

Congratulations TRIO Graduate Award Winners 2023

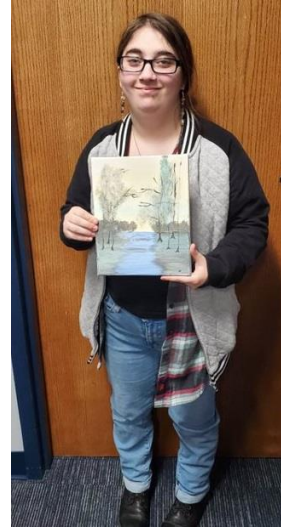
The Pathways for Success Office honored three graduates with special awards for their accomplishments while at ACM. The ELITE (Emerging Leader in TRIO Excellence) award was earned by Donna Morgan. The Scholar award is given to a student with exceptional academic records. This recognition was given to Mattison McMillen who graduated Summa Cum Laude. The GRIT award is given to students who have overcome extreme circumstances but never gave up in order to achieve their degrees. This award was given to Amanda Aberle. These students were honored in a ceremony hosted by SGA on May 9, 2023.



From Left to Right- Deb Hardinger, Office Manager, Amanda Aberle, GRIT award winner, Donna Morgan, TRIO ELITE award winner, Mattison McMillen, Scholar award winner, Tara DeVore, Director.



Pathways for Success Students at a transfer institution visit to West Virginia University



Students in Pathways for Success took part in various financial literacy and academic skill building workshops, and after-hours events that included art projects and stress busters, tutoring services and our first annual Friendsgiving event!

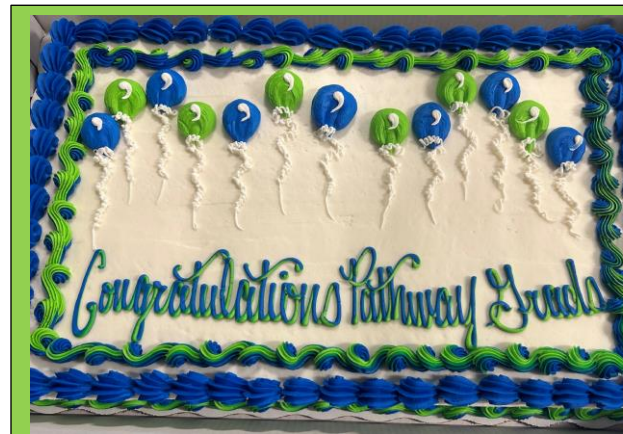


2022-2023 YEAR IN REVIEW Pathways for Success/TRIO SSS

TRIO/ Pathways for Success Honors 30 Spring 2023 Graduates!

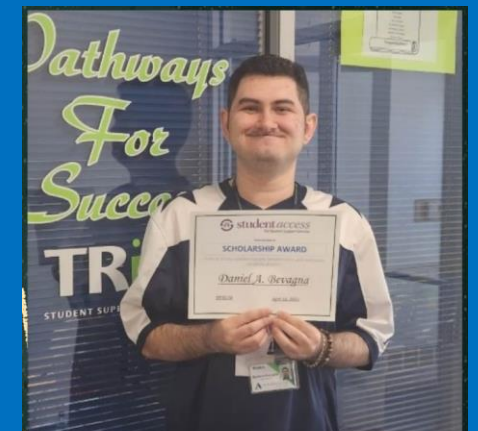


Students in the TRIO/Pathways for Success program were honored at an "End of Year" celebration on May 2, 2023, for their academic accomplishments. The TRIO graduates and those students earning Deans List for Fall 2022 were recognized. Several graduates spoke at the event and highlighted the ways in which TRIO played an integral part in their success and determination, especially when times were hard. Two in-person commencement ceremonies were held on May 13th, 2023 where Pathways students were also recognized by Allegany College of MD Sr. Vice President of Instructional Affairs for their accomplishments as first-generation students. 30 Pathways for Success/TRIO students received degrees on this date. Two Pathways for Success students served as graduation speakers in their respective ceremonies. Brenton Scott spoke at the 11AM ceremony and Robert Gomer spoke at the 2PM ceremony. Both graduates represented TRIO so well!



Daniel Bevagna Receives National Student Access Award

Daniel Bevagna, ACM Culinary Arts and Multi Media Technology student, received the National Student Access Award from Heiberg Consulting, Inc. He was nominated by TRIO Advisement Coordinator, RC Cofield, and was recognized for his ability to overcome hardships to pursue his career goals. He enrolled in the TRIO Pathways for Success program during the summer of 2021. This cash scholarship is awarded to a TRIO participant each year, and the ACM Pathways for Success program has now had seven recipients!



2022 Fall Dean's List

Miranda Bible
Megan Bittinger
Caleb Boyd
Willow Cutter
Fatima Drammeh
Lexi Friend
Jessica Gollehon
Robert Gomer
Kaitlin Hansel
Cheryl Jones
Isaac Kneisley
Kamren Kozlowski
Clay McIlnay
Katie Miller
Avery Nies
Emily Piper
Jennifer Robertson
Joseph Rogers
Jennifer Schafer
Aralynn Teter
Alison Wade
Destinee Whetstone
Deidra Williams

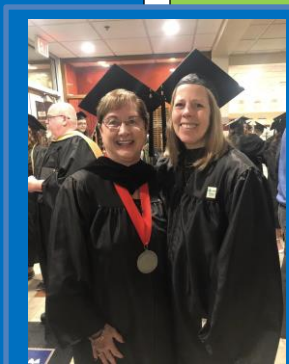


2022 Fall Graduates

Jayleen S. Acre
Jeanette M. Bland
Malloy D. Boore
Tiffany M. Carroll
Kaitlin Hansel
Brady Herndon
Cheryl R. Jones
Tiffani A. Kwakye
Ciara A. Lease
Jenna L. Michael
Katie A. Miller
Kelly A. Riley
Aleena M. Rock
Brent W. Thomas
Rachelle N. Thomas
Madison P. Wigger

2023 Spring Graduates

Amanda J. Aberle
Jessica R. Bollinger
Thomas L. Boore
Meredith K. Briskey
Megan C. Brode
Dea'jah M. Brown
Tiffany M. Carroll
Kaiya M. Dowery
Atalie D. Dozart
Leon N. Elung
Michaela J. Gilardi
Jessica A. Gollehon
Robert W. Gomer
Abbigail P. Hair
Jeanie R. Harris
Hannah V. Hart
Markita J. Hemsley
April M. Huckabay Yeager
Cheryl R. Jones
Jess J. Ketterman
Amanda S. King
Mattison C. McMillen
Donna J. Morgan
Avery N. Nies
Jennifer L. Robertson
Brenton L. Scott
Calvin J. Snyder
Aralynn N. Teter
Angielika M. Trinh
Dawn N. Williams



2023 Spring Dean's List

Tolu Adetula
Daniel A. Bevagna
Megan M. Bittinger
Deajah M. Brown
Catherine Anne J. Charlton
Cornelius Chea
Thomas Cotton
Jocelyn M. Crabtree
Rebecca L. Croft
Atalie D. Dozart
Shari R. Forney
Robert W. Gomer
Jeanie R. Harris
Tresor D. Irakoze
Jesse M. Ketterman
Alissa M. McLaughlin
Sydney P. Metz
Tiffany E. Moon
Angie M. Mullaney
Abigail E. Natolly
Avery N. Nies
Carlie M. Pilkerton
Britney J. Robey
Joseph W. Rogers
Anna E. Santoro
Brenton L. Scott
Taylor M. Stock
Nichole L. Stone
Laura R. Surman
Arlynn N. Teter
Brent W. Thomas
Rachelle N. Thomas
Eric M. Tomlinson
Melinda E. Twist-Rice
Dawn N. Williams
Kalee A. Wright

ACM- First Generation College Celebration Grant Recipient 2022



Allegany College of Maryland celebrated First Generation college students on November 8 and 9, 2022. The TRIO program held a First-Generation College Student Celebration in partnership with the Student Life Office. Several events were held over the two days.

On November 8th, students attended a vendor style event entitled ACCESS your SUCCESS. Several on campus departments and off-site resources were in attendance to provide students with information on the following: financial aid, financial literacy, academic tutoring and resources, student life, voter registration, the food pantry, disability services, health and wellness resources and career programs. Students were given a "passport to success" and met with at least eight of the information booths in order to be entered into a drawing and receive first generation swag.

That afternoon, students attended a First-Generation Panel inclusive of six current First Generation Allegany College of Maryland students and a returning ACM alumnus. Our returning student spoke passionately to kick off the event and described the many barriers he faced when starting college as a first-generation student. An attending faculty member stated, "I was truly inspired by the panel discussion. The wisdom and insight shared by those students was powerful!" Students and staff in the audience were able to ask questions of the panelists regarding their experiences and tips for success. Nontraditional-aged students and traditional aged students along with students from varying nationalities and backgrounds sat shoulder to shoulder and all shared a common bond. They are the first! They will change the narrative.

TRIO student, Kylie Upole, was selected to do a First-Generation Takeover of the ACM Instagram account where she chronicled a day in the life of a first-generation student. The entire week, faculty and staff who self-identified as a first-gen student or first-gen student advocate wore a sticker identifying their pride in being first. The visual for our first-generation students helped them to see the value they bring to the institution, but also that many of the professionals that are now teaching them once walked in their shoes.

On November 9th, the "Proud to Be First (gen)" artistic expression contest was held in our College Center. Seven artistic expressions inclusive of poetry, painting, song lyrics and graphic designs were submitted that told a story of a First-Generation student experience. cards were awarded to the highest vote earners. On November 9th, all first-generation faculty, staff and students were invited to gather with Dr. Bambara, Allegany College of Maryland's President and proud first-generation student, for a photo opportunity. This event was made possible through a grant from the Center for First Generation Student Success/NASPA.

