

TRIO Day 2017 is Tuesday, February 21st, 2017. The Office of Special Programs (OSP) is excited to be hosting the students and former participants of the programs.

TRIO Programs: The Federal TRIO Programs (TRIO) are federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes seven programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to postbaccalaureate programs.

TRIO started with Upward Bound, which emerged out of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 in response to the administration's War on Poverty. In 1965, Talent Search, the second outreach program, was created as part of the Higher Education Act. In 1968, Student Support Services, which was originally known as Special Services for Disadvantaged Students, was authorized by the Higher Education Amendments and became the third in a series of educational opportunity programs. In 1972, the fourth program authorized was the Educational Opportunity Centers. 1986 added the sixth program, the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program. Additionally, in 1990, the Department created the Upward Bound Math/Science program to address the need for specific instruction in the fields of math and science.

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP): GEAR UP, a discretionary grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education, commenced at Wichita State University on September 18, 2002. GEAR UP provides six-year grants to states and partnerships to provide services

at high poverty middle and high schools. The grants begin no later than the seventh grade and follow the students through high school. The state grant provides college scholarships to students.

State grants are competitive six-year matching grants that must include an early intervention component designed to increase college attendance and success, raise the expectations of low-income students, and a scholarship component. Partnership grants are competitive six-year matching grants that must support an early intervention component and may support a scholarship component designed to increase college attendance and success while raising the expectations of low-income students.

Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP is a statewide program that

