OUTSTANDING!

This one word sums up the past two years of events for our participants, staff, and program. We’ve changed the name of our newsletter from “The Herald” to “TRIO WORKS” as it is designed to showcase the diligent work of our students, alumni, staff, and of a U.S. Department of Education grant-funded program working to retain and graduate students with first generation, economically disadvantaged, and disabled backgrounds from institutions of higher learning.

Much of what you will see in this edition are the results produced from much labor and testifies that: “The only time that rewards come before work is in the dictionary.” ~Unknown

TOM COLE VISITS

In September of 2010, Congressman Tom Cole of Oklahoma’s 4th District, and a strong supporter of TRIO programs, visited OU’s campus and the offices of Project Threshold. Pictured with Dr. Cole is the administrative and counseling staff of Project Threshold.

TRIO - Student Support Services

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2012 BIG EVENT

On April 21, 2012 several Project Threshold students participated in OU’s official day of community service, The Big Event. Threshold students were assigned to Truman Primary School in Norman where they completed lawn work on the school grounds.

Pictured left to right; Clark Gilford Jr., Crystal Hines, Angelica Morris-Smith, Truman Primary School Principal Kristie Eselin, Brittney Washington, Elaine Nguyen and Brittany Mathenia. Seated in front is Innocent Coulter.

THRESHOLD STUDENTS Awards and Internships

Mariam Gates

Psychology major
2011-2012 McNair Scholars recipient
2010-2012 Diversity Enrichment Program Internship

Michael Nguyen

Environmental Engineering major
2011 to current-Environmental Internship w/ Wynnewood Refining
CRYSTAL HINES
Finance major
2012 Presidential International Travel Fellowship
2012 Client Service Summer Internship w/JP Morgan Chase
2012-2013 Commencement Scholarship

CAROLINA RUIZ-RICO
Multidisciplinary Studies major
2009-2011 Latino Student Life Academic Award

LANCE RAMOS
Health and Exercise Science/Pre-PT major
2012 PACE Award
2012 Dennis McLaughlin Award
2012 Sooner Traditions Scholarship Outstanding Freshman

WES HAMPTON
Electrical Engineering major
2012 Vitruvius Scholarship

AMY POSEY
Multidisciplinary Studies BS/Pre-Med w/minor in African American Studies
2012 ODSA HOF Honoree
2012 Betty Baum & Norman Hirschfield Scholarship

BRITTANY HOLLAND
African American Studies major
2012 ODSA HOF Honoree
2012 Tulsa Achiever Scholarship

ARTEMIO CASTILLON
Film and Media Studies major
2011 Chris Chavez Scholarship

NIEKIA FRANKLIN
Pre-Dental major– Accepted into Dental College
2011 ODSA TRIO Day Speaker
2011 Walter O. Mason Scholarship

MONTANA RANGEL
Chemical Engineering major
2009 PACE Award
2009 Dennis McLaughlin Award
2011-2012 Engineering Co-Op w/Valspar

DAO TRAN
Aerospace Engineering major
2010 PACE Award

JORDAN JONES
Microbiology/Pre-Med major
2011 Betty Baum and Norman Hirschfield Scholarship

CINDY COFFIN
Sociology/Criminology major
2012 Outstanding Student in Sociology/Criminology
2012 Internship with Staff Senate at the Oklahoma State Capitol

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