The University of Oklahoma

The Big Event

When one considers all that Project Threshold has to offer, there is just no way this awesome program can remain confined to the university’s campus. With a desire to give back, hearts filled with compassion, and a spirit of intense school pride, Project Threshold organized a team of students for the 2014 Big Event. This year, 14 Threshold participants met at the Wild Care Foundation, which is a wildlife rescue center that cares for injured or orphaned animals struggling to survive in the wilderness. Once this community service project was over, Threshold students left Noble, OK with a greater respect for nature, and a better understanding of how volunteerism can make a major difference in the lives of others.

From The Directors Chair

I have often said that TRIO students and programs are the gifts that keep on giving. Perhaps nothing could prove that better than the students and staff featured in this newsletter. Recognizing that TRIO has provided so much support in their personal quest to obtain a degree from a major research university, Threshold students seem to go above and beyond in seeking ways to serve and support each other, our campus at-large, and the Norman-Oklahoma City Metro as well. Not for self-glory, not for course credit, or even for the experience of participating in service learning. Their acts exemplify the personal arsenal of attributes attentive to understanding that we live in a shared community. As we are helped, so we must help others. TRIO WORKS!

Spotlight Student

Troy Fuller is a Spring 2014 Threshold Graduate. In May, he was admitted into Debusk College of Osteopathic Medicine at Lincoln Memorial University, in Harrogate, Tennessee. Troy plans to become a Family Physician, and vows that upon completion of his residency, he’s going to locate a TRIO program in his area where he can give back that same level of support he was given while a student at OU.
Threshold Students Crowned As Campus Royalty

We Have Them All

Miss Hispanic OU

Sayra Martinez won the Miss Hispanic OU Scholarship Pageant. She will serve as campus ambassador for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Mr. & Miss Asian OU

Quang Nguyen & Tina Nguyen won the Mr. and Miss OU Asian Scholarship Pageant. The two will serve as campus ambassadors for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Mr. & Miss Black OU

Berthaddaeus Bailey & Caroline Bennett won the Mr. & Miss Black OU Scholarship Pageant. The two will serve as campus ambassadors for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Miss Black OK US

Caroline Bennett was also crowned Miss Black OK US Ambassador for 2015-2016.
Julio Barron, a Health and Exercise Science major, and Caroline Bennett, a Human Relations major are two SSS participants who were accepted into the McNair Program for 2014. The Ronald McNair Program was established to provide encouragement, guidance, and research mentorship to students who are first-generation, economically disadvantaged, and/or disabled who desire to pursue graduate studies.

**Additional 2014-2015 Scholarship Recipients**

- **Jose Alcantar**
  - Gates Millennium Scholar

- **Rachel Burchett**
  - ODSA Scholarship
  - Logan Endowed Scholarship

- **Skylar Calhoun**
  - Tomorrows Engineer Scholarship
  - Elbert Ferrell Mc Mullin Scholarship

- **Emma Easley**
  - Black Alumni Society Scholarship

- **Marisa DeLoera**
  - ODSA Scholarship

- **Max Gaza**
  - Kickapoo Tribal Scholarship
  - AT&T Scholarship

- **Lori Hasty**
  - SWASAP Scholarship

- **Regennia Johnson**
  - Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship
  - McMahon Foundation Memorial
  - Elmer Thrower Memorial, NABJ Training Grant

- **Maxwell Nguyen**
  - SWASAP Scholarship

- **Allie Pham**
  - SWASAP Scholarship
  - Anne & Henry Zarrow Scholarship
  - Michael Price Scholarship

Threshold Students Being Honored At The 2015 McNair Banquet.
MORE 2014-2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Denise Avzola: Energy Management Scholarship, Tom S. & Marye Kate Aldridge, Henderson Scholarship, Industry Partners / Energy Mgmt, 5 Private Scholarships
Caroline Bennett: Connie Price Scholarship, Henderson Scholarship, McNair Scholarship, Miss Black OU, Miss Black Oklahoma US
Marquez Byrd: Robert & Helen Trippet Scholarship
Ivonne Grabow: (Sandoval): Will & Helen Webster Scholarship, Corinne Price Scholarship, Harriet Harvey Memorial (plus just got accepted into UNT’s PA Program)
Daniel Koehler: Wallace Scholarship, Vietnam Memorial Scholarship, Lt. William Scott Scholarship, Private Scholarship
Sandra Jimenez: Robert & Helen Trippet Scholarship
Alondra Martinez: OAS Institutional Scholarship, Regents Scholarship, Loyle P. & Velma Miller Engineering Scholarship (plus a GMS student)
Vivian Morris: AT&T/Tom Cole Scholarship (plus GMS student)
Pam Ortega: Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Scholarship, Erik Logan Toppenberg Scholarship
David Osborne: David C. Steed Scholarship
Zannon Strand: AT&T Scholarship, Tom Cole Scholarship, NASA Space Scholarship, American Indian Scholarship, Tribal Scholarship
Allyson Sullivan: Valedictorian Scholarship, Mary Ellen Doyle Scholarship, 2 Private Scholarships
Patricia Williams: National Guard

Want To Study Abroad

Visit Project Threshold on the first Wednesday of each month to meet with Karen L. Elmore, the International Programs Coordinator from 1PM to 2PM.
She can also be reached at: 405-325-4716

TRIO GOES GLOBAL

SSS STUDENTS ARE STUDYING ABROAD

Jose Alcantar: Business/Abroad @ Sea
109 Days – 17 Cities - 15 Countries
England, Russia, France, Germany, Belgium, Ireland, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Senegal, Ghana, Brazil, Barbados, Cuba

Caroline Bennett: Human Relations:
Tanzania Africa

Skylar Calhoun: Civil Engineer Major: Italy

Clark Gilford, Jr.: Psychology Major
Spanish Minor: - Spain

Justin Robbins: Biology /Pre-Med:
Italy, Peru
Panama 2015

Stephanie Collier: International & Area Studies Major/Native American Studies Major/Latin American Studies Minor: Nicaragua

Alisha Ward: Nursing Major: / Brazil

Study Abroad Informational Walk-in-Wednesdays
Students from Project Threshold attended OSU’s Hispanic Student Association Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City. The “Oye Help Me Series” is presented as a college resource offered on a multimedia platform to increase the graduation rates of Hispanic college students. This event was designed to emphasize study skills, financial planning, mentorship, internships etc., while also offering exposure to activities that are aimed to educate the Hispanic populations on college campuses and in the community.

**ODSA 2015 TRIO ACHIEVER**

Mr. Adam Pinkney was selected by the Oklahoma Division of Student Assistance Programs as the 2015 TRIO Achiever. Adam is a video editor for Ackerman McQueen Advertising, the largest privately owned advertising agency in the Midwest. He is the first minority to be hired on with their Broadcasting Department. He has worked on notable projects for the Oklahoma City Thunder, the Chickasaw Cultural Center, and OG&E.

Mr. Pinkney is a Threshold and McNair Alumnus. He has a Master of Arts degree in Broadcasting and Electronic Media and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Media Arts/Radio, Television, and Film, both from OU. Project Threshold Staff would like to salute Adam on a job well done.
"Project Threshold Is Busy and We Have Superstars"

Pam Ortega
Pace Award Winner
Fall 2014

Lindsey Gomez
Pace Award Winner
Fall 2015

Skylar Calhoun
Outstanding Freshman Engineering Student
& Vitruvius Award Winner
Spring 2014

Tony Lugo
Vitruvius Award Winner
Spring 2014

Quang Nguyen
Outstanding Junior
Spring 2015

Mai Vangseng
TOP TRIO Scholarship
Fall 2014

TRIO WORKS!
Big Event 2015

Hope Pregnancy Center

Our 2015 Community Service Project
PROJECT THRESHOLD – THIS IS TRIO AT WORK!
SALUTING OUR 2014 – 2015 GRADUATES

Yi Yang – Dr. of Dentistry
First Scholastic Honors Gold Medal & Alpha Omega Award

Nieka Franklin – Dr. of Dentistry
Third Scholastic Honors Gold Medal
2009-2010 Walter O Mason Scholarship
2010 Hall of Famer/ TRIO Day Speaker
1 & 3 out of Dental Graduating Class
SALUTING OUR 2014 – 2015 GRADUATES
TRIO MAKES WHAT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE - Possible!

YES - TRIO REALLY WORKS!