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Interim Project Director Welcome

Greetings! I am very happy to welcome you to a new academic year with the Brooklyn College Educational Talent Search Program. Before I begin, I must take the time to announce the bitter sweet departure of two of the TRIO Community's finest. Firstly, Ms. Jennifer Webster will be leaving this fall to follow her heart and travel across this wondrous planet of ours. Her missionary work and love for education will be at the forefront of her future endeavors. Congratulations Jennifer, on becoming the newest member of the Brooklyn College Alumni Board! Her positive impact on public education and her encyclopedic wisdom are matched only by her patient ability to connect with people on a genuine level. I am both proud and humbled to have worked with such an exemplary human being. You will be missed dearly, Jennifer. Travel on!

I am also writing this article during Mr. Randall Clarke's final days with Brooklyn College TRIO. Mr. Clarke served as Project Director for five years and in doing so made a positive impact on our students, our grant and our program. Mr. Clarke's leadership and vision has paved the way for future successes here at Talent Search. He will continue his work as an educator serving as Academic Program Manager with the Brooklyn College S.E.E.K. Department. We are very proud of you Mr. Clarke and look forward to the great work we know you'll do with S.E.E.K.

While there are quite a lot of changes occurring at TRIO this semester, our commitment to our students will always remain. We look forward to our SAT and Regents tutoring classes to begin in October as well as our FAFSA workshop on November 10th from 5PM-7PM for our seniors and their parents. This is your year seniors! For any and all college essay workshop questions please be advised that we will be hosting a personal statement editing class during November with a set date to be announced in October. Parents with questions about TRIO enrollment should e-mail us directly at EducationalTS@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

Lastly, my name is Arthur Valiant and I greatly look forward to serving you and leading the Talent Search staff towards even greater accomplishments this semester and beyond. Our Pre-College Counselors are experienced, committed and enthusiastic about this semester's initiatives. We operate on behalf of our students' academic progress and success. As Interim Project Director I am proud to be a part of this team and your college planning. Welcome back to TRIO!

Fall 2017 Calendar

After-School Tutorials

Take advantage of free tutoring services. Subjects will include Algebra I Common Core, Living Environment, English, and Social Studies.

October 16 - December 5
Mondays & Tuesdays, 4–6 p.m.

Sign-up is ongoing.

SAT Crash Course

Designed to refresh your knowledge of the Reading, Writing, and Math content on the SAT, plus an introduction to the most effective test taking strategies.

October 4 & 5
4pm—6pm

SAT Prep Workshop

Learn proven test taken strategies that will help improve your SAT scores.

Classes begin October 11
Wednesdays & Thursdays, 4 - 6:30p.m.
Register by October 6th. Seats are limited!

FAFSA Night Workshop

Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) the correct way the first time. Learn about the changes and receive assistance from a NYS Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) Client Relations Manager.

Friday, November 10
5pm - 7pm

The events listed are *exclusive* to enrolled Talent Search members. You can sign up in one of the following ways:

- Send us an email. Include your name, school name, grade, and the name of the event(s).
- Speak to your pre-college counselor.
- If a registration form is required, complete and return it via e-mail or fax, or by giving it to your pre-college counselor.

College Essay Workshop

by Joshua Ross

During my time in the TRIO Talent Search Program, I have had various opportunities to improve my skills in individual fields. Some of the fields included Psychology, Environmental Science, and Business. I personally have chosen to take an academic class, such as essay writing, that was taught by Mr. Valiant. While taking this class, I have learned my writing style, and I have also realized what type of writer I am. Taking this class has also helped me to realize what writing topic I am best at. During the class, I've made new friends and I can honestly say that the class was the highlight of my summer.

In the future, I will definitely take part in another class, primarily Science or History. The part of the program that grasps my attention is how the instructors motivate you to succeed. The point of the program is to unlock your hidden potential. I believe that the Educational Talent Search Program is going to lead you down the right path. I highly recommend that you sign up while you can.

Meet the Staff

Ms. C. Simeon, Pre-College Counselor (Brooklyn Collegiate, CAAS,)

Hi, my name is Carly Simeon. I graduated from SUNY Old Westbury with a Bachelor's in Criminology/Sociology. I've worked and continue to work with students academically, socially, and emotionally providing a safe outreach for youth to develop and prosper as young adults. As the latest edition to the Brooklyn College TRIO program, one of my goals is to make sure all of my students have a smooth transition into their next stage of life; hopefully all of my students can become mini college experts. As a proud Brooklynite I've always wanted to come back to my community and mentor young adults as they mature and become great adults.

Mr. M. Kaba, Pre-College Counselor (College Prep, BGS)

Peace. My name is Mohamed Kaba and I am thankful for this opportunity to serve as a Pre-College Counselor. I graduated from Brooklyn College in May 2015 with my B.A. in Sociology and am currently enrolled in the M.A. program in Sociology. Education is important to me, because I believe in its blossoming potential. Hence, serving as a Pre-College Counselor affords me the opportunity to serve my community in a capacity that is beneficial to the collective progress towards liberty. To the future leaders of the morrow: "Dream and cultivate those dreams until they manifest into reality." Peace.

Ms. M. Gordon, Office Assistant

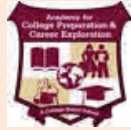
Hi. My name is Michelle Gordon and I am the Office Assistant at the Brooklyn College Educational Talent Search Program. I graduated from Brooklyn College with my Master's in English studies. Being a part of the TRiO Program has pushed me into exploring my goal of becoming a teacher. Knowing that your students learn so many things from you, and you from them, it's important to leave a positive and lasting impression. I want them to question everything, even things I tell them. Never let that sense of wonderment fade.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TRIO

Academy for College Preparation and College Exploration

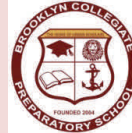
Pre-College Counselor: Mohamed Kaba
Visit Schedule: Wednesdays
Dates: October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th



Featured Service(s):
Male Empowerment Group: Wednesdays after school

Brooklyn Collegiate Preparatory High School

Pre-College Counselor: Carly Simeon
Visit Schedule: Tuesdays
Dates: October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st



Pre-College Counselor: TBA
Visit Schedule: Wednesdays
Dates: October 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Brooklyn Generation School

Pre-College Counselor: Mohamed Kaba
Visit Schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Dates: October 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th, 31st



Featured Service:

George Westinghouse Career and Technical High School

Pre-College Counselor: TBA
Visit Schedule: Mondays & Tuesdays



Dates: October 2nd, 3rd, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 30th, 31st

Cultural Academy for Arts and Sciences

Pre-College Counselor: Carly Simeon
Visit Schedule: Mondays & Wednesdays
Dates: October 2nd, 4th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th, 30th



Featured Service:
SAT Preparation Workshops, continues
Columbia University Tour: October 27th



Brooklyn College Campus

After School Tutorials

Mondays & Tuesdays
October 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 30th, 31st
4PM – 6PM
Homework Help, Regents Prep
Multiple Subjects Covered

TRIO Leaders Club

1st Meeting
October 13th | 4PM – 6PM
Join a group of leaders and contribute to creating a community service project.

SAT Crash Course

TWO DAYS:
October 4th & 5th
4PM – 6PM

SAT PREP WORKSHOP

Wednesdays & Thursdays
October 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th
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