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UPWARD BOUND OLYMPIAD 2022

By: Lisa Spivey

Upward Bound Olympiad was held in person on July 7 and 8, 2022 on the campus of Vincennes University. We had sports competitions in dodgeball, volleyball, and basketball. The academic competitions included the quiz bowl, debate, and Mathletics. On Thursday evening, the recreational activities were held in the Jefferson Student Union, and included bowling, karaoke, and a QR Quest. We ended the evening at a park on campus.

A big thanks goes out to Ivy Tech, IUPUI, and Purdue Fort Wayne, who helped with scoring in mathletics and quiz bowl competitions. Notre Dame created the quiz bowl game, and Purdue Northwest hosted the debate competition, so we greatly appreciate their help.



The results of the competitions were as follows:

Girls Basketball:

- 1st- Indiana Wesleyan
- 2nd- Ivy Tech
- 3rd- Vincennes University, IUPUI

Boys Basketball:

- 1st- Ivy Tech
- 2nd- Ivy Tech, Vincennes University, Indiana Wesleyan
- 3rd- IUPUI

Volleyball

- 1st- Ivy Tech
- 2nd- Purdue Northwest
- 3rd- Purdue Fort Wayne

Dodgeball

- 1st- Vincennes University
- 2nd- Indiana Wesleyan
- 3rd- Ivy Tech

Quiz Bowl

- 1st- IUPUI
- 2nd- Purdue Northwest
- 3rd- Indiana Wesleyan

Mathletics

- 1st- IUPUI
- 2nd- Vincennes University
- 3rd- Purdue Fort Wayne

Debate

- 1st- Purdue Northwest
- 2nd- Vincennes University
- 3rd- Indiana Wesleyan



Pictured clockwise from the top: Nicholas Gray, Marissa Missan, Letise Jenkins, Anthony Jackson, Roxanne Gregg, Devona Salazar, and Skyler Zuber

MORE WITH M.I.L.E.S

By: Letise V. Jenkins, MBA MPM

The Indiana TRIO MILES program is a professional development initiative aimed at targeting and developing leadership within Indiana TRIO. MILES is the acronym for Members Involved in Leadership & Engagement. On Thursday, August 4, 2022 the inaugural co-hort for the MILES program, Marissa Missan (UB-IUPUI) Skyler Zuber (SSS-Ivy Tech FW), Anthony Jackson (SSS-Ivy Tech DT Indy), Letise Jenkins (SSS-Ivy Tech LC) and Devona Salazar (SSS-IUN) met with MILES co-chairs Roxanne Gregg and Nick Gray at the Ivy Tech Downtown Indianapolis campus for some insight, knowledge impartation and team building.

The MILES team is reading Dare to Lead by Rene Brown. This book has been an excellent source of teaching and guidance in leadership. Some of the elements of the book crossed over into the discussion when the participants were presented with the opportunity to have a Q&A with COE Board Chair T. Chris George. George is Director of TRIO at Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College. He has a long history of working in federal TRIO programs that help low-income students and students with disabilities gain entrance to college and graduate.

The MILES participants truly enjoyed their time together as a wealth of knowledge was imparted into them from the discussion of Dare To Lead, encouragement and inspiration for Roxanne and Nick, and their session with T. Chris George. Be on the look out for the rising stars of the Indiana TRIO MILES program!



MERIT TRIP SNAPSHOT

The theme for this year's PFW's Summer Academy was "Build Your Future with Upward Bound." The merit trip was in Chicago, IL during which students learned about architecture on a walking tour and a sightseeing cruise of Chicago's historical landmarks. Students also visited the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Museum of Science and Industry, the 360 Chicago Observation Deck, the University of Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Chicago.



By: Richard Holdaway



**MARISSA
STEELE**

Marissa Steele joined the TRIO program at Ivy Tech Richmond in January of 2021. During her time with the TRIO program, Marissa has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and is someone of tremendous character. Marissa was homeschooled from 6th through 12th grade and graduated from high school a semester early. She decided to pursue an education at Ivy Tech to get an associate degree in Business Administration. While at Ivy Tech, Marissa has been the Campus Activities Board President since her second week of her first term. She has also been the Student Government Association President for two consecutive academic years. She graduated from the Student Leadership Academy, Virtual Leadership Bootcamp, and was elected Student Leader of the Year during the 2020-2021 academic year. Marissa also has received five leadership certificates: Professional, Civic, Diversity, General, and Interdisciplinary. She has worked 3 to 4 jobs her entire college career while keeping a GPA of above 3.5 over the course of the last 3 1/2 years. She decided to go to college part time while working 60-hour weeks so that she could achieve her goal of getting a degree debt free. She is graduating this year and has successfully achieved that goal! At graduation Marissa will also be receiving the Dean's Award.



Student Highlights

Crystal serves as TRIO Leadership Council Treasurer for our student organization and she is a huge ambassador and advocate for our program's mission and goals. She works as a federal work-study student for a department near us called "Center for Academic Excellence (CAE)," which is a tutoring resource department for Ivy Tech students. and she constantly refers her student peers to apply and join both TRIO SSS and TRIO Leadership Council. Crystal understands the struggles faced by returning adult students and she seeks to make our program a welcoming resource for students. Being an officer, she helped lead the TRIO volunteerism initiatives such as the donation drive for a local homeless shelter, Just Neighbors. She contacted the local office and connected with the representative for Just Neighbors and even took the initiative to pass out flyers to spread the word about the donation drive. She also donated items to further support the cause. Crystal also participated in the Great American Cleanup 2022: a community improvement event to keep America beautiful and Ivy Tech Community College beautiful. Recently, Crystal applied and won the Indiana TRIO Textbook scholarship. To qualify for the scholarship, Crystal must be an active member of TRIO Student Support Services with a 2.5 GPA or higher. Crystal was awarded based on her community involvement, her need, and her ability to express how TRIO has made a difference in their educational journey.

**CRYSTAL
HORNE**



By: Ta Gay Htoo

On June 22, 2022, the House Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee released the draft bill for the fiscal year 2023. The bill provides a \$161 million increase for the Federal TRIO Programs for FY23 (Program Year 2023-2024). Both the Subcommittee and full Committee later passed the bill. This funding level matches the budget request from President Biden early this year. In addition to providing a \$161 million funding increase, the bill also included report language directing the Department of Education to “allocate increases to each TRIO program” and “fund down the slate of high-quality unfunded applications” in recent grant competitions.

Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), who chairs both the Subcommittee and full Appropriations Committee, said, “this bill touches people at every stage of their lives, and the massive funding increase will create a society that provides people with the help they so desperately need.” During the Subcommittee markup, Representative Tom Cole said, “I want to thank you for incorporating many of our shared priorities into this bill; you and I agree...on the importance of funding special education and programs like TRIO and GEAR UP, which help first-generation students complete college and change the trajectory of their lives.”



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INCREASE FOR TRIO PROGRAMS

The bill also provides an increase above the FY 2022 enacted levels for the following programs:

- Pell Grant maximum to \$7,395, an increase of \$500.
- GEAR UP by \$30 million to \$408 million. Federal Supplemental
- Educational Opportunity Grant program by \$25 million to \$920 million.
- Federal Work-Study an increase of \$34 million to \$1.2 billion.

This legislation also includes Student Aid Programs for Dreamers. The new language will allow DREAMERS and students with temporary protected status to be eligible for Pell Grants and other categories of student financial assistance, including Federal student loans, TRIO, and GEAR UP.



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