

AN INTERVIEW WITH A

TRiO Alumni



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CLASS OF 2019

How long were you in TRiO and how were you involved?

I was in TRiO for a total of 7 years. In high school, I was involved in Upward Bound, which is a program to help minority students become college-ready. I loved UB so much, I was so excited to learn that UTSA had a TRiO program. At TRiO, I was a student, Ambassador, and Lead Ambassador for Social Media.

***What was your experience like in TRiO?
What do you think of the quality of service you got?***

Being in TRiO was such a privilege and joy! Not only did I get educational counseling but life counseling, too. I can't remember the

countless times I went into the office because I knew I would always be welcomed.

It's amazing what opportunities and services were offered to me and other students for free! I was helped with financial aid, job opportunities, educational seminars, and leadership roles.

What is your favorite TRiO memory?

My favorite memory of TRiO is attending the *Sound of Music* musical at the Majestic. I love musicals and especially watching them live. When I found out we were getting tickets to go, I was so excited! I couldn't stop thinking about all the fun I would experience with my friends.

Do you feel like TRiO helped you with your college journey?

Without TRiO, I wouldn't know what my life would be like. I probably would have had a job I hated with a degree I have no interest in. TRiO believed in me more than I believed in myself. They saw the real potential in me, so much so I was able to gain leadership and responsibility skills within the program. Because of TRiO, I was able to go through college feeling loved and valued even in my toughest moments. I will forever be grateful for the friends and memories I made with TRiO. I'm honored to be a TRiO Alumni!

THIS IS HOW WE

TRiO



UTSA TRiO

Student Support Services

Main Building 0.312

One UTSA Circle

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FROM 2015-2020, WE SERVED
837
 STUDENTS

+ 117 *TRiO Workshop Attendees*

+ 205 *Large-Scale Programming Attendees*

+ 400 *Advising Appointments*

+ 1,246 *Envoy Sign-Ins*

Data from Fall 2019



UTSA TRiO

Student Support Services

TRiO Student Support Services

is a student aid program designed for first-generation students, income-eligible students, and/or students who have a documented disability.

The program provides personal advising, tutoring, and explorational learning trips to promote holistic student success!

TRiO is funded by the Department of Education and available at multiple universities throughout the country.

TRiO students at UTSA get an opportunity to cultivate leadership skills by joining the TRiO Ambassadors, a peer-mentor student organization within the program.