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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

TRIO Student of the Year: Guerda Julien



Guerda Julien is no stranger to the classroom. In fact, she has been attending college off and on for twelve years. Guerda started her life on the tropical island of Haiti; her father was a construction foreman and her mother made and sold embroidery. Her mother died when Guerda was four years old and her godmother helped raise her, often taking her to church at the Sisters of Saint Joseph Cluny from France. Guerda was one of 14 children: 8 girls and 6 boys. At the age of 21, Guerda became a nun and joined the Little Sisters of Saint Theresa. Through her church, she served as a teacher and principal at a school for poor children who lived in the Haitian mountains.

Unfortunately in 2000, Guerda had eye surgery which left her blind. When she came to visit family in the United States, her nephew took her to an eye doctor who explained what was wrong. He

said it could be fixed with more surgeries, so she stayed in the U.S., living with the Sisters of Saint Francis in Tiffin, Ohio.

Once in Ohio, Guerda quickly became involved in her local community. She ministered to inmates at the jail, cooked meals for the Salvation Army, and helped at a home for unwed mothers. She even received the Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Award for all her service. In 2005, she started college but had to leave due to finances. In 2009 she returned to college, but due to vision issues, she wasn't able to read the small text in her books and had to leave once again.

After five eye surgeries, Guerda could finally see well enough to read very large print. It was around that same time she moved to Fort Wayne where she enrolled in college again, this time at Ivy Tech. She became very heavily involved in the TRIO SSS program at Ivy Tech and credits it with helping her overcome obstacles a first-generation, immigrant student faces. In 2013, she received her associate's degree from Ivy Tech in therapeutic massage.

In fact, Guerda did so well at Ivy Tech that she decided to continue her studies and aim for a bachelor's degree at IPFW. For three years, she worked up to 55 hours a week at Parkview Behavioral Health, Easter Seals Arc, and Park Center while attending IPFW part-time. In addition to school and work, she helped with the Allen County Rescue Mission homeless count, volunteered to supervise children in the cafeteria at St. Jude's School, drove disabled people to Kiwanis meetings, and volunteered at her local church.

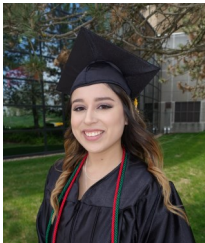
Guerda has been such a positive role model in her time at IPFW. She has acted as cheerleader, volunteer, and a friend to many. This April, Guerda was named TRIO's Student-of-the-Year for 2018 because of her diligence, perseverance, and, academic accomplishments. In December of 2017, Guerda earned her bachelor's degree in general studies with minors in psychology and human services. While we are happy to see Guerda graduate and meet the goals she has set for herself, we will miss her smiling face and all the positivity she brought to the TRIO office every day. Congratulations, Guerda! You did it!



2017-2018 TRIO Graduates



Oh, the Places They Are Going!



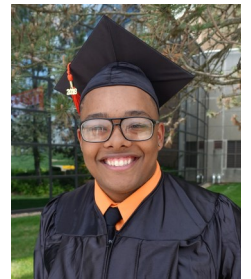
Jessica Camarena-B.S. in *Biology w/ Spanish minor, A.S. in Chemistry*- Jessica is pursuing a career as a medical assistant and is currently working towards securing a position here in Fort Wayne.

Samantha Erickson -B.A. in *Human Services w/Psychology minor*-Samantha is currently seeking employment in her field of study.

Patsy DePew-B.S. in *Elementary Education w/Special Education Mild Interventions K-12 minor*-Patsy is excited to begin teaching in special education and will continue to serve people with disabilities.



Colby Flye-B.S. in *Information Technology w/Business minor*- Colby is employed by Lincoln Financial Group in Fort Wayne.



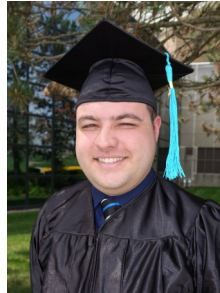
Emily Eley-B.S. in *Hospitality Management*-Emily is currently employed at the Hilton Fort Wayne as an accounting assistant.

Andrew Gordon-B.S. in *Construction Engineering Technology*-Andrew has decided to continue his employment with Alt & Witzig Engineering in Fort Wayne where he was offered a full-time position upon graduation.

TRIO Graduates

Rachael Hayre-Edwards-B.F.A. in *Visual Communication Design w/Concentrations in Imaging, Photography, and Graphic Design*. Rachael has been accepted into Ball State's Emerging Media Design and Development graduate studies program.

Zachary Hess-B.S. in *Public Affairs w/Criminal Justice and Legal Studies majors and Public Affairs minor*. Zac is currently working towards employment with the sheriff's department or city law enforcement agency. He will relocate based on the opportunities offered to him.



Emily Salisbury-B.F.A. in *Visual Communication Design w/Concentrations in Imaging, Photography, and Graphic Design*. Emily is currently employed in Fort Wayne and looks forward to putting her creativity to work.



Christin Stineback-B.S. in *Dental Technology*. Christin is considering continuing her education in the dental technology field.

Allison Stinson-B.S. in *Hospitality Management*. Allison has recently accepted a promotion to Assistant Manager of Premium Seating at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

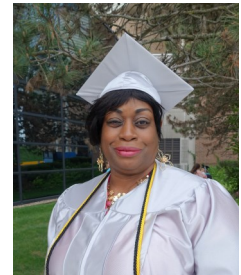


Guerda Julien-B.G.S. in *General Studies w/Psychology and Human Services minors*. Sister Guerda is a Mental Health Technician at Parkview Behavioral Health and helps others at various community organizations and through her work at her convent.

Nicole Lewis-B.A. in *History w/Psychology minor*. Nicole is currently looking for employment in a museum or government setting.

Jassmine Moreno -B.S. in *Human Services w/Psychology minor*. Jassmine is employed at Big Brothers Big Sisters in Fort Wayne.

Breanne Sullivan-B.G.S. in *General Studies w/Psychology and Organizational Leadership Supervision minors*. Bre is currently looking for employment in her areas of study.



Arlena Vanhoy -A.S. in *Organizational Leadership and Supervision*. Arlena received her associates degree and will continue working on her bachelor's degree here in the fall.

TRIO Alumni Spotlight: Abigail Wiegand



Name: Abigail Wiegand

Graduation Year: 2015

Degree: B.S. Human Services w/Communication Disorders & Health/Wellbeing concentrations

Current Employer: Just Neighbors Interfaith Homeless Network, Fort Wayne

Job Title: Case Manager

Job Responsibilities: Manage and monitor guests, assign chores, complete eligibility interviews, resource referrals, intake form filing, and data entry of case notes

Volunteer/Community Activities: Service to the World Committee Chair for *The Journey* church and assists with the church nursery, as a children's teacher, and teen group assistant

Advice to Current TRIO Students: Try new things. In every experience there is something new to be learned.

TRIO Student Honored by BBB



The Torch Awards for Ethics spotlight students who display extraordinary character and embody a spirit of exemplary decision-making. We are proud to report that TRIO student, Laura Polvado, was chosen as one of this year's recipients of the BBB Torch Awards.

This award is hosted by the Charitable and Educational Foundation of the Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Northern Indiana. Laura was presented with her award at a luncheon this past April. Along with the award, Laura also earned a \$2,000 college scholarship endowed by Executive Women International (EWI) of Fort Wayne. Laura is a senior student in the nursing program, wife, and mother of three.

TRIO Has Strong Showing at BIG EVENT



This April, TRIO SSS students participated in IPFW's largest day of community service, The Big Event. TRIO students met in the Gates Athletics center for a quick breakfast and an encouraging word from the chancellor before being whisked away to Junior Achievement of Fort Wayne. Students tackled thousands of copies of printed materials used in last year's JA sessions. Bags were unpacked, papers sorted, and materials discarded. The team then worked to assemble 83 new kits for volunteers to use this upcoming year. JA reported that the group's efforts saved the organization \$8,300!



TRIO Awards Celebration

The 2018 TRIO Awards luncheon celebrated the many successes of TRIO students here on campus. Students, staff, and faculty gathered to honor the accomplishments of TRIO students. Among the honored were 2017-2018 TRIO graduates, peer mentors, student workers, and TRIO Club officers. Additionally, the TRIO Excellence Award for highest GPA to a graduating senior was awarded to Pasty DePew and the TRIO Student-of-the-Year Award was given to Guerda Julien for outstanding service and academic achievement.



List of Recognized Students:

TRIO Student-of-the-Year Award: Guerda Julian

TRIO Excellence Award: Patsy DePew

Peer Mentors:

Cherry Aung, Bailey Berndt, Jessica Camarena, Lorenzo Catalan, Jo'Male Collier, Amber Davenport, Ruby Dezaldo-Valdes, Rebecca Eby, Riley Erck, Miranda Hall, and Gabriela Lemus

TRIO Leaders:

Bailey Berndt, Jonathan Brito, Rachel Hayre-Edwards, Merandah Evans, Guerda Julien, Kaylyn O'Dell, and Bryant Williams

TRIO Club Officers:

President-Tiffany Lackey; Vice President-Riley Erck; Treasurer-Nicklaus Mahasena; Secretary-Miranda Hall

TRIO Student Workers:

Cherry Aung, Miranda Hall, and Jo'Male Collier

TRIO Students Recognized



IPFW's Top 50 Award is given to students demonstrating excellence in academics, community involvement, and leadership on campus. TRIO student, Miranda Hall, was honored as a 2018 recipient for campus involvement including IPFW AmbassaDons, TRIO Club, 2017 Homecoming Court, IPFW Ceramic Club, and International Table. Miranda is passionate about art education and hopes to teach art to elementary students.

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Two more TRIO students were honored at the Student Achievement Celebration this spring. Riley Erck was awarded the **Audrey Moore Excellence In Leadership Award**. Riley is a biology major, TRIO peer mentor, AmbassaDon, and Casa tutor.

Madison Phillips (right) was awarded the **Student Organization Member-of-the-Year Award** for her dedication and work with TRIO Club—the student volunteer organization at IPFW comprised of first-generation college students.



TRIO Students Light Up Stage

Freshman Andrew Hattaway dazzled audiences and fellow TRIO students in the Department of Theatre's presentation of "Romeo and Juliet". Andrew played the part of Benvolio, Romeo's cousin and unsuccessful peacemaker who attempted to prevent violence between the Montague and Capulet families. Even though this was Andrew's first performance in a production on campus, he came across like an experienced pro.

Andrew is a theatre major with ambitions of becoming a director one day. Like many first generation students, Andrew is currently a full-time student and part-time employee. He spends his spare time learning his lines and rehearsing for the performances. When asked what plans he had after the performance, Andrew stated, "Study!"

Another vital contribution to the production was the costuming skills of TRIO student, Ashley Boruff. Ashley is a junior theatre major with a focus on costume design. The top hat shown in the foreground above was one of Ashley's amazing creations. Ashley also assisted in overall costume produc-



tion and supported the performers before, during, and after each production. As Ashley so eloquently put it, "the costume department is the first to show up and the last to leave." Congratulations to Andrew and Ashley for their contributions to this exciting play.

Upcoming Events



All TRIO SSS students this fall will receive a new TRIO student planner. This planner will already be loaded with all the upcoming TRIO events for the year and will have room for students to keep track of classwork

and other commitments! Planners should be available in August, so be sure to stop by the TRIO office to get yours!

Save the Date

TRIO SSS Summer Picnic

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

11AM-2PM

Friends Pavilion (outside Walb)

Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to triosss@pfw.edu or in the TRIO office.

TRIO Students Win Scholarships



Michael Salazar heard about Spanish and Mexican history from his mother at a young age. From that time on, he has been determined to connect his Mexican heritage to Spain through a study abroad experience. Michael was nominated by TRIO for the Council for Opportunity in Education's Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program. Excitingly, Michael was one of 15 TRIO students nationwide to be selected for this prestigious program. Michael will spend the summer taking classes at the University in Salamanca while taking in all the culture and sights of Spain.

Getting into the program was not the only challenge Michael faced. Financing the experience also took a lot of work. Michael applied to a number of scholarships and was awarded three which will cover the entire cost of his trip! Michael was awarded a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State, an Educational Opportunity Association Scholarship, and an Indiana TRIO Study Abroad Scholarship. The Benjamin A. Gilman Program is a prestigious scholarship for first-generation, undergraduate students with limited financial means who wish to pursue academic studies abroad. The U.S. Department of State sponsors and oversees the Gilman International Scholarship Program as part of a larger U.S. government effort to expand the number of Americans studying and interning abroad—helping cultivate skills that are critical to our national security and prosperity. Michael is the first IPFW TRIO student to be awarded a Gilman Scholarship and is currently a senior majoring in accounting. Congratulations Michael on a job well-done!



Indiana TRIO Textbook Scholarship



Joseph Shell
Senior, Computer Science

EOA Foundation Scholarship



Claudia Huevo
Sophomore, Dental Hygiene

Compansol BEST Scholarship



Merandah Evans
Senior, Nursing

Compansol BEST Scholarship



Courvosiera Nelson
Sophomore, Biology

TRIO Goes to Washington

TRIO SSS is going to Washington, D.C. this summer on an exciting tour of our nation's capital from July 29-August 2. Students will visit the Capitol Building, museums, National Archives, and lots more. Students attending the trip should mark their calendars to pick up trip supplies on Wednesday, July 25 or Thursday, July 26 from the TRIO SSS office. As with all TRIO events, this trip is free for all TRIO students selected.





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TRIO Students Honored at Leadership Impact Awards

Two TRIO students were recognized this year by IPFW's Student Life and Leadership office and the Indiana Army National Guard as Leadership Impact Award winners. These awards recognize students, staff, and community members who have



made an outstanding impact on those around them and the greater Fort Wayne community. TRIO Students, Lorenzo Catalan and Amber Davenport, were both honored with awards because of their outstanding service to others.



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Calling All 1st Gen Faculty & Staff

TRIO SSS is looking for first-generation faculty and staff on-campus who would like to share their first-generation stories with current TRIO students this upcoming school year. Interested parties would spend 10-20 minutes with a small, informal group of TRIO students talking about what their first-generation college experience was like and what advice they would give current first-generation students today. Attendees would speak with students on Wednesdays during regularly scheduled TRIO Coffee Hours for 10-20 minutes sometime between 8:30-10:30am (we're flexible). If you're interested in being a part of these first-gen talks, please contact Shubitha Kever to schedule a date!



The TRIO SSS program offers student leadership training to help first-generation TRIO students develop leadership skills and network with other emerging leaders. Training includes one-hour monthly meetings from 12-1pm on Fridays.

Students must be a TRIO SSS student with a minimum 2.0 GPA and complete an application essay. Space is limited to

10 participants yearly so apply early. Return completed program applications for the 2018-2019 TRIO Leaders class to the TRIO office.

TRIO Leaders Dates: Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, Mar. 22, Apr. 12.