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KSU TRIO PROGRAMS

MAY

NEWSLETTER

**YOU DID IT, KSU TRIO
CLASS OF 2020!**

**CONGRATULATIONS! WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL
OF YOU, AND WE CANNOT WAIT TO SEE ALL YOU
ACCOMPLISH AS YOU ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS.**

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS

Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we will move our Summer College Academy to a virtual format. The Virtual Summer College Academy will be in partnership with Georgia Highlands College to offer 17 TRIO students free virtual college classes at GHC to begin their collegiate career with a bang. In addition to the KSU TRIO Programs paying for the tuition and fees for the students attending Summer College Academy, the students will also receive school supplies and virtual job shadowing opportunities. GHC will instruct the students, providing tutoring, and working with the KSU TRIO Program Advisors to provide assistance with admissions and financial aid processes. Our goal is to positively impact our students' lives and give them the tools they need to have a successful post-secondary experience and survive the ever dreaded, "Summer Melt".

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WHAT IS SUMMER MELT?

"Summer Melt" is when recent high school graduates' motivation to attend college "melts" away the summer before they begin their college career. Students complete their applications to colleges and get accepted but fail to actually enroll. In a Boston study, authors found that with encouragement and resources, college enrollment increased 4.6% overall, and 8-13% among qualifying students.

KSU TRIO aims to combat "Summer Melt" by removing some of the obstacles our new college students typically face; such as struggling with the admissions and financial aid process, lack of consistent transportation, and lack of college books/supplies. The KSU TRIO Summer College Academy is more than just academics, it helps students transition from high school to the collegiate world at a moderated pace, ensuring they will be prepared for the rigors of not only college courses but college life moving forward. By educating our students of the importance of eliminating these types of barriers, it will allow them the opportunity to focus more on their schoolwork, without the added stresses that could impact their success.

Our KSU TRIO Staff aim help students achieve their dreams, and with the Summer College Academy Program, the distance between dreams and reality closes. We are proud to announce the students who have been awarded full scholarships for their participation in the 2020 Virtual Summer College Academy:

ASHANTI



MVHARSHAW

LOGAN



ELICKER

KAYLA



LINARD

YESENIA



ORTIZ

ZY'KEIAH



INGRAM

LEONTAY



HARRIS

TAYLOR



JONES

CEMAURION



MOORE

ELIO



VARGAS

AMAIA



WARD

NATHANIEL



QUINONES

MORGAN



WATTS

AYISHA



BUKAR

QUIMARA



ANDERSON

ASIA



TURNER

SAABIRAH



MANSUR

VANESSA



RODRIGUEZ-SEGURRA

The TRIO students will be taking two online courses which begin June 8th through July 1st, with the credits earned being eligible to transfer to the college or institution of their choice. The courses include English 1101,

English Support, Intro to Sociology, Public Speaking, and Intro to Human Development. Despite the assistance the students receive, to learn how to become successful college students, they must do a pretty substantial amount of coursework. The program is very intense, the students must successfully complete two college courses in only four weeks. They are in classes 4 days a week, 6 hours a day to include study hall. But because of their high involvement, "Summer Melt" statistics dwindle when they began their coursework. The same Boston study mentioned above also found that 72% of students who participated in a summer counseling program persisted to the sophomore year verses 64% of the comparison group. The Summer College Academy is definitely a worthwhile venture for students!

COVID-19 CLASSMATES

Wonder what your classmates are up to during social distancing? Here's some quotes from KSU TRIO Students.

Since school had been out my COVID-19 experience has been both stressing and a little fun. I'd say the fun things I have done so far is what gets me through this experience. It's not so bad to be at home.

ZYKEIAH INGRAM

My quarantine experience has been very typical, as all I have been doing is cleaning, watching movies, and schoolwork. One thing I have found to take up time during quarantine was doing puzzles as well as well as creating long extensive music playlists.

YVAN NGAH

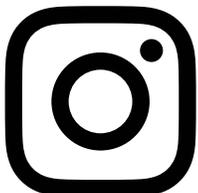
The coronavirus hit the world like nothing we have seen in a long time. The virus has changed our lives in many different ways. When we go to a grocery store we stock up on everything because it may be the last time we are able to go out.

We are hesitant before we let people come into our homes. I just hope that a cure is found soon and those that have the virus recover.

ZIPHORAH TANIS

At first, I was so upset I can't even put it in words. But then I started to see some of the good in this situation. I guess you could say my experience with COVID-19 was bittersweet because of all the things that got cancelled, but I am able to finish the year with all A's.

JANAYA ALLEN



INSTAGRAM CHALLENGE

We miss you! During this time of social distancing, while we are not together in person, we are together in spirit and goals. On the bright side, we also have more time to be creative! When you post pictures of the cool stuff you're doing or your schoolwork, use the hashtag #ksutriotogether