

IN TRIO NEWSLETTER

JULY 2023 ISSUE



**MAKING
EDUCATION
POSSIBLE**



IN TRIO CONFERENCE '23

The theme, “Moving forward: Breaking barriers for inclusion and belonging” accurately encapsulated the IN-TRIO conference held this past April. IN-TRIO professionals spent three days engaged in listening, conversation with each other, and reflection about various tenants of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging and the potential for growth in TRIO programs.

Professional etiquette and gravitas were highlighted during the opening session presented by Crystal L. Bailey, Director of the Etiquette Institute of Washington. Skills such as vocal habits, appearance, dos and don'ts of networking, office meeting etiquette were discussed, with the aim toward encouraging the utilization of these skills to further professional relationships and the quality of TRIO programs in Indiana. Team building exercises presented by Dr. Jordan McIntire, Executive Director of New Leaf, New Life – a nonprofit in Bloomington, IN, such as a competition to build the strongest tower with marshmallows and pasta, could easily be adapted and used with TRIO students.

The enthusiasm and encouragement to break barriers for inclusion and belonging continued into the second evening with the Association Banquet and keynote speaker Dr. Vanessa Allen-McCloud, President and CEO of the Urban League of Northwest Indiana, whose story reflected the conference theme. The fun did not end as many danced and enjoyed the Roaring '20s themed party at the end of the night. Day three's keynote, Michelle Ashcraft, Associate Commissioner for K-12 Strategy from Indiana Commission for Higher Education, provided much insight toward upcoming changes with Indiana's financial aid resources.



Cindy Firestine and Letise Jenkins strike a pose at President Maceo's 1920's themed party.



A FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE HAD THIS TO SAY ABOUT THE CONFERENCE...

“At my first Indiana TRIO conference, I learned about the tight-knit community and networking of TRIO members throughout Indiana. I feel geared up to help our students find scholarships specific to their interests and needs, increasing graduation rates through scholarships and helping underrepresented scholars graduate from college. It was exciting to hear what was in the works at the state and federal level for 21st Century Scholars and TRIO programs.”

-Anonymous, Vincennes University - ETS

AWARD WINNERS



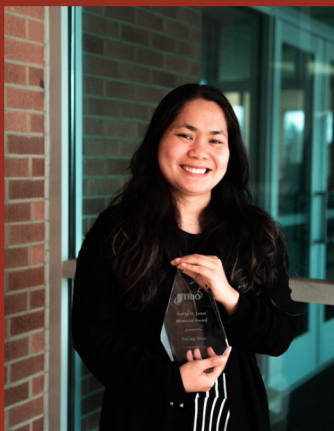
ROZELLE BOYD OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The 2023 Rozelle Boyd Outstanding Achievement Award is presented to Shontrai Irving, Clinical Associate Professor of Business Law at [Purdue Northwest](#).



LAVERTA L. TERRY OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

The 2023 LaVerta L. Terry Outstanding Service Award is presented to Catalina Rodriguez, most recently the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Educational Opportunity Programs at [Purdue Northwest](#).



BERTHA M. JONES MEMORIAL AWARD

The 2023 Bertha M. Jones Memorial Award presented to Ta Gay Htoo, an alum of both [Purdue Fort Wayne TRIO Upward Bound](#) and [TRIO Student Support Services at USI](#). Ta Gay is currently the Community Impact Manager at [United Way of Allen County](#).

SILENT AUCTION



**\$1,545 RAISED, EXCEEDING
\$1,000 GOAL!**

We are pleased to announce the silent auction made a huge comeback this year at the IN TRIO conference! The event raised \$1,545, exceeding a goal of \$1,000, to support the important work of IN TRIO! Conference attendees enjoyed a little friendly competition as they bid on a wide assortment of exquisite gift baskets, ranging from wine and cheese delectables to gardening tools to baby apparel. The silent auction also featured an overnight stay at Hyatt Place Indianapolis Downtown; a 3-night stay at Belle's Boho Chateau in Kissimmee, Florida; a mini photography session, and many other treasures.

The Conference Chairs would like to thank the Board for agreeing to bring back the Silent Auction, and we also extend our sincere appreciation to all who donated, as well as, purchased items. We owe the event's success to everyone who participated! We are excited to start planning next year's silent auction - stay tuned for updates in future IN TRIO communications!



A SPECIAL THANKS TO THIS YEAR'S SILENT AUCTION DONORS:

Lynn Altstadt, Carrie Black, Beth Clemens, The Clemens Family, Katie Dausman, DeBrand Chocolates, Dean & Marvel Embrey, Mike & Cindy Firestine, Hyatt Place Indianapolis Downtown, IN TRIO Board, Ivy Tech Fort Wayne, Letise Jenkins, Candace Joles, Jorge Lopez, Demetria Pettie, Maceo Rainey, Rucker's Candy, Bryant Williams, Skyler Zuber



OLYMPIAD



This year's Olympiad, held June 22-23, 2023, saw its largest attendance in recent years with 163 Upward Bound students participating! This year the event was hosted by Purdue University Fort Wayne (PFW), with Upward Bound programs from the following schools represented:

- IUPUI
- Vincennes
- Ivy Tech Muncie
- Ivy Tech Indy
- Purdue University Northwest (PNW)
- Purdue University Fort Wayne (PFW)
- Indiana Wesleyan

Upward Bound students took part in academic competitions in debate, math, and quiz bowl and athletic competitions in volleyball, dodgeball, relay race, and basketball. This year's Olympiad provided for a memorable, well-rounded educational experience with PFW campus tours (which included staying in the PFW residence halls) and a college fair. In between the event's competitions and educational activities, students enjoyed dancing and fellowship at the Masquerade Sneaker Ball. The event concluded with an awards ceremony, with trophies awarded for 1st place and medals for the awarded team for each academic and athletic competition.

Main takeaways from this year's Olympiad at PFW:

- A tour of PFW opened many students' eyes to the campus.
- Diversity was very prevalent amongst Upward Bound groups and students on campus.
- The apartment-style rooming options in Student Housing were a great selling point.
- Olympiad's largest attendance in a few years enabled students to engage with many diverse students from different programs and grade levels.
- The sneaker ball was fun, and students interacted well and enjoyed themselves.
- The incorporation of the relay race was a great addition.
- Breaking up the students into random teams for dodgeball created a new community and some new friendships.

We sincerely thank PFW for hosting, and we are grateful for all the Upward Bound programs and students who participated and helped make this year's Olympiad a great success!

MILES PROGRAM



This year's cohort: Corrina Qualls, Celeste Garcia, Marquetta Strait, Terri Bennett, Bryant Williams
Facilitators: Lisa Edwards, Maceo Rainey

MEMBERS INVOLVED IN LEADERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

The purpose of the Members Involved in Leadership and Engagement Program (MILES) is to create a network of engaged TRIO professionals while gaining knowledge of Indiana TRIO, Educational Opportunity Association (EOA), and Council for Opportunity in Education (COE); understand and engage in the importance of state and federal advocacy; and to critically think about enhancing the quality of the Indiana TRIO Chapter of EOA.

Participants typically include the following:

- Are interested in learning more about TRIO history and associations;
- Are newer professionals;
- Are seasoned professionals who want to be more involved;
- Have had minimal involvement in the chapter;
- Are interested in expanding their leadership skills, networking, and building community.



Last year's graduates:
Devona Salazar, Skyler Zuber, Letise Jenkins, Marissa Missan
Facilitators: Nicholas Gray, Roxanne Gregg

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND...

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

October 13, 2023
Ivy Tech Indianapolis

TRIO ALUMNI

IN-TRIO ALUMNI MIXER AND PANEL

October 13, 2023
Ivy Tech Indianapolis



49TH ANNUAL EOA PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

November 12-15, 2023
Detroit, Michigan