Director of the GSC, Tegra Straight, come and share with us their insightful perspectives towards debt and student loans.

On 7th Friday, we cohosted Tropical Night with OIIl to bring a little bit of fun and sunshine to our chilly term. The sunshine and fun of that day were composed primarily of as much pizza, cookies, and fruit as your heart desired, chilling (no, not the same chilling we do as we go from class to class in Winter term), and also activities such as swimming, basketball, and volleyball.
Study Abroad Stories: Lisa Cheung & Mallory Mintz
By Brandon Marks

Carleton has a history of sending students on off-campus study programs. In fact, over 70% of students choose to study abroad at some point in their Carleton experience. Lisa Cheung, a Junior Biology major, and TRIO student from Chicago, IL just returned from the Biology in Australia & New Zealand program.

When asked about her experience and what she would say to students who are on the fence about studying abroad, Lisa had this to say: “I’ve met people who have different perspectives, backgrounds, and life experiences; it’s been a transformative experience that has shaped me into a more open-minded individual. ... This program has lead me to approaching many more doors of opportunities in other parts of the world that I would have, otherwise, never opened if I did not experience this off campus study.”

“Just being away from your normal environment is extremely riveting.
Be a thrill seeker; it definitely is worth the risk.”
Lisa Cheung, ‘17

Mallory Minzt, a sophomore Geology major from New York went to New Zealand with Carleton’s geology department for winter term.

She had this to say about her experience: “I really enjoyed the experience. As a Carl, someone who hopes to pursue a career as a research scientist, and member of a globally-connected culture, I feel an obligation to expand my horizons as widely as possible through such formative experiences in order to better inform my thoughts and actions. Leaving campus encouraged me to embrace my own independence in ways that the comfortable environment of Carleton just cannot; I was thrilled to travel independently before and after the program, as well as during midterm break. Academically, I found that there simply are no textbook equivalents to learning in the field—a million glossy photos in a textbook or a series of well-rehearsed classroom lectures just can’t compare to walking across a oceanside outcrop to better understand the concepts involved in the geology of a region. Missing the Minnesota winter was quite a perk as well!”
Upcoming TRIO Events By Lisa Au

May 2016

How Will My Identities Translate Abroad?

Wednesday, May 11th 4:30pm / Leighton 304

Join us for a discussion about navigating race, gender, sexuality, and class identities while studying abroad, led by a panel of returning students. Allies are welcome Co-sponsored by GSC, TRIO, OIIIL, and OCS.

Junior-Only Event

Friday, May 13th 4:30pm-6:00pm / TRIO house

Stop by the TRIO house for our juniors-only event! We'll have El Tri, hear networking tips from the Career Center, and discuss what you need and want from TRIO in your senior year!

TRIO (No Talent) Talent Show

Friday, May 27th 7:00-9:00pm / The Cave

Have a hidden (or not so hidden) talent? Need to a chance to be silly during Week 9? Want to relax with your peers? Then come to the Talent Show! Snacks and fun times will be provided!

June 2016

TRIO Picnic

Thursday, June 2nd 2:00-4:00pm

We've made it to Reading Days! Let's celebrate with good company, good food, and (we hope) good weather! You're welcome to bring your favorite dish to share, or just bring yourself!

TRIO Senior Open House

Friday, June 10th 12:00-1:30pm

Seniors! Bring your family and friends by the TRIO house one last time before you leave Carleton. Stop in anytime to say goodbye and grab a snack!
Alumni Spotlight: Brisa Zubia, ’05, Assistant Director of OIIIL
By Jojo Kuria

Tell us about yourself
I grew up with immigrant parents from Mexico. I wouldn’t have found Carleton though without Posse. Posse helped ease the financial burden and made it easier for my family to feel comfortable with me attending Carleton. I had two kids while at Carleton. I had my daughter my junior year and my son the following year.

What’s your first memory of TRIO?
My first memory of TRIO is with the old director of TRIO: Ritetta Turner. She is an absolutely amazing person. As soon as I walked into the TRIO house and met Ritetta I felt a part of the community. She reached out to me and tried to create a safe and welcoming community for TRIO students. Actually, I remember receiving paper work over the summer from TRIO, but I didn’t put much thought into it as I only saw the financial support. I didn’t realize the community that I would gain from being a part of the TRIO community.

What was your favorite part of TRIO?
My favorite part was having the opportunity to foster relationships with people I probably would not have otherwise been able to. For me TRIO broke stereotypes of people that I thought would fit into the TRIO student profile. It was powerful for me to realize that there is a bigger community that what I would have expected.

What is one piece of advice you would give to a TRIO student?
Find value and strength in where you came from. Remember that support and resources stem even further than just the Carleton TRIO community.

Thank Yous By Vanessa Martinez

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