# Our Mission and Purpose

TRIO Student Support Services is an academic support program designed to increase the academic performance, retention and graduation rates of participants.

SSS offers academic advising, financial aid counseling, career/major counseling, personal support, one-on-one & group tutoring, academic support programs, computer training, mentoring programs and cultural/social activities.

# \*\* Important Reminders\*\*

<u>Tutoring</u> slots available. Must be a participant. See Krista to sign up.

<u>Cash Course</u> everyone needs to complete this to be a part of TRIO.

Sign up to be a Mentor or Mentee! Contact Sharon Blackfox



# Cries from the Basement September 2017

TRIO is spotlighting **Dawn Schuermann** for the month of September.



Dawn is a junior who is majoring in Elementary Education. She is married and has two children in elementary school. Her college career began shortly after substitute teaching for a 2nd grade teacher who was dying of cancer.

After the death of the teacher she was told the teaching position would be opened and that if she would have had her teacher's certificate she would have had the job. After teaching a full semester and bonding with fifteen little second graders, it was a harsh realization she needed to go back to school. Many members of the school staff encouraged her to go back to school and get her teaching certificate. At the ripe age of 39 she enrolled at NSU and started working hard on her studies. It wasn't until she met James Pathkiller from her history class that she found out about TRIO. TRIO has made a huge difference in her perception of college. She went from not knowing anyone at NSU to feeling like she belonged here. Since joining TRIO she has made many friends, attended workshops, tutor sessions, and truly feels like TRIO has made a difference in her college experience. She believes

she owes her college success to the incredible TRIO staff and the services TRIO provides.

Dawn, TRIO is so proud of you and for your desire to get your education! TRIO works!

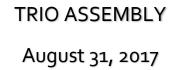
TRIO Staff would like to thank Dr. Turner, Dr. Freeman, Dan Mabery, Dr. Landry, Julia Carlo, Dr. Cochran, and Dr. Cambino for attending the TRIO Assembly. It was a great success. Thank you TRIO students for attending and for our guest presenters, TRIO Alumni Jahna Hill and TRIO student/Mentor Nick Fields for your words of wisdom and encouragement! We would also like to thank all those who donated items and food! Special thanks to Dan Mabery for cooking the hot dogs and for Jeff Walker in helping!

































Some of our Door Prize Winners! Congratulations to all of our winners!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To those celebrating in September!

Tammy Armer Gabriel Mouse

Cally Bond Karissa Pierson

Darien Calicott Larry Price

**Quincy Dotson** Sammie Sparks

Susan Hall Haylee Strawser



Windowski moses

From Lena, Krista & Sharon

# **TRIO Mentoring Program**

Mentors develop Leadership Skills Will provide freshmen and sophomores with a one-on-one peer mentor who will give guidance and the essential skills to navigate through college and achieve overall success.

Mentees develop

Team building Skills



Group meetings once a month.

Interested in becoming a mentor or a mentee.
Contact Sharon at blackfos@nsuok.edu



One-on-one peer mentor

# Meet our newest Tutors for 2017-2018



Joseph LaTurner – specializes in Cost Accounting, Finance, Accounting, Micro, Macro, Quant Methods



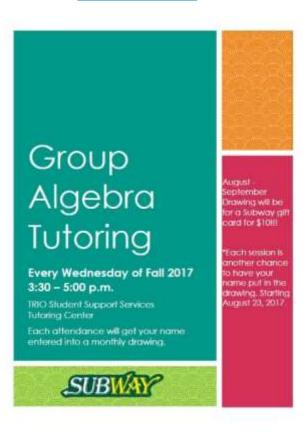
**Tessa Adams** – specializes in Bio, Anatomy, Algebra, Chem 1, Physics I & II



**Luke Dennis** – specializes in College Algebra, Chem 1 & 2, Bio, Stats, Calc 1

Tutoring slots available for fall semester! Must be a TRIO participant and fill out a tutor request. Contact Krista as soon as possible.

**Group Tutoring** 



Peer tutoring







# **FASFA Application**

Reminder for the 2018-2019 Academic Year

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) is awarded on a first come first serve basis, so apply as soon as possible.

Start applying after October 1, 2017 for the academic year 2018-2019. Using income tax information from 2016.

FASFA http://StudentAid.gov/fsaid

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# Sites

# TRIO Links

# Online Application

https://offices.nsuok.edu/studentsupportservices/SSSHome.aspx

### Cash Course

http://www.cashcourse.org

## Online Workshops

https://www.studentlingo.com/nsuok

Every day may not be good but there is good in every day."

# In Memory of Michael Blossom



Sometimes people come into your life for only a short time but they leave a lasting impression. Michael is a Native American, first generation student who enrolled in SSS with his wife Crystal, spring 2017. He declared his major in Sociology. Michael is survived by his wife and two children. You will be missed Michael, as several TRIO students remembered you working on your assignments in the TRIO computer lab and library.





