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TRIO SSS Students Achieve High Marks



On Friday, January 20, 2017, 36 TRIO SSS students were honored as part of the EMU Academic Success Partnerships (ASP) Scholars Banquet. Students with a grade point average of 2.7 and better were invited to be part of this program. The event included a buffet-style lunch along with an inspirational speech from the keynote speaker, Dr. Derek Mueller, Director of the First-Year Writing Program and Associate Professor of Written Communication.

After the program, TRIO SSS student, Chocolate Brooks posted on Facebook: "There are times when I feel like I'm not accomplishing anything in college. But I have to remember I am making great strides towards becoming an 'adult'[,] as Talitha Renee Heard would say. Today was a great day[,] I was invited to a banquet to celebrate my academic accomplishments and I know that there are plenty more to come! Thank you TRIO SSS for making this possible!"

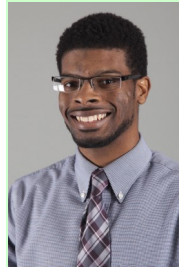
Among the 36 TRIO SSS students who were honored as part of the event, 32 earned better than a 3.0 and 15 received Dean's List honors(3.5or better) for Fall 2016.

Upcoming Events

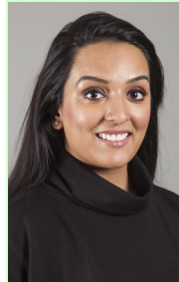
- **February 12, 2017**
Wright Museum Dilla Youth Day and Campus Martius
- **March 29, 2017**
César Chávez Day of Service and Learning

TRIO SSS Staff Continues to Grow

The TRIO SSS team is excited to welcome its newest additions to the staff. Reena Limbachia and Demetrius Pegues are the new Graduate Assistants (GA) for the TRIO SSS program. As GAs, they will be focusing on quantitative and qualitative program evaluation in order to help make TRIO SSS the best program it can be.



Demetrius Pegues chose to work with TRIO SSS because he himself is an alumnus of the TRIO Upward Bound Program at Elkhart Central High School in Elkhart, Indiana, as well as the TRIO Talent Search Program at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana. He wants students to see that it is possible to go through this program and emerge a successful individual. Demetrius chose to study at Eastern Michigan University, because Eastern places an emphasis on higher education and student affairs. He wants to be a standard of academic excellence for students of all ethnic and educational backgrounds.



Reena Limbachia decided to work with TRIO SSS because she was amazed by the passion and drive the organization has to help others. She truly believes in selfless acts and taking the time to help others, and TRIO SSS exemplifies that. Reena chose to come to Eastern Michigan University because it was close to home. She was also extremely impressed by the transition from overseas to EMU, going on to say that the process from beginning to end was remarkable. She would like to acquire knowledge and experience from her master's degree that she can utilize later in her career.

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