

# THE SUPPORT REPORT

The PFW Campus Support Staff Advisory Committee (CSSAC) Newsletter

## TRIO Student Support Services and TRIO Upward Bound

PFW has two federal TRIO grant programs: TRIO Student Support Services and TRIO Upward Bound.

**TRIO Student Support Services (SSS)** works with first-generation college students currently attending PFW.

To qualify, students must be studying for their first bachelor's degree at PFW and also be a first-generation college student (neither parent has earned a 4-year degree), meet federal income guidelines, or have a documented disability registered with the Disability Access Center.

SSS services include individual academic advising, tutoring, workshops, peer mentoring, career exploration, financial literacy, cultural and volunteer events, and more. There is also a TRIO Resource Room in KT G30. TRIO SSS's goal is to provide support and resources to first-generation students to help them get through college and successfully graduate.

**TRIO Upward Bound** is a college-prep student program that works with income-eligible high school students who are future first-generation college students in specific area high schools. It provides academic support, tutoring, learning experiences, mentorship, and assistance with applications and financial aid forms to help eligible high school students get into college and give them the tools to succeed once they're there.

## Did You Know?

You can rent tables, tablecloths, games, backdrops, curtains, popcorn machines, serving dishes, tents, centerpieces, and a variety of other supplies and equipment for events from Student Life! See all the options at [pfw.edu/student-life](http://pfw.edu/student-life) and click "Machine Rentals"

## Resource Highlight: Women's Conference

The 2024 Women's Conference will be on Tuesday, March 26th, from 9am to 4pm in Walb Classic Ballroom. This event is FREE for PFW faculty, staff, and students (but pre-registration is required, as space is limited).

The Women's Conference features a fantastic lineup of speakers, including:

- Keynote speaker Sarah Thomas, first woman to officiate a Super Bowl
- Nicole DiMichele, McDonalds
- Denita Washington, Girlz Rock, Inc.
- Marilyn Hissong, East Allen County Schools
- Michelle Chambers, Fort Wayne City Councilmember
- Dr. Jeannie DiClementi, PFW Department of Psychology faculty and Q Center founder

Learn more or register on [the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion's site](#).

## Connect with CSSAC!

- **Submit an idea, question, or concern to CSSAC:** Submitting a [Bridge Question](#) will bring your ideas, questions, or concerns to CSSAC's attention. You can even choose to submit anonymously.
- **Learn more about CSSAC:** Visit the [CSSAC website](#) to learn more about who we are and what we do.
- **Want to serve as a CSSAC member?** Fill out the [form](#) to let us know you're interested!