Hello TRIO Students!

On behalf of the TRIO and HOOP of Learning Programs, I would like to welcome you back to another fabulous fall semester at SMCC. I hope the summer break was invigorating, refreshing and reflective. We are animated about the new academic year and learning opportunities that await us. I believe this will be a magnificent school year filled with many challenges, breathtaking experiences and delightful memories. On another note, I regret to inform you that the TRIO community has encountered some adversity in relation to program funding. During sequestration, which went into effect on March 1, 2013, TRIO received another cut of about $44 million for FY2013. This means that beginning the 2013-2014 program year, individual grant awards were reduced by 5.23% and approximately 40,000 fewer students will be served by TRIO.

At this time, we ask for your continued support and advocacy for TRIO programs. Please reach out to your local Senators or Congressmen and inform them that TRIO Works! We have a 45 year history of student success and hope to add to that legacy. We need your voice to make education a priority for our nation.

Finally, I urge you to let your success and accomplishments happen with purpose and not by chance. Remember, “Dreams are never too big and dreamers are never too small.” Good luck and make this semester a memorable one.

The following parents were recognized for their dedication and commitment to education during the 5th Annual Upward Bound banquet on Saturday, May 11, 2013. (From Left to Right) Salvador Marmolejo, Maria Marmolejo, Rebecca Lopez, Graciela Carrasco, and Ana Barrera.

Thank you for your support of Upward Bound!

Upward Bound Photo Memories

Hermanas Conference

Physics 101 Saturday Academies

Hollywood Walk of Stars

Upward Bound on Facebook

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In March 2013 our Upward Bound students traveled to Los Angeles, California for a west coast college tour. Students visited Occidental College, Cal State LA, and the University of Southern California. Students also had the opportunity to participate in a cultural event at the Museum of Tolerance.

Ruben Saenz, TRIO Director
The Upward Bound banquet “You have to want success as much as you want to breathe” was held on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at the Doubletree Guest Suites Phoenix Hotel. Marilyn Torres (South Mountain Community College Storytelling Faculty) was the special guest speaker.

The following students received special awards and recognition:

**Academic Excellence**
- Carlos Perez
- Alicia Ovante (Left)
- Rachel Lopez (Right)

**Humanitarian**
- Destiny Marner (Left)
- Crystal Lachapelle (Right)

**Perseverance**
- Dulce Marmolejo (Left)
- Jose Velez (Right)

**TRIO Spark**
- Keyondrea Scott (Left)
- Crystal Lachapelle (Right)

**PEER Award**
- Crystal Lachapelle
- Rachel Lopez

Students were recognized for their dedication and commitment to education and excellent attendance.

**Achievement Certificate**
- Algelia Burton
- Isela Devora
- Diana Esquivel
- Kenia Garcia
- Ahmed Kareem
- Jenny Melgoza
- Tyra McWilliams
- Alicia Ovante
- Carlos Perez
- Anna Rose Santa Cruz
- Keyondrea Scott
- Jose Velez

Students were recognized for their outstanding academic achievement by maintaining a 3.5 grade point average or higher throughout the year.

**Participation Certificate**
- Noe Barrera
- Stephanie Carrasco
- Diana Esquivel
- Kenia Garcia
- Ashley Herrera
- Ahmed Kareem
- Mohammed Kareem
- Crystal Lachapelle
- Rachael Lopez
- Fernando Luna
- Dulce Marmolejo
- Jenny Melgoza
- Sabrina Ortiz
- Carlos Perez
- Vanessa Perez
- Anna Rose Santa Cruz
- Keyondrea Scott
- Luiz Velasquez
- Roberto Velasquez
- Jose Velez
- Michelle Villegas
- Yoshelin Villegas

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During the Upward Bound summer enrichment at South Mountain Community College, students received instruction in various academic subjects and participated in a summer residential experience at NAU! Students also had the opportunity to participate in a SMCC work-study internship with the following departments: technology support services, advising & recruitment, admissions & records, and financial aid.

Congratulations Upward Bound Graduates!!

Summer Enrichment Highlights

Salt River Air Quality Field Trip

Upward Bound Interns SMCC Supervisors

NAU Ropes Course Challenge