

# UTSA<sup>®</sup> TRiO

## Student Support Services

Fall 2023-Spring 2024 Newsletter



### “Engage”

As we begin to wrap up the 2023-2024 school year, TRiO Student Support Services is happy to reflect on our successes from the past two semesters, celebrate the accomplishments of our students, and look forward to the upcoming academic year.

# Camp TRiO

To introduce the TRiO SSS experience, we hosted Camp TRiO, where we welcomed over 30 new participants to the program with a special guest speaker from the University Career Center.



Students and staff had a great time getting to know each other, learning about resources on campus, and preparing for the start of the fall semester.

## TRiO Tours

For the first TRiO Tour, our program collaborated with the McNair Scholars program to travel to the Woodlawn Theatre to see Into the Woods. Students got to enjoy the story and music, learning the cultural values of musical theatre while enjoying each other's company.





For the spring semester, TRiO Tours took students to the McNay Art Museum in San Antonio. With a guided tour, we explored and learned about the cultural significance of many works of art. On view was the “de la Torre Brothers: Upward Mobility” exhibit that blew us away with incredible visuals. Students shared ideas and interpretations of art before enjoying a picnic on the field.





After the success of TRiO tours this past year, students and staff are looking forward to the final TRiO Tour to Oklahoma City, where we will tour universities to learn about their graduate programs, engage in team building, and cultural experiences.

## Big Events

Each semester, TRiO SSS hosts a Big Event to encourage personal and professional growth for students in the program.





For the fall, the Big Event was held at SeaWorld San Antonio. We learned about the unique and various careers that companies like SeaWorld have to offer through an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the park. In addition to useful information and knowledge about career opportunities, students had a blast seeing and interacting with the animals in the SeaWorld family. We had a great time with our own TRiO friends, the penguins, dolphins, and SeaWorld Staff.







The Big Event in the spring semester was held at UTSA.

From the comfort and familiarity of our own campus, students attended personal finance workshops held by a Wells Fargo guest speaker and created financial plans.



In addition to learning about budgeting and credit managing skills, students partook in some icebreakers and community bonding activities held by TRiO Ambassadors.



## National TRiO Day

National TRiO Day celebrates the nationwide impact of TRiO programs. The UTSA TRiO programs, and community partners gathered at UTSA for a day of service, fun, and celebration.





We were extremely thankful to have UTSA's President Eighmy attend TRiO Day as a speaker to acknowledge the impact, accomplishments, and achievements of TRiO.





The UTSA National TRiO Day included TRiO programs that serve a wide range of students from middle school all the way through college. Attendees were from the San Antonio metro area as well as rural communities such as Uvalde, Brackettville, and Eagle Pass. Participants gathered to participate in activities and listen to speakers. Students created hygiene kits to donate to the San Antonio Coalition for Veterans and Families, upcycled old t-shirts into dog toys for local animal shelters, and participated in team building.



BestFest & Dia en la Sombrilla





In the fall TRiO SSS participated in the annual BestFest event. TRiO SSS Ambassadors and students participated in selling lemonade and over \$300 dollars were successfully raised for the program to use to support students.

During Fiesta in the spring, the TRiO SSS team also participated in Dia en la Sombrilla. The TRiO SSS team participated in the fundraiser by selling sports drinks. We had a great time raising money and participating in UTSA's Fiesta tradition.

# Academic Recognition Ceremony



In honor of our graduating seniors, TRiO SSS held the Academic Recognition Ceremony at the end of the fall and spring semesters. We celebrated the achievements of our graduates and their successes in and out of the TRiO program.







Students and guest speakers were given the opportunity to share what the TRiO program means to them and their stories. These nights are for us to celebrate the members of our community that finished their degree with certificates, final farewells, and congratulations.



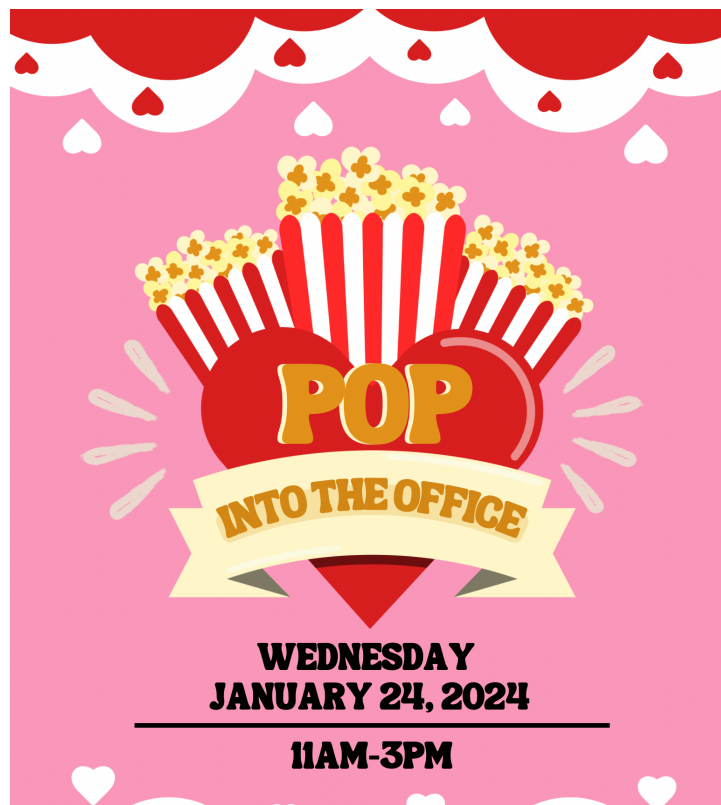
## Community Engagement Programs

Throughout the 2023-2024 academic school year, the UTSA TRiO SSS program continued to build a community with strong connections and bonds.





The TRiO SSS office became a place of community and trust. Social events like Nacho Boo, National Oreo day, and Pop Into the Office were hosted to give participants an opportunity to meet and get to know each other.





We deeply appreciate our TRiO ambassadors who dedicated time to this community and making it a home. We are also thankful for their contributions in creating workshops with topics varying from financial literacy, study tips, sexual health, nutrition, and many more.





## RY EVENTS

## FEBRUARY EVENTS







As the 2023-2024 academic year comes to a close, UTSA's TRiO SSS program looks forward to more successes and achievements to come in the future. We are thankful for our team, staff, community partners, ambassadors, and students that supported the program and made all of our achievements possible.