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TRIO SSS Makes a Difference



On Saturday, March 29th, TRIO SSS students joined 1,000 other IPFW students by volunteering in the community. Even if you couldn't attend, it's not too late to make a difference. The Allen County Partnership for Water Quality was the agency TRIO SSS learned about on that day. They are asking for our support to help people value the water resources in Allen County.

The Allen County Partnership for Water Quality, ACPWQ, wants the community to understand the resources, assets, and challenges to our rivers and waterways. Matthew Jones, the ACPWQ educator,

said **"It's important to show officials and decision-makers that we value our water quality so they will invest money to protect it."**

To show our support for clean water, students can participate in a social media marketing blitz. What that means is write about or take pictures of our rivers—the good and the bad—and post them on

whatever social media outlets you feel comfortable with such as Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Google Maps and/or SeeClickFix.

Be sure to share them with the ACPWQ Facebook "Cause" page or email them to Matthew Jones at drcoldwater@gmail.com or ian.coldwater@facebook.com.

For more information, visit www.acwater.org.

Did you know the water that goes down storm drains is not treated before it flows into our rivers?



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*TRIO SSS student Diamond Mitchell with
Dr. Elaine Richardson*

From Poverty to PhD

TRIO SSS alum, Dr. Elaine Richardson, recently spoke to IPFW students about how she overcame drugs, controlling pimps, and poverty to make a better life for herself. Even though she didn't feel like she fit in, she went to college and eventually earned her Ph.D. She succeeded by accepting help from TRIO and others who cared about her. **"When you know who you are, no one can define or control you. Find yourself."** Her tips for overcoming negative influences are:

1. Make friends with people doing positive things
2. Join activities because this is how you find your talents and gifts
3. Get mentors

To learn more, visit
www.phdtophd.com.

Chatting with the Chancellor

IPFW Chancellor Carwein has something in common with TRIO SSS students—she was the first one in her family to go to college. She grew up "in the middle of a cornfield" in Indiana. As someone who has been there, Chancellor Carwein encourages first generation college students to utilize the resources on campus. **"Don't be too bashful or shy to ask questions to professors or financial aid."** If you have struggles, reach out for help. She also suggests that students **"be willing to take risks and push themselves out of their comfort zone."** After all, college is a fairly safe environment to explore and try new things.

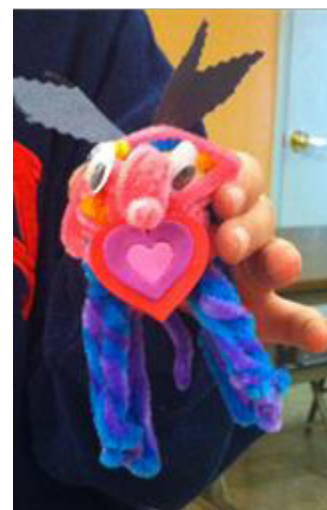


Dr. Carwein was a first-generation college student

TRIO Club Update



The TRIO Club is an organization that volunteers in our community aiming to make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of those in Fort Wayne.



*Animal made with pipe cleaners by child at
homeless shelter*

Upcoming TRIO Club activities:

- Crafts with kids at Interfaith Hospitality Network Homeless Shelter – April 19th & April 26th

To learn more about TRIO Club or how to get involved, contact Abby at wiegad01@ipfw.edu.

Please Visit www.ipfw.edu/TRIO-sss

TRIO Student Nathan Seelye Benefits from Co-op



Where did you co-op? What's your major?

I worked with Regal Beloit's ECM division in Fort Wayne, which tests computer controlled motors. My major is electrical engineering.

Why did you decide to co-op?

I believed that in order to be successful with my degree, work experience would be more beneficial than school alone. Also the money was good.

How much did you get paid?

My starting pay was \$15.50/hr. The first session of my co-op was from August to January and I worked a 40

hour week from 8-5. My pay increases for each returning session.

What was a typical day like?

One great thing about my co-op was that every day was a little different. Most days began with coffee and then I would work through a project list that I formed as I talked with my manager and got test results that required follow up actions. Some of the tasks I had more often would be motor performance tests and setting up environment test conditions. I would also have to reprogram factory prototypes and alter existing programs for different tests.

What surprised you about the co-op experience?

I expected my co-op to be very bleak and reminiscent of 'Office Space' with memos and pointless meetings and even though those things did exist a little, the job was exciting and different most days.

What did you learn by participating?

It's not important that you know everything when you get

a co-op or internship, but that you are prepared to learn as much as possible. No matter how much you know, there will be specific aspects of a job or a career that can only be learned from working in the field and the best way to expedite this learning process is by paying attention to the people you work with.

What advice would you give someone considering a co-op?

For those considering a co-op I highly recommend it. Don't expect a position right away, but don't give up. Once you do get a position, learn as much as you can from the people that have been in the career for a while. I have seen that people love sharing knowledge when they know you have a genuine interest in the knowledge. In a co-op you have a fantastic opportunity to not just build your own work experience, but also to build from other's experiences.

For more information about IPFW co-op opportunities, go to Neff 337 or www.ipfw.edu/co-op. Be aware that to co-op, you need a 2.5 GPA or higher.

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Have a friend in need of TRIO SSS?

Eligibility requirements:

- Full-time student at IPFW seeking 1st bachelor's degree
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Additionally, students must meet one or more of the following qualifications:
 - Are first-generation college (parents do not have a bachelor's degree)
 - Meet federal income guidelines
 - Have documented disability with SSD office

Students who meet eligibility requirements, should request an application from our office or visit our website at www.ipfw.edu/TRIO-sss.

Completed applications should be returned to the TRIO SSS office. After completing the application, potential students will be interviewed by the program director. Acceptance is based on availability and need for the program. Have more questions? Contact us!

Trip Postponed

The TRIO trip to Columbus, Ohio has been postponed this spring due to construction on the Santa Maria replica ship we planned on visiting. We will notify students in the fall when the trip will take place.