

“TRIO helped foster meaningful relationships that have propelled my growth. I wish for every student to experience the profound impact of TRIO—to be embraced by a community that empowers and uplifts.”

*Andrew Velez*



# TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

### Program Objectives

TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) is federally funded for \$261,888 per year. Over the course of three grant cycles, the program has brought nearly \$3.1 million to the university to directly impact persistence and graduation rates of first-generation students. The project is on year three of a 5-year grant cycle. The program assists 140 students who are first-generation, low-income, and/or students with disabilities in their transition, assimilation, and success at Purdue University Fort Wayne. The program averages roughly 4,000 student contacts each year through one-on-one meetings and over 80 program event offerings.

### Good Academic Standing

TRIO Students do well academically. The average GPA for the most recent semester is 2.986 and 92 participants have a cumulative GPA over 3.00.

Semester	Semester GPA	Cumulative GPA
Spring 2023	2.923	2.986
Fall 2022	2.953	2.943

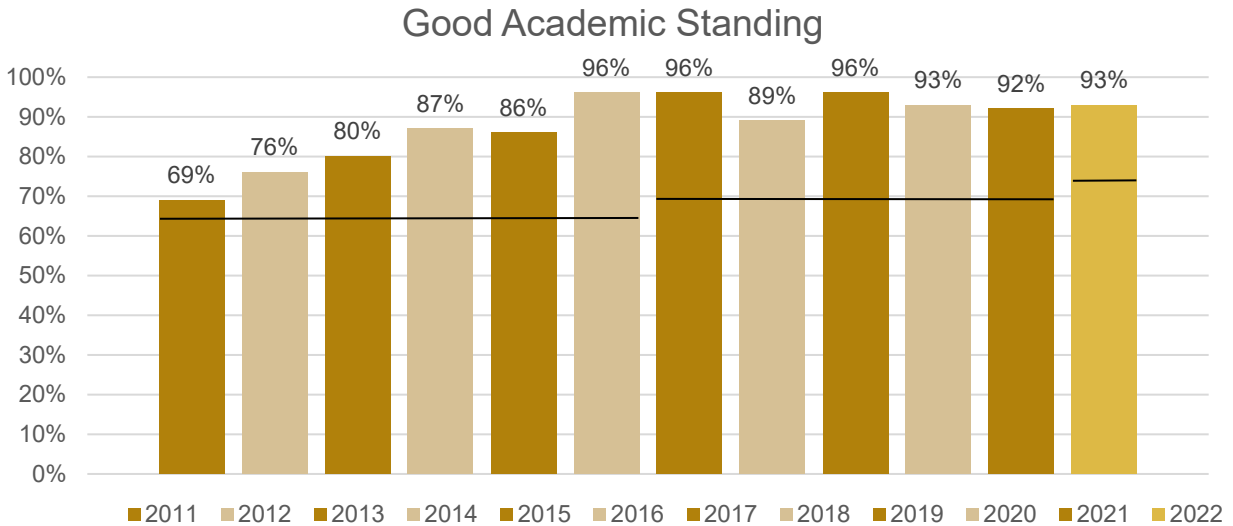
Spring 2023-GPA Range	Semester GPA Total	Cumulative GPA Total
4.00	21	2
3.50-3.99	44	41
3.00-3.49	24	50
2.50-2.99	30	27
2.00-2.49	8	20
Under 2.00	27	14
Total	154	154

### First-Generation Students

Over 50% of students enrolled at Purdue University Fort Wayne are first-generation college students—meaning they are the first person in their family to go to college. Nationally, first-generation students make up 33% of college students.

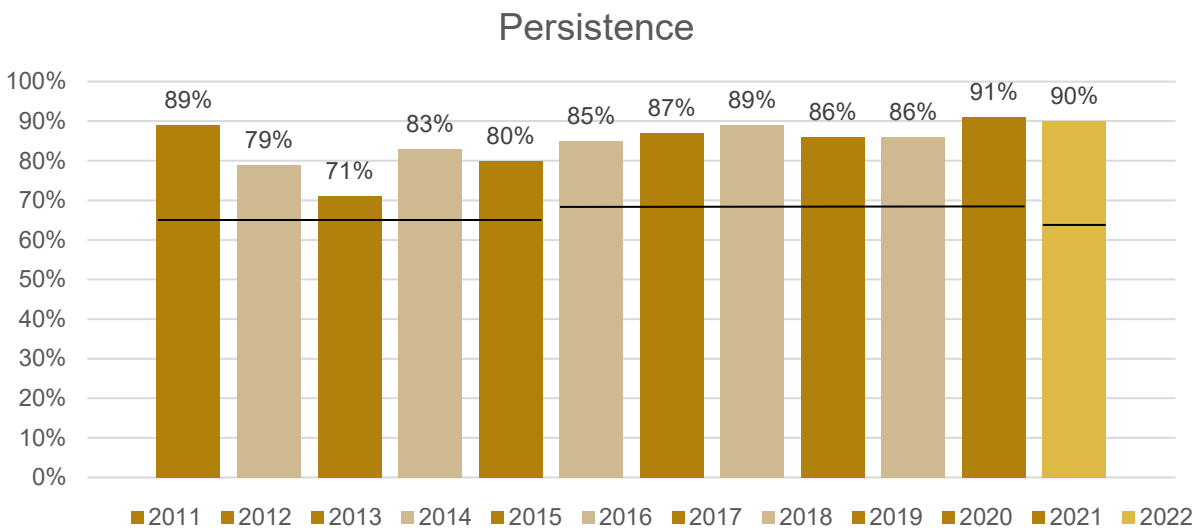
# GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING

Good academic standing includes students who have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher for the reporting year. Objective for grant cycle one was 65%, cycle two was 69%, and cycle three is 73%.



# PERSISTENCE

Persistence is measured as participants enrolled during the fall semester of the next school year. Objective for grant cycle one was 65%, cycle two was 69%, and cycle three is 64%.



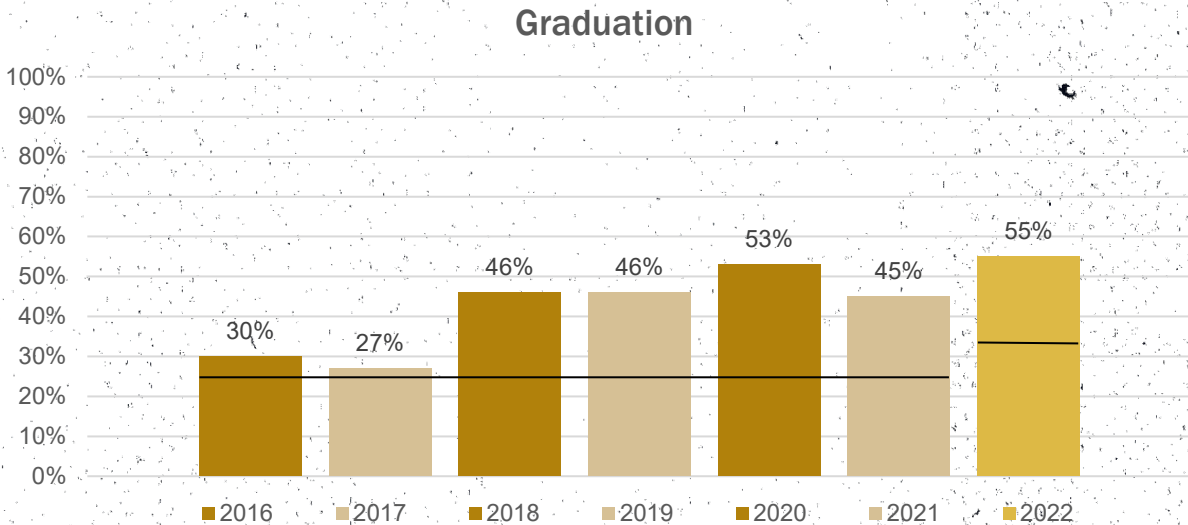
## TRIO Participants Persist

TRIO students continue to persist at high rates—90% for the most recent reporting year. Students perform well academically—with 93% maintaining good academic standing at Purdue Fort Wayne by earning a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher.



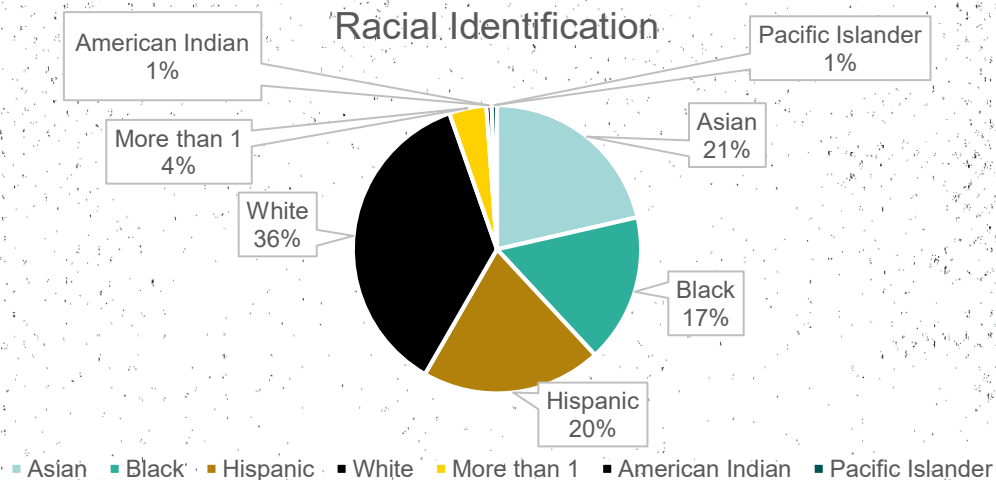
# GRADUATION

Graduation rate is defined for program participants as graduating with a bachelor's degree within 6 years from entry into the SSS program. Objective for grant cycle two was 26% and cycle three is 34%. This year, 32 TRIO students completed their bachelor degrees at Purdue Fort Wayne.



# PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

Students in the program must meet minimum eligibility qualifications. Two-thirds must be first-generation and low-income. The other one-third can be either first-generation or low-income. TRIO SSS represents one of the most inclusively diverse student populations on campus both ethnically and by school/major.



# Group Stats

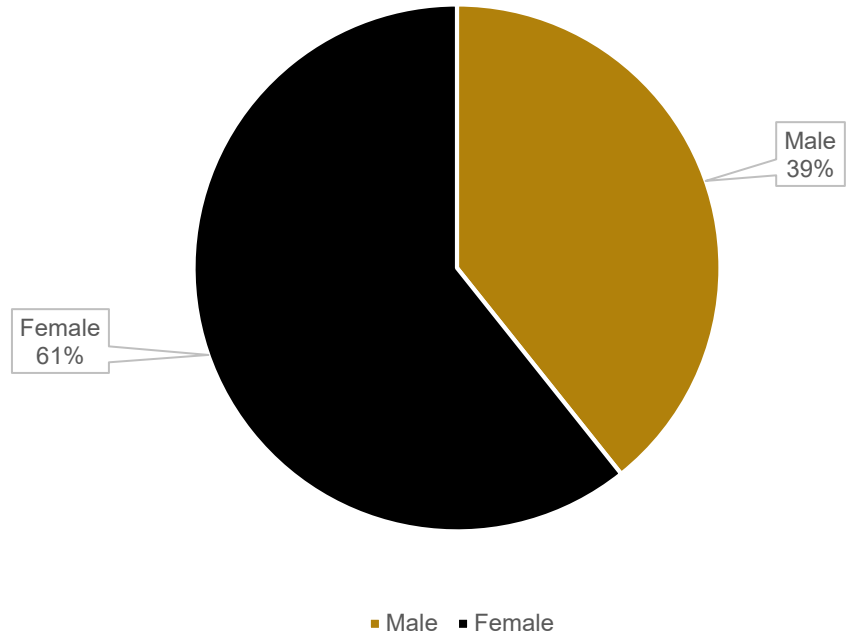
TRIO continues to be a leader in inclusivity on campus. Sixty-four percent of TRIO students identify as non-white.

TRIO continues to make strides with male students. Currently 39% of TRIO students identify as male—up from 37% the previous year. The program has added non-binary identification on program forms and anticipate higher identification in this area in further reporting years.

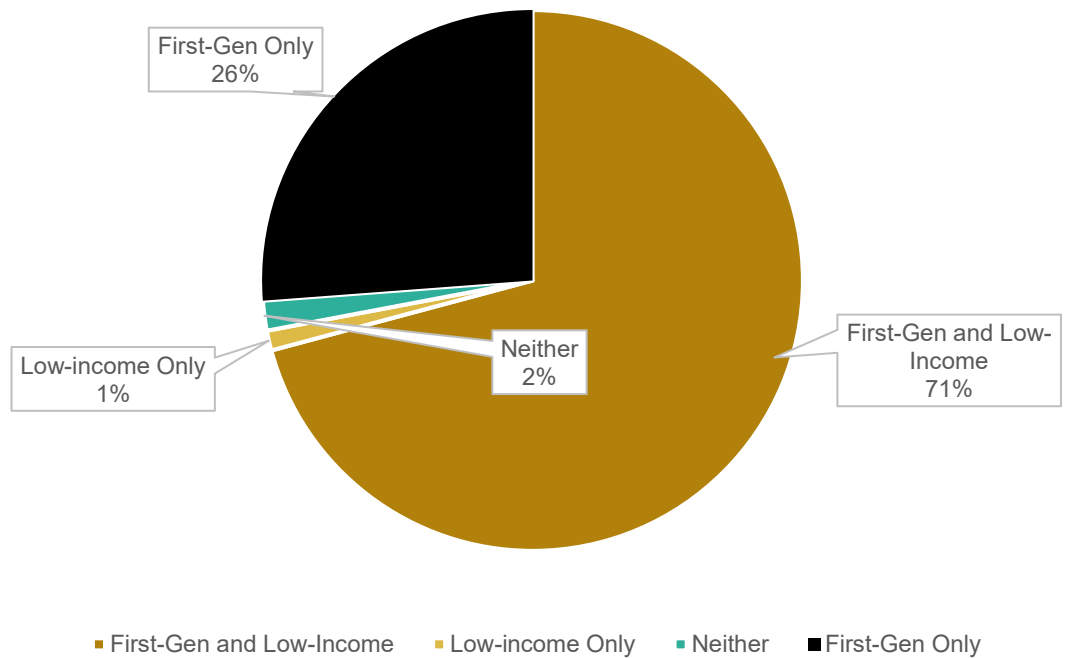
TRIO students are largely first-generation college seekers; however, almost 75% also meet federal guidelines for low-income status.

TRIO students come from every college and encompass a broad range of majors and fields of study.

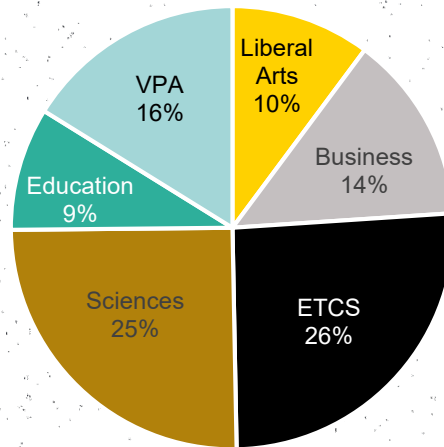
### Gender Identification



### First-Generation Low-Income Status



## TRIO Students by Department



■ Liberal Arts 
 ■ Business 
 ■ ETCS 
 ■ Sciences 
 ■ Education 
 ■ VPA

## SIGNATURE PROGRAMMING

In 2022-2023, TRIO hosted more than 80 group events. Individual advising appointments, peer mentoring meetings, and event contacts total 4,047 for the year.

Month	Individual Advising Appointments	Peer Mentoring Appointments	TRIO Event Attendance	Totals
August	295	0	55	350
September	352	138	148	638
October	288	126	207	621
November	259	75	100	434
December	144	3	69	216
January	290	4	77	371
February	250	61	131	442
March	216	16	127	359
April	164	20	87	271
May	100	2	57	159
June	25	0	116	141
July	34	0	11	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,417</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>1,185</b>	<b>4,047</b>

## TRIO Works

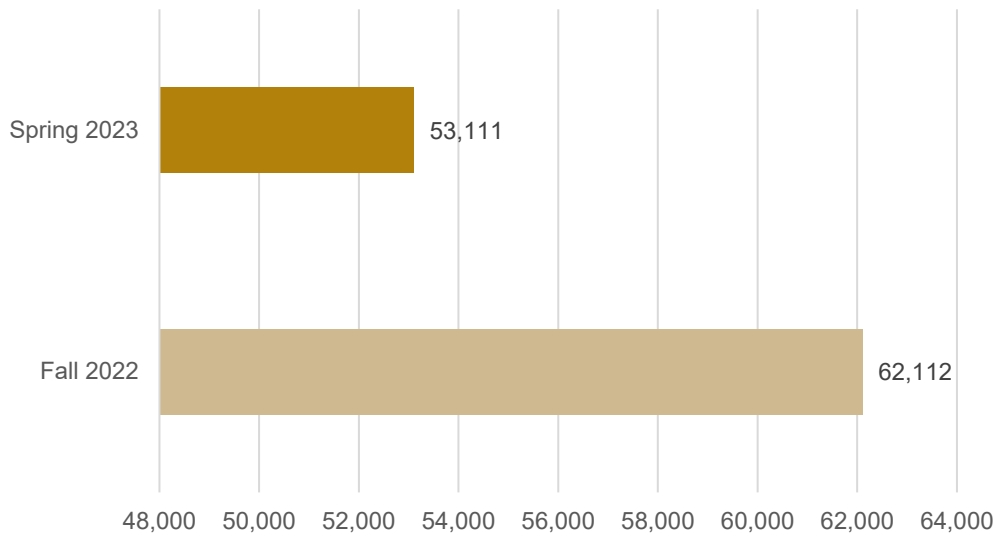
TRIO students participate at high numbers in programming and advising appointments. Through on-going meetings and events that assist students academically, socially, and informationally, students are able to maintain focus on their educational goals and persist to graduation.

This year there were 4,047 student contacts made by program staff.

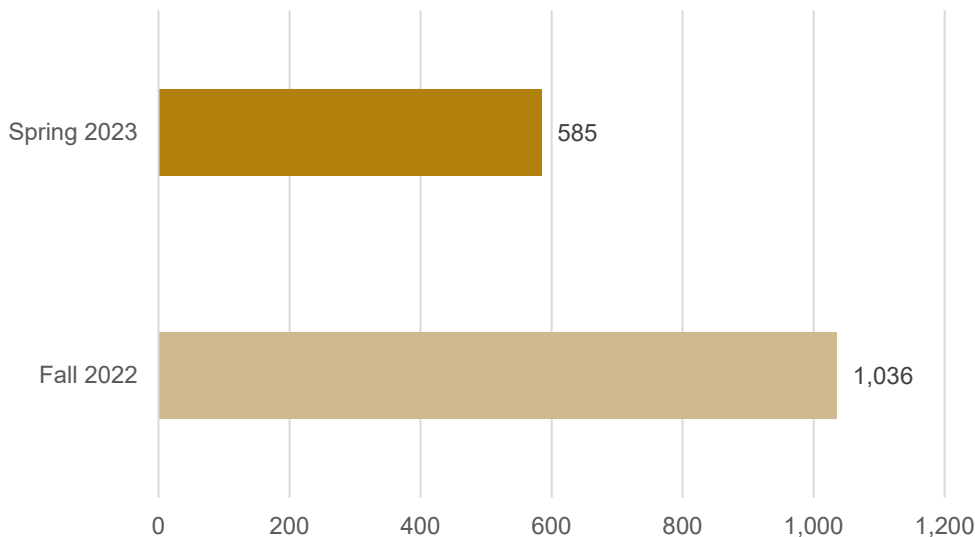
# TRIO RESOURCE CENTER

The TRIO Resource Center is a meeting space that houses smaller program functions and operates as an open-access lab/study space for program participants. The center hosts 4 student computer workstations, a networked printer, television with computer access, projector, accessible wipe board, student seating, and tables. The TRIO Resource Room logged 1,035 hours (62,112 minutes) of use for Fall 2022 and 885 hours (53,111 minutes) of use for Spring 2023. These totals consist of 1,621 individual student sign-ins.

### TRIO Resource Room Usage (Minutes)



### TRIO Resource Room (Student Sign-ins)



## TRIO Resource Room

The TRIO Resource Room is located in Kettler Hall Room G30. The room is equipped with computers, a printer, workspace, and office supplies for TRIO student use. Additionally, small TRIO events are held there. This year, students spent over 1,920 hours using this workspace—or 400 more hours than the year prior.

Individual student usage of the space increased by over 600 individual sign-ins from the previous year.



# OTHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- TRIO SSS collaborated this year with the United Way and Lutheran Social Services of Indiana to administer the **Persistence Pays Off Program**. Through a referral process, TRIO students can choose to participate and receive referrals and assistance for health care, childcare, rent/utility payments, transportation, educational, and/or food assistance. After successful completion of the program, students are eligible to receive \$1,000 toward any expense that would impede their ability to finish college. To date, 97 students have received social service assistance and referrals to the program.
- TRIO SSS worked closely with Questa Education Foundation to make students aware of their program that provides low-interest, forgivable loans for staying and working in Indiana after graduation. This year three students were chosen as **Questa Scholars** and will be receiving loans to complete their degrees.
- The TRIO SSS **Special Populations Coordinator** works to bring TRIO-like services to an additional cohort of students. Students identified as special population participants receive the same services as traditional TRIO students but are reported separately. The primary outreach focus of these efforts has been to undocumented populations, students who are not first-generation or low-income but who have similar needs to traditional TRIO students, and students on the traditional TRIO wait list. This year, the program was able to serve an additional 28 special populations students.
- TRIO SSS offered the second **Camp TRIO** experience for students in September. Forty-one students attended Camp Potawatomi for an overnight adventure that included teambuilding activities and swimming.
- TRIO SSS offered two cultural trips this year. In October, 49 students spent a day in Chicago at the **Adler Planetarium** and the **Art Institute of Chicago**. Students also experienced an Architectural River Boat Cruise and dinner at **Fogo De Chao Brazilian Steakhouse**. In June, 31 students traveled to New York City to take in iconic sites like the **Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, 9/11 Memorial & Museum, Radio City Music Hall, Brooklyn Bridge**, and a viewing of **Wicked** at the **Gershwin Theater**.
- In conjunction with New Student Programs, TRIO SSS hosted National First-Gen Day on November 8, 2022. At this all-campus event, attendees heard from first-generation faculty and staff during a panel discussion; networked with others; and took photos with first-generation photo props.
- In March, the program celebrated National TRIO Day in an informational mixer with Ivy Tech TRIO students and staff. At this mixer, attendees learned the history of TRIO programs and how to advocate for TRIO.
- This year's TRIO SSS Award Banquet was the largest to-date with over 80 in attendance and included alumni and campus partners. There were 11 award categories and over 60 students, alumni, and campus partners honored. Among the honorees were thirty-three TRIO SSS students who completed bachelor's degrees and two who completed associate degrees at PFW this year.
- TRIO SSS is participating in the Council for Opportunity in Education's **Opportunity Matters Book Club** this summer. Participants will read and discuss **Finding Me** by Viola Davis and engage with local and national leaders to discuss topics related to the book's content.
- TRIO SSS finalized the third volume of **Every Student Has a Story: Personal Narratives from First-Generation College Students** that includes essays from 19 current and former PFW TRIO SSS students. The official book launch for the project will be in October 2023.
- Two TRIO SSS students were awarded **Indiana TRIO Board of Director Scholarships** for the upcoming 2023-24 school year.