

I AM TRiO

TRiO Advocate

Special Conference Edition!



The 39th Annual Conference of the Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs will be held **November 7-10, 2010**

in beautiful Albuquerque, New Mexico.

We will be staying at the exquisite Hyatt Regency in the heart of Albuquerque,

with the Doubletree as the overflow hotel. Both are within easy walking distance to shops and galleries.

The conference will have exciting speakers and workshops for all TRiO professionals. In addition, we will have valuable exhibitors with information that should prove helpful to your programs. You will be glad you attended!

Registration is still open, so register today! If you have any questions, please call or email Deborah Evers at 405.744.4214 or eversd@okstate.edu I look forward to visiting with you at the conference.

SWASAP Conference Community Service Project Announced

Keeping children and families warm this winter is one step toward helping students succeed in school! What can we do? We can make a difference for homeless children and families in New Mexico by providing some of the basic winter necessities. Pack some of the following items in your suitcase to donate:

- scarves
- gloves

- hats
 - gently used or new coats
 - toiletries
- You can't bring any of these items with you, or you cannot attend the conference, but you still want to be involved? You can make a small donation that will help us purchase these items! 100% of the proceeds donated will go toward the project. (Write a check made payable to

SWASAP with a memo "2010 Conference Community Service Project" and mail it to Ron Abel, Treasurer.)

To find out more, please see the flier [here!](#)

SWASAP, let's come together to make a difference! Thank you!

Rosa Isela Cervantes
Community Service Project Chair



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The 39th Annual SWASAP Conference “I Am TRiO” is just around the corner (or weekend) ... Get revved up and ready to show off your talent(s)!

~See you in Albuquerque~

GOT TALENT?

Come show it off at the SWASAP Conference Talent Show

November 8, 2010

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Albuquerque, NM

8 – 9 pm



Contact me for sign up form...

Sandra Reyes-Garcia, M.A.M
TRiO Student Support Services
Retention Specialist
SWASAP Secretary
Clovis Community College



Fair Share



Here Ye... Here Ye!
S.W.A.S.A.P.'s Annual Conference
is rapidly approaching.
Remember our Fair Share.
Please get your outstanding
school donations and state
baskets ready for the
Silent Auction!

Questions?
Contact: Crystal Perkins-Stell, M.H.R.
Silent Auction Chair
cpstell@ou.edu / (405) 325-2203

Committee members will be present during registration: Sunday, November 7, 2010, all day to receive program donations.



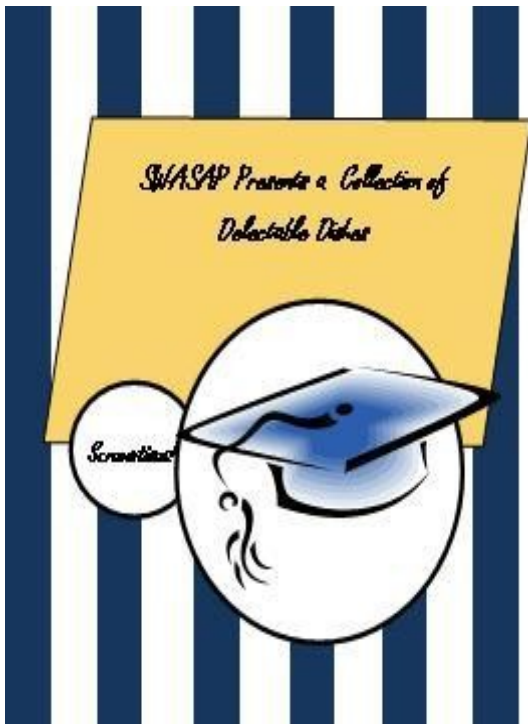


New Members

The SWASAP Executive Board and the Membership Committee welcomes our new members to the region of SWASAP. This year's 39th Annual Conference will host 86 new members at the New Member Orientation Session, on Sunday, November 7th, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. Always ready to empower our members with the dynamics of TRiO, we're pleased to announce that Al Phillips of the Council for Opportunity in Education, along with Rhonda Robinson, LASAP President will speak to them on Fair Share.

Let's show our new members some SWASAPIAN Hospitality, by extending a hand; smile; cup of coffee; directions; or lunch and dinner with you and your friends. Let's show them that "I Am TRiO".

Cassie A. Tavorn
AASAP President-Elect
2010 SWASAP Membership Committee Chair



SWASAP Cookbooks

will be on sale at the conference.

Get one for yourself and a couple for your friends.

\$10 each

Proceeds will go to SWASAP Scholarships!



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to serve as moderators!

Scott Cady

\$30,000 Foundation Award for SWASAP Programs

Cambridge Educational Services' founder, David Waldherr, recently announced the continuation of the \$30,000 Cambridge Foundation award for program coordinators who may also be members of SWASAP. We ask your help in making known the availability of these funds.

For over twenty years, Cambridge has provided scholarships to deserving students and offered foundation awards on test preparation materials and services to schools and organizations which support low-income and minority students. We are proud to announce that the foundation has surpassed the half-million dollar mark in assistance to deserving students and programs.

Cambridge works with program coordinators to help their students gain entrance into colleges and graduate schools. The Cambridge Foundation supports proven success with program models that raise students' scores on exams such as the ACT®, SAT, and GRE®. However, you may not know the details of our program models, which allow our partner educators unprecedented, universal, and consistent success in student achievement.

"I am 500% convinced that [Cambridge] has the BEST ACT preparation materials on the market. With the ACT Victory textbook - what I consider to be the gold standard in test preparation resources - each Upward Bound student will have the opportunity to excel."

-Mary Jo Buff, Upward Bound

For more information:

Stop by Cambridge's booth during the annual SWASAP conference, November 7-10th, 2010 or attend our speaking session on November 8th from 2:30 - 3:45 p.m in the Fiesta I room.

Contact Aaron Patterson at (800) 444-4373 ext. 232 or patterson@cambridgeed.com.

Ready, Get Set, GO!

SWASAP 2010 FUN Run/Walk

**Pack your running shoes and be ready to run/walk for a cause on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 @ 6:30am
(Information will be given out at conference registration)**

Registration Fee: \$10

**If you want a t-shirt please register by the October 1st Deadline
(Proceeds will go toward SWASAP scholarships)**

Questions: contact Brina Ford at bford@se.edu or 580.745.2883

Follow this link to register: <http://www.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?i=957db462-0155-46e0-ab2b-b04782053a67>



Things you might want to know if you are attending the 39th Annual SWASAP Conference:

Conference registration will be held from 2:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 7 and from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Monday, November 8 on the second floor of the Hyatt Regency overlooking the lobby. The process is to check in at your state table first, receive your state clearance form, then proceed to the SWASAP registration table - just look toward the window with the beautiful view! Yes, it will be Ron and helpers doing everything they can to make onsite registration a quick and easy process. Members, if you have not yet paid your \$30 membership dues, please be reminded only cash or money order will be accepted for payment of dues at the conference.

Of course, you might also have opportunities to participate in fund raisers, so prepare accordingly. :-)

Hey SWASAP!!!

Are you trying to maintain your fitness routine while you're away from home? Come join me and other colleagues as we stay fit together! Who says you can't have fun AND get a great work-out? Ditch that old treadmill and try kickboxing and Zumba® instead!

Classes are open to all fitness levels. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing and supportive athletic shoes.



Group Fitness at the SWASAP Conference!

Class times are as follows:

[Kickboxing](#) - November 8

6:30am - 7:15am

[Zumba®](#) - November 9

5:15pm - 6pm

Location - Sendero Ballroom



Classes will be taught by:

LeQui Raymond, MHR

- Counselor, Project Threshold (SSS)-University of Oklahoma
- NETA Group Exercise Instructor
- Zumba® Fitness Instructor
- Member of Zumba® Instructor Network (ZIN)



Don't forget to check out the fabulous exhibitors at this year's SWASAP conference! We'll have 12 full station vendor tables offering an array of services and items. From educational tools that improve your program to jewelry and accessories that improve your style – we have something for everyone!

See you soon!
Amber Mitchell
2010 SWASAP Exhibits Chair

From President Lofton:

Please review the information below and be prepared to discuss and vote on this proposed amendment at the SWASAP Conference Business Meeting on Monday, November 9, 2010.

Current version – Article 6.5

Default and Termination of Membership

A member of any membership classification whose dues are not paid by the close of conference registration of the annual conference shall have all rights and privileges of membership terminated.

Recommended revised version – Article 6.5

Default and Termination of Membership

A member of any membership classification whose dues are not paid by the close of conference registration of the annual conference shall have all rights and privileges of membership terminated until such outstanding dues are paid in full.

Elections

SWASAP Hospitality

Come join colleague and friends in the SWASAP Hospitality Room on Sunday 9 pm—midnight and Monday 9 pm—11:00 pm

on the 19th Floor of the conference hotel. Come enjoy snacks and drinks and a time to see old friends, make new friends, and enjoy the company of fellow professionals in a more casual setting.

Please note that these are snacks and it will not be a dinner for those of you that skipped or missed dinner. Just want to make that clear.

So come enjoy yourself in the hospitality room on Sunday and Monday nights. See you in Albuquerque!

Please review the nomination materials for the candidates for the offices of SWASAP President Elect and SWASAP Treasurer.

For the office of President-Elect:

Lynette Bates [nomination](#), [resume](#) with photo, [letter of support](#)

For the office of Treasurer:

Keylan Morgan [nomination](#), [resume](#), [letter of support](#), [photo](#)

Nominations will be accepted from the floor as per the SWASAP By-Laws. Get to know the candidates and members please be sure to cast your ballot at the election.

AASAP

Annual Conference October 10-12



The Annual AASAP Conference was held October 10-12 in Little Rock at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

The theme this year was:

TRiO: Working to Unlock Educational Potential Through Shared Alliances

Congratulations to Gus Swain, Delores Smith and Caroline Quarrels, three very special individuals, on achieving retirement. Their contributions to students and peers will be remembered for years to come.

AASAP was honored to have Dr. Arnold Mitchem as one of our distinguished speakers.

Things you might want to know if you are attending the 39th Annual SWASAP Conference:

Our friends in Albuquerque wanted to let us know that it is a good idea to dress in layers this time of year. It can get quite cool in the evenings/overnight, then warm up considerably during the day. The weatherman is forecasting lows in the 40s with highs in the 60s during the conference with a possible chance of rain on Tuesday. The humidity is low, so stay hydrated, too!

LASAP



TRiO Representative Now School Board Member

On October 2, 2010, the citizens of Zachary, Louisiana elected Kenneth R. Mackie, former LASAP President, as their school board member for District 4.

In this newly elected role, Mr. Mackie said his purpose would not be to “reinvent anything” because the Zachary school system is going well. The Zachary Community School District (ZCSD) is ranked number one out of sixty-nine (69) school districts in the state of Louisiana. Moreover, the ZCSD has been ranked number one for the last six years. Therefore, Mr. Mackie plans to utilize his experience in working with first-generation and low-income children to aid in the continued success of Zachary’s students, throughout the school system, ranging from early learning to high school and throughout their college years.

In addition, school board member Mackie will continue to function as an educational

leader in the preparation and education of Louisiana high school students, to ensure the production of competitive scholars, who will gain entrance into state colleges and universities in Louisiana and throughout the country.

On a personal note of interest, Mackie is also an avid student advocate who feels his experience is unparalleled and will function as a catalyst to assist him in leading the Zachary Community School System. His rallying cry is: “We want competent children to remain in and become active and viable members of the Zachary community. An educated Zachary is a better Zachary; enhancing our children, enhances our community.”

Further, Mackie has been a resident of Zachary, Louisiana for over 40 years. He is a 1978 graduate of Zachary High School and received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Southern University A&M College, in Baton Rouge,

Louisiana. Mackie serves as an active member of the Zachary School Improvement Team and a scholarship evaluator for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Zachary Committee. He is a longtime educator, having taught in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System, and currently aids in the instruction and advisement of high school students as the Assistant Director of the TRIO Classic Upward Bound Program.

In summation, Mr. Mackie, a former Upward Bound alumnus, has served TRIO in several leadership roles, such as LASAP President, President-Elect, and Treasurer; as well as, Chairman of the Finance Committee for SWASAP. Finally, additional professional and service memberships for Mr. Mackie include, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., the National Council for Opportunity in Education, and the Honeywell Community Advisory Board.

TRiO Quest Finalist

For the FIRST time in the history of Southern University at New Orleans; for the FIRST time in the history of the Louisiana Association of Student Assistance Programs; for the FIRST time in the history of SUNO Educational Talent Search, we have taken the GOLD (1st Place) in the National TRiO Quest Competition.

TIARA JONES, middle school participant, won GOLD in the Photo Essay for Middle School for *What is Autism?*

Ms. Elizabeth Ford led the Talent Search Team to an outstanding conclusion of the AAA Summer Enrichment Program. Of the seven

entries in the Photo Essay Category, four advanced as Quarterfinalists. Ms. TIARA JONES of McDonogh 35 took the GOLD and won a Digital Camera valued at \$150.

Join me in congratulating the Southern University at New Orleans Educational Talent Search Team and Ms. TIARA JONES. Follow the link <http://uwtrio.org/trioquest/awards/>; click the TRIO QUEST 2010 Banner; click PhotoEssay; click Middle School; finally, click *What is Autism?* to view the winning photo essay.

Ruth W. Johnson

**Southern University at New Orleans
Educational Talent Search Program**

Drum Roll Please!

TRIO Quest is proud to present the TRIO Quest 2010 Finalist winners.

Take a moment to view the exceptional work of TRIO students across the country. The competition was extremely tough this year with record entries. Every participant should be very proud of what they created.

Please go to <http://uwtrio.org/trioquest/awards/> to view the titles of the PhotoEssays, Media Quest Videos and Audios, and TRIO Sites that have made it to the TRIO Quest Finals.

The TRIO Quest team gives their heartfelt congratulations to all. You're simply the best!

University of Washington TRIO Training
TRIO Quest Activities
trio@u.washington.edu

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Celebrate the 2010 SWASAP TRiO Achievers at the conference!

The honorees have been invited to join us on Sunday, November 7th, 2010 for the SWASAP President's Reception – 7:30 pm—9:00 pm in the Sendero Room and immediately following please join us in the Hospitality Room – 9:00 pm – midnight in the Sierra Vista Room on the 19th Floor of the hotel.

You won't want to miss hearing the stories of the TRiO Achievers Monday, November 8th, 2010 at TRiO Achievers Luncheon – 2:15 pm- 2:00 pm in the Grand Pavilion (IV-VI)



ODSA Happenings



Hilton Vansickle is a freshman at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, a former SE Talent Search participant and the proud and grateful recipient of a 2010 SWASAP Scholarship shown here with Jonathan Polson, Guidance Specialist.

Oklahoma TRiO programs continue to reach new heights with strong support from all corners of the state. One of the most recent examples is the 2010 ODSA Fall Summit, which took place on October 8 on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. A new attendance record was reached for this annual event, with 73 TRiO professionals joining together for a day of professional development, networking, and other TRiO festivities. Angela Caddell of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, conducted the first workshop. She focused on numerous financial aid and other college-related resources available through the state of Oklahoma that target TRiO populations. This was followed up by a

workshop given by a few ODSA members that focused on incorporating “service” opportunities into any existing TRiO project. After a wonderful lunch on campus, we were treated to a presentation by the director of the UCO Forensic Science Institute which highlighted some of their most recent additions, renovations, and newer developments. Before the conclusion of the day's events, SWASAP President Barry Lofton and each of the ODSA Board Members addressed the crowd, conveying important information and updating the membership on each of the many upcoming events. The overall success of this event will launch us into the greatly anticipated SWASAP Conference with much enthusiasm.

Highlights for several upcoming activities & events...

- ✦ The plans are already in motion for our newest edition of the ODSA TRiO Stats Booklet, complete with the famous student Hall of Fame section.
- ✦ The 2010-2011 Emerging Leaders class is in progress and looks to be better than ever, with a class of nearly 20.
- ✦ Winners of the 2010 ODSA scholarships have been announced. The competition was once again very stout.
- ✦ Plans for TRiO Day 2011 have been in play for quite some time, with an event date of February 23.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Albuquerque! Thanks for all you do SWASAP!

TASSSP

2010 TRiO Upward Bound Knowledge Bowl



Dallas County Community Colleges participated: North Lake College, Cedar Valley College, Mountain View College, Eastfield College and Richland College.

Richland College Upward Bound Team embraced the 2nd place medals and movie tickets, and the Mountain View College Upward Bound Team received the ultimate 1st place “floating” trophy, TI-84 calculators and medals. The event provided a healthy competition and displayed students’ intellectual ability. The success that resulted from all their hard work and effort will encourage students to become more active in class and in their respective programs.

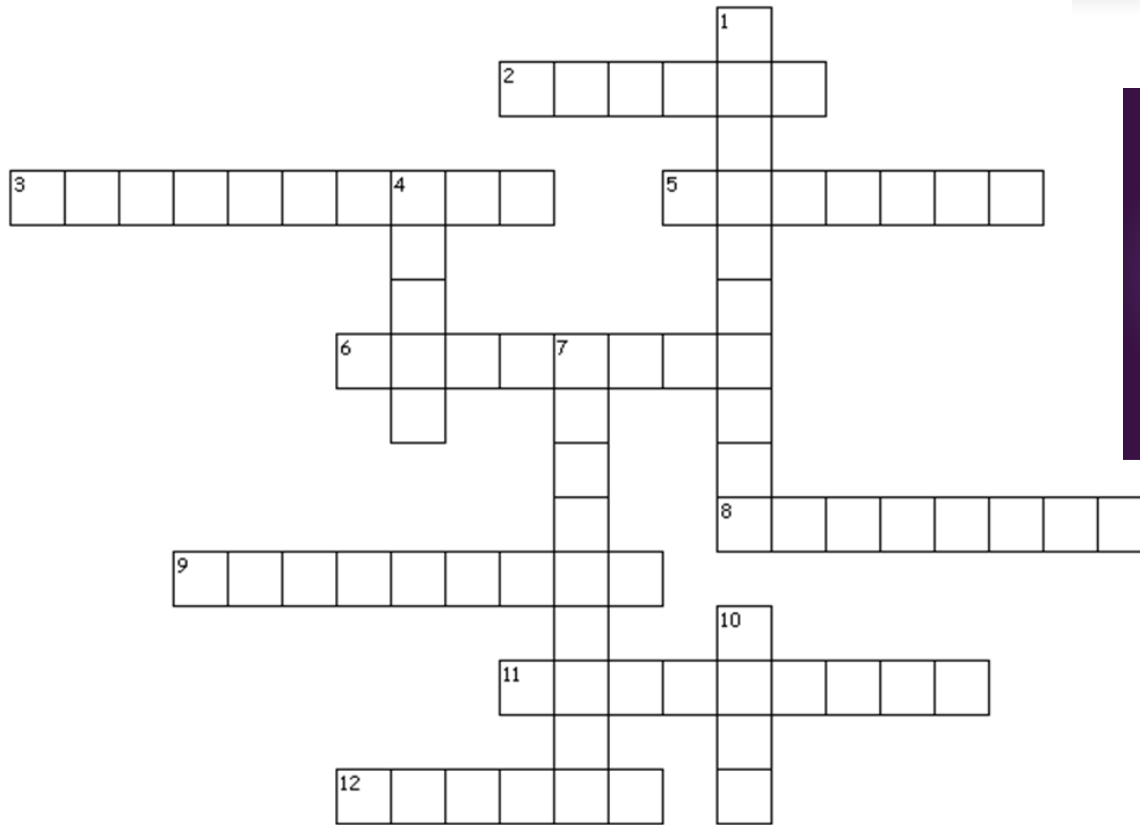
Richland College hosted the Annual Knowledge Bowl Competition on Friday, July 9, 2010. Vice President of Richland College Student Development, Tony Summers welcomed our guests: North Lake, Cedar Valley, Mountain View and Eastfield Upward Bound Programs. The competition focused on the areas of Science, Mathematics, and Current Events. After the competition, we proceeded to lunch, where students and staff had the opportunity to socialize with other program participants and staff members. The Knowledge Bowl Day ended with workshops on Personal Development and a community service project.

The Personal Development workshops covered topics pertaining to alcohol/drug abuse and respect. The guest speakers were Rodney Dittmar and Tiffany Lindley for “Zero Tolerance” and “Expect Respect,” respectively. Subsequently, Richland College Upward Bound students enthusiastically volunteered in “Lending a Helping Hand,” where participants made angels to donate to an area Hospice center.

We witnessed a competitive spirit in the participants. More importantly, they enjoyed the academic challenge, focusing on Math, Science and Current Events. The



In this year’s competition, Upward Bound Programs from 5



Across

2. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the second _____ in October in Canada.
3. President that issued the first national Thanksgiving Day Proclamation.
5. President who officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving.
6. The pilgrims arrived in North America in what month of 1620?
8. The Pilgrims sailed across the _____ Ocean to reach North America.
9. Native American tribe that taught the Pilgrims how to cultivate land.
11. President who restored Thursday before the last of November as Thanksgiving Day.
12. The first Thanksgiving feast was held in the presence of around _____ Wampanoag Indians.

Down

1. Which state has the largest consumers of turkey in the United States?
4. The first Thanksgiving celebration lasted _____ day(s).
7. Wampanoag chief present at the first Thanksgiving.
10. The drink that the Puritans brought with them in the Mayflower.

Submitted by Teriki Hicks

Be first to respond to Teriki to be eligible to win a prize!

