Welcome Back!

We are excited for the start of this school year. This marks the first Fall Term for the entire professional staff (except Kathy, who has been our rock!) as well as the new TRIO programming. Our goal for this year is to spread the word about TRIO while continuing to support our students in achieving their specific goals.

As we enter our 35th year of TRIO at Carleton College, we look to acknowledge and celebrate the hard work and vision of past TRIO staff and students while creating a new vision for the future. We are excited to blaze a new path with the start of TRIO Awareness Week, happening week 6. We ask for your participation in the events we have planned in Sayles and the Great Hall. And, of course, feel free to stop down to the TRIO House and see us throughout the year.

All the best this term!

Trey Williams
We're "falling" for you, Class of 2020!

When one thinks of “fall,” changing leaves, apple picking, and brisk air comes to mind—not thirty-six groggy first-years thrown in a Weitz classroom on Saturday morning. This was exactly the scene at the start of the Fall First-Year Retreat, although our first-years would not stay groggy for long.

This year’s program made sure every student’s blood was pumping through energetic icebreakers, a dramatic reveal of mentor group assignments, an Amazing Race-inspired competition that sent students all across campus, and all-you-can-eat New Buffet. Overall, the retreat was an exciting community building and learning experience, for first-years, peer leaders, and staff alike.

We were lucky enough for Candace Koen, the Student Accounting Manager at the Business Office, to stop by the Weitz and give a run-down on reading tuition bills. She also provided valuable insight on the financial side of off-campus study and fellowships. In addition to encouraging financial literacy, we had a scavenger hunt (a new initiative this year) that led mentor groups to all sorts of offices on campus, where staff were on hand to present first-years with team tasks and information on resources. After collecting goodies from SHAC, browsing through externship, Iseminger Scholarship, and OCS program information, and doing some quick research using the Libe’s catalog resources, first-years returned to the TRIO house ten times the richer in Carleton wisdom. Peer leaders then presented an advice panel regarding personal experiences in transitioning to Carleton as low-income, first-generation students. First-years listened intently whilst chowing down on New Buffet noodles and orange chicken, feeling at home in the TRIO house. Dean Livingston even made an appearance and graced us with one of her classic uplifting speeches!

We expect that there will be many more opportunities to see TRIO’s first-year class all together. We wish them an amazing first year at Carleton and hope they will stop by the TRIO house often to tell us of all the great work they are doing!
MEET OUR TRIO PEER LEADERS

The TRIO peer leaders help fellow TRIO students thrive at Carleton through a variety of efforts. Peer leaders plan and coordinate many activities, mentor first year students, and help the TRIO staff develop successful programs.

LISA AU ’18
Lisa is a chemistry major from San Francisco, California. Her interest in environmental sustainability has led her to participate in summer research programs as well as study abroad trips to China and soon to India and Japan. At Carleton, she is involved in Energy Club.

MIGUEL RINCON-CERVANTES ’18
Miguel Rincon Cervantes is a Biology major and Latin American Studies concentrator from Riverside, California. He is a member of LASO (Latin American Student Organization) and CANOE (Carleton College Nature and Outdoor Enthusiasts). Miguel is a runner and an animal-lover, however he is a bit scared of the snakes in his Animal Physiology lab.

LISA CHEUNG ’17
Lisa is a senior Biology major with a Biochemistry concentration from Chinatown, Chicago. She is currently the co-chair of Coalition of Hmong Students and enjoys learning more about other cultural groups. Her hobbies include exploring the outdoors, playing sports, and cooking. A fun fact about her is that her family has seven members who are all women.

PAULINA HOONG ’18
Paulina is a psychology major and a cross-cultural studies concentrator from Fairmont, Minnesota. On campus, Paulina is the editor-in-chief of The Salt, Carleton’s satire publication, and a member of ASIA club. She likes to bake, write, and discuss politics. She spent last summer in China on a Chang-Lan Fellowship exploring Chinese culture through food.

KHA HUNYH ’19
Kha is an intended American studies and computer science double major from Boston, Massachusetts. On campus, Kha oversees the QuestBridge mentoring program. She also is a new member of the Science and Religion Discussion Group and Lovelace, a club that promotes gender diversity in CS. Kha likes to bike, read, and write poetry/creative pieces.

SABRINA VELASCO ’18
Sabrina is a Psychology major and a Neuroscience concentrator from Los Angeles, California. She is currently the co-director of WHOA! Hip Hop Dance Company. Sabrina loves to talk about the Disney franchise, animals (especially penguins), and many more random topics. She spent this past summer earning her certification in becoming a nurse assistant.
Trio Awareness Week

Socioeconomic status awareness is a pressing concern because it has become the biggest issue on campus that is never talked about. Historically, Carleton's campus climate has silenced conversations around socioeconomic issues, as many students feel uncomfortable talking about class and wealth. Additionally, some students are unfamiliar with TRIO. Through our first-ever TRIO Awareness Week, we will encourage conversations about TRIO and socioeconomic issues on campus by providing opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to learn about our organization, as well as the diverse socioeconomic spectrum at Carleton. All of our activities will accumulate to our big event on Friday: #CarlTalk: The Biggest Issue on Campus Is One We Never Talk About. In the Great Hall we will give space in a campus-wide community setting for discussion and reflection on socioeconomic status.

Tuesday: Wear Your Apparel

Sayles Tabling  
October 18th, 8am-5pm / Sayles Great Space
What better way to raise awareness than by becoming a walking, talking TRIO billboard? Stop by the TRIO table in Sayles for free buttons, pins, highlighters, and more! Wear your TRIO shirt and button if you have them and let (Carleton) know that you support TRIO.

Wednesday: Did You Know?

Sayles Tabling  
October 19th, 8am-5pm / Sayles Great Space
Help increase visibility of the Carleton’s TRIO-eligible population by contributing to a large, collaborative art display in Sayles! Stop by the TRIO table for more information on how to make your mark.

Screentime  
October 19th, All day / Campus-wide
Check out cool facts about socioeconomic status and TRIO on TV screens all around campus! Let’s get the conversation going.

Thursday: Financial Literacy and RealTalk

Sayles Tabling  
October 20th, 8am-5pm / Sayles Great Space

TRIO FAFSA Workshop  
October 20th, 12-1pm / Willis 203
With the new financial aid application process for 2017-2018 year, TRIO teams up with Student Financial Services to help TRIO students complete their FAFSA. Bring your 2015 tax returns, a computer (if you have one), and your questions. Get a jumpstart on the application!

RealTalk with SAO  
October 20th, 9am-6pm / Sayles Great Space
As part of SAO's Realtalk series, come engage in conversation about socioeconomic status and diversity with SAO and TRIO Peer Leaders! Enjoy (free) fries while discussing important topics. All are welcome to stay as long or as short as you like—every individual's voice matters in this inclusive safe space. Then, continue the conversation on Friday at #CarlTalk.

Friday: Class Act

Sayles Tabling  
October 21st, 8am-4pm / Sayles Great Space

#CarlTalk: The Biggest Problem We Never Talk About  
October 21st, 4:30-6:00pm / Great Hall
This is it! This year, Class Act makes its return as #CarlTalk. Join us for a dinner, panel, discussion, and more surrounding socioeconomic issues on campus. Hear real stories that students have submitted on their experiences with socioeconomic status, snap to spoken word performances, and relish in the rare opportunity to engage in peer-to-peer discussions on traditionally silenced topics. Help encourage the continuation and cultivation of socioeconomic conversations and inclusion on campus! Dinner will be provided.
WHAT DID YOU DO THIS SUMMER?

TRIXIE DAO ’18
This summer, I had an internship in the Marketing and Data departments of a company that works primarily in fashion, beauty and luxury, during which I had the opportunity to work in a dynamic and diverse work environment and gain transferable skills. While living in Paris and working at Launchmetrics, not only was I fully immersed in French language and culture during the day, but I was also surrounded by it in my everyday life, whether it be at home, at the grocery store or on my daily commute. The company has its roots as a start-up and still has that vibe to it, which I really enjoyed and it was filled with incredibly interesting, innovative people.

NICK GROSS ’19
This past summer I taught environmental engineering to 8th graders in a Boston public school. It was for a program called Generation Teach, a summer academy students attending local public and charter schools in the Boston area are able to apply to. In addition to working in a building without air conditioning in the humid Boston summer, I learned about the diverse backgrounds many young students come from and participated in urban education reform.

CLARISSA SMITH ’19
This summer I did research in Deborah Gross’ Chemistry lab here at Carleton. I tested the efficiency and emissions of different cookstove prototypes. The stoves, built by the ENTS professor Tsegaye Nega, run on wood pellets and are intended for use in both urban and rural Ethiopian homes.

FINANCIAL LITERACY: FAFSA EDITION
Did you know FAFSA guidelines are changing for the 2017-2018 school year? Beginning this October, students will complete the FAFSA using prior-prior year tax information (that means you’ll use 2015 taxes—the same information you used last year).

Complete the FAFSA between October 1 and January 4 and have your financial aid package in hand as soon as February! For more information and a complete list of deadlines, visit https://apps.carleton.edu/campus/sfs/applying_aid/New_Instructions/.

Additionally, TRIO and Student Financial Services will provide FAFSA assistance during TRIO Awareness Week.
What: FAFSA Workshop
When: Thursday, October 20, 12-1 p.m.
Where: Willis 203
Details: Bring your 2015 tax returns, a computer (if you have one), and your questions. We’ll help you get a jumpstart on your 2017-2018 financial aid package!
Thanks to Kristin O’Connell, TRIO’s new webpage allows students, parents, faculty and staff, and alumni to easily navigate through the many resources that TRIO provides. Additionally, the webpage gives a brief introduction about what TRIO is and what its mission goals are, biographies of the peer leaders, and provide access to TRIO’s application for prospective students.

VISIT US AT:
https://apps.carleton.edu/campus/trio/

For anyone interested in keeping up to date with TRIO hosted events, you are able to subscribe to our calendar! First, visit our website at https://apps.carleton.edu/campus/trio/. Next, click on “More Events” on the TRIO Events calendar located to the right of the home page. From there, if you scroll all the way to the bottom, you can click “Subscribe to this Calendar.” This allows you to save the calendar to your computer.

Additionally, if you would like to import the calendar to your Google Calendar, right-click on “Download Events” and copy the link. Go the your Google Calendar, select “Other Calendar:” and click “Add by URL”. Finally, paste the copied link and you should be subscribed to our calendar!