

# TASSSP 2017 Conference: Concurrent Sessions

Monday, February 27, 2017

Concurrent Session I

10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Workshop Title	Presenter	Target Audience	Description	Room Assignment
TRiO 101: A must for all new TRiO personnel	Guy Melton, Tony Hall	Newcomers	This workshop will provide new TRiO professionals information about 1) the legacy and history of TRiO, 2) federal regulations and policies of TRiO federal programs, 3) TRiO Associations on the national and regional levels, and 4) the current priorities of program service delivery.	Gemini
<b>PART I:</b> Getting Students Ready for College Life (Fusing Fun and Financial Literacy)!	Deborah McClean	UB, UBMS, TS	How do you fuse financial literacy with a fun experience? Money Camp is an interactive program that infuses interaction and energy into student transition and financial literacy. Come learn more about how this financial literacy tool can help transform your student's learning experience.	Orion
High Impact Practices for McNair Scholars Program	M. Dynyel Miller, James Remelius	McNair	Scholars are required to participate in graduate school preparation seminars, present at research symposiums/conferences, enroll in a research methods course, and attend GRE preparation seminars. During this session presenters will discuss seminars offered, the summer research experience, and research symposiums/conferences. This session will demonstrate the effectiveness of these services therefore increasing student knowledge and preparation for graduate education. Sample calendars, outlines, and agenda from seminars will be provided.	Pegasus
Achieving Success Through Learning Communities	Ricardo Burciaga, Claudia Guerrero	SSS	Achieving success for incoming Freshman begins with strong learning communities. This presentation will highlight a model implemented at University of Texas in El Paso. The session will be beneficial to SSS programs in generating discussion to examine different options that can assist SSS participants to achieving academic success.	North Star
Fostering Non-Cognitive Skills within the Pre-Collegiate Population	Jaime Herrera Stacy Saenz	TS, UB, UBMS	TRiO programs are vital in providing the skills and tools needed for low income and first generation students to be successful in college. In this workshop, the presenters will discuss several key non-cognitive factors and how to cultivate them within your student population.	Phoenix

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Concurrent Session II

1:35 p.m.-2:50 p.m.

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Take Pride in Being a TRiO Leader (New Comer)	Brad Gifford, Priselda Perez, Andrew Gonzalez, Selena Ceja	Newcomer	The objective of this presentation will be to inform seasoned and new TASSSP members about the importance of participating in this great association. This presentation will provide members with ideas/strategies about how to manage your responsibilities to your grant while serving as a leader for TASSSP, SWASAP, and COE	Gemini
<b>PART II:</b> Getting Students Ready for College Life (Fusing Fun and Financial Literacy)!	Deborah McClean	UB, UBMS, TS	How do you fuse financial literacy with a fun experience? Money Camp is an interactive program that infuses interaction and energy into student transition and financial literacy. Come learn more about how this financial literacy tool can help transform your student's learning experience.	Orion
Participant Involvement & Best Practices for the Disbursement of Supplemental Grant Aid	Melinda Arevalo	SSS	Determining who is awarded Supplemental Grant Aid can be a difficult process. In this session, the presenter will discuss the best practices and strategies in awarding grant aid.	Pegasus
Maintaining & Developing Partnerships with Community Liaisons	Carla Dominguez	EOC	Partnerships with community, organizations, and public officials is vital to the success of Educational Opportunity Centers in serving their participants. This presentation will allow program staff to discuss key factors in developing and maintaining partnerships with community liaison.	North Star
Preparing for a Successful Summer Program	Myra Barrera, Vanessa Almazan	UB, UBMS, TS	The planning of a summer component can be a daunting task without proper preparation. The goal of this session is to share the best practices and ideas in preparing for the summer component.	Phoenix

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**Concurrent Session III**

**3:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.**

<b>Workshop Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Target Audience</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Room Assignment</b>
Be at the Table vs Being on the menu	Al Bacon, Regan Metoyer	Newcomers	The objective of this presentation will be to discuss and share strategies that will assist TRiO staff work closely with community leaders and stakeholders to educate them about the TRiO programs in their communities. This presentation will provide the audience with ideas and strategies to assist them with building relationships with key target school personnel, school district leadership, and community partners. Presentation will provide strategies that will be helpful to all TRiO staff as they continue to be advocates for their students	Gemini
How to Build a Student Access Bridge to Ensure Post-Secondary Success	Aaron Patterson, Yvette Ramos	All Programs	More students than ever are being admitted to college unprepared for the rigor of post-secondary education. Presenters will provide innovative solutions on how TRiO programs are building innovative summer bridges to help students gain access to competitive colleges, avoid non-credit bearing remedial courses complete first year college requirements and enter graduate school or pursue a successful career after college.	Orion
Creating a FORMidable Program!	Bindy Tice Kraig Curry	SSS	Are you a new Project Director or staff member? Have you ever wondered what forms other TRiO programs are using? In this session, the presenters will share some of the forms that have been created for use in our own TRiO SSS programs. Others are encouraged to share their forms and offer suggestions to create efficient and effective programs.	Pegasus
BOT-BLUMEN Online Database for TRiO	Neeraj Seth	All Programs	Blumen Online Version for all TRiO programs is now available on the app stores for most smart devices. You can access your data from any web browser which means no installations. Learn more about the tools BOT provides it TRiO users.	North Star
Pathway Literacy: Reframing Financial Literacy	Heath Alexander	All Programs	As TRiO programs provide workshop and tools, there also needs to be an emphasis on graduating on time with less debt. Come to this session to engage in discussion about "Pathway Literacy" and hear how to use data and financial aid to make a greater impact on your student outcomes.	Phoenix

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**Concurrent Session IV**

**9:10 a.m.-10:25 a.m.**

<b>Workshop Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Target Audience</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Room Assignment</b>
Strategies for Increasing Student Retention and Achievement	Andrea Hathcote, Satoya Dodd, Greg Parham	All Programs	Student retention is a vital part of a successful TRiO Program. Research shows that students stay in programs and work harder for people with whom they connect. This session will explore specific strategies that can be used to build rapport and trust. The strategies are practical and can be implemented upon return to your campus.	Gemini
Recruiting TRiO Alumni to Advocate and Mentor	Gilbert Morales	All Programs	Alumni are essential to TRiO advocacy and can serve as influential mentors to our current students. This session will go over best practices on how to recruit and engage TRiO alumni for advocacy and mentorship. In addition, this session will go over progress of the TASSSP and SWASAP alumni networks.	Orion
GRE Preparation Series for McNair Scholars	James Remelius	McNair, SSS	An essential part of McNair Scholars Program is GRE instruction. The McNair Program at Texas A&M Kingsville implemented the Magoosh GRE software to assist the scholars in improving their scores. In this workshop the presenter will provide study guides for the 10 week summer experience, a 6 month study guide for the scholars, agendas from the seminars and information on additional seminars.	Pegasus
TRiO Student Support Services: How institutional context influences program success and student retention	Jackie Pedota	SSS	This session explores the findings of literature review that discusses the intersection of SSS success and institutional context as there is a gap in understanding the type of college and university environments that promote the most successful outcomes for SSS programs and the participants. In addition, the session seeks to identify institutional characteristics that best assist in creating a campus environment where TRiO programs and students can thrive and provide recommendations for policymakers and student affairs professionals.	North Star
Weathering the Political Changes in DC	Renee Hawkins	All Programs	As TRiO programs enter a new era of a presidential administration, there are many questions about the future of the Department of Education and TRiO funding. In this session, the presenter shares her insight and experience having served under three U.S Presidents while Director of TRiO Student Support Services Program.	Phoenix

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**Concurrent Session V**

**10:35 a.m.-11:50 a.m.**

<b>Workshop Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Target Audience</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Room Assignment</b>
TASSSP Legislative Affairs	Priselda Perez Brad Gifford, Selena Ceja	All Programs	The objective of this presentation will be to inform seasoned and new TASSSP members about the importance of participating and attending Policy Seminar and contribute to COE Fair Share. The presenters will discuss ideas and strategies about how to utilize program funds to attend Policy Seminar as well as gain valuable information about what takes place and how when attending Policy the impact that we make as a regional organization.	Gemini
Mentoring the Non-Traditional Adult Learner	Dr. Deborah Thigpen	EOC, SSS, McNair	Many universities and colleges are experiencing an increased growth in the enrollment of non-traditional learners especially those wanting to make career changes. The purpose of this presentation is to discuss ways to plan, implement, and maintain sustainable mentoring programs with an emphasis on the non-traditional learner in institutions of higher learning. Participants will learn and discuss strategies for mentoring non-traditional adult learners and become aware of various mentoring programs.	Orion
TRiO SSS + Financial Literacy= Success!	Brittany Barnett	SSS	In this session, the presenter will discuss the overall financial needs of TRiO students, how TRiO SSS personnel can be the ultimate resource for student success, how campus collaboration plays major role, effective participant Financial Literacy workshops topics of financial aid, budgeting and supplemental grant aid, and tips for creating successful workshop.	Pegasus
Campus Carry	Randy Melton	All Programs	During the last session of the Texas Legislature, Senate Bill 11, commonly known as Campus Concealed Carry was passed. Senate Bill 11 amends the Government and Penal Code to authorize concealed handgun license holders to carry a concealed gun on college and university campuses. This session will provide attendees to ask questions, learn more about CCL, and how it impacts TRiO programs at public institutions.	North Star
Mastery Prep: ACT vs. SAT: What the Changes to the SAT Mean for your students.	Oliver Pope	UB, UBMS, TS	It has nearly been a year since College Board significantly redesigned the SAT. In the same time frame, the ACT has remained largely unchanged. What does this mean for your students? In this session, the presenter delves into the comparison of both assessments and what is the best path for any student. Attendees will hear discussion of real examples taken from a publicly available SAT and ACT practice test, review the details of Mastery Prep's extensive test research, and learn important distinctions between the tests that can guide student or organization in their approach to test preparation.	Phoenix

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**Concurrent Session VI**

**2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m.**

<b>Workshop Title</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Target Audience</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Room Assignment</b>
Innovative Interventions to Increase Retention and Graduation	Syma Moody	All Programs	This presentation will discuss the recent Priority 3 workshop in San Antonio. The session will review evidence-based Retention and Graduation models, Innovative interventions to increase retention & graduation, and applying evidence -based interventions to TRiO.	Gemini
Achieving Great Tutors: A Guide for Training	Danna Baggett	All Programs	Training is essential to achieving great tutors. This session will focus on Tyler Junior College's Apache Tutoring Program which is nationally certified through the College Reading and Learning Association (CLRA). Attendees will learn about topics covered in new tutor training, CLRA certification training provided through each semester, and get involved in a hands-on activity about ethical situations in tutoring.	Orion
Students with Disabilities: How Do I know & What Can I do?	Andrea Hathcote	All Programs	Students with disabilities are already part of our population but many programs are seeing a rise in the number of students with disabilities that they serve. This session will focus on four disabilities ADHD, Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, and Dyslexia. For each disability, characteristics will be discussed as well as strategies to work with each type of individual.	Pegasus
Early FAFSA and Tips for a Financial Aid Event	Molly Garrett	All Programs	Learn about the big financial aid changes (early FAFSA and PPY tax data) along with tips on how to prevent the headaches that commonly come with filing the FAFSA and the next step.	North Star
Using Technology in TRiO	Melinda Arevalo	All Programs	Technology has become a necessity for most TRiO programs. In this workshop, the presenter will discuss options and strategies on how to best utilize for engaging and serving students. PLEASE NOTE: THIS SESSION WILL BE HANDS ON, SO BRING YOUR LAPTOPS AND TABLETS.	Phoenix