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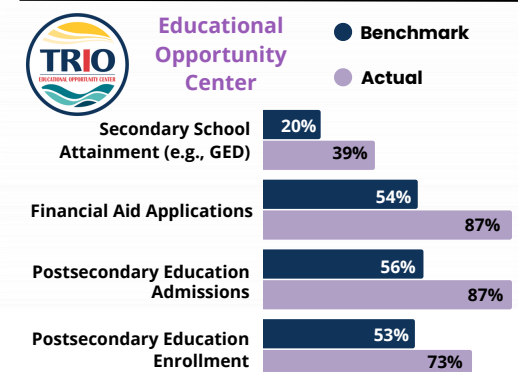
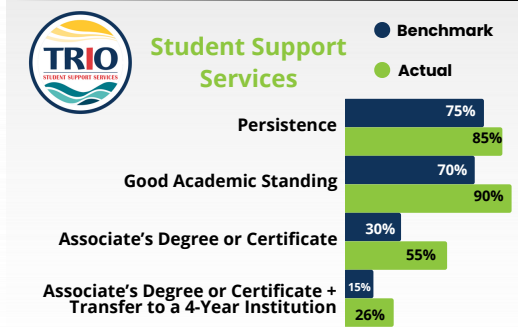
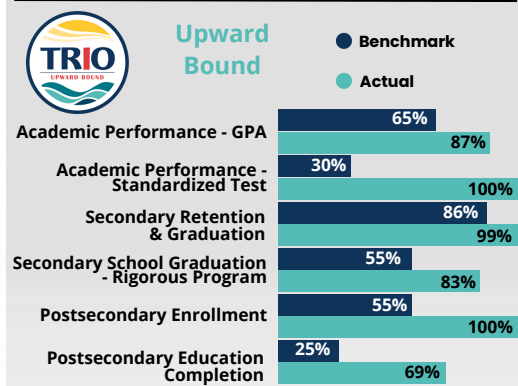
SUMMER 2025

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

with Kris Hatcher, Ed.D.



Like other federally-funded projects, our three TRIO grants must achieve challenging goals to maintain funding. We are subsequently proud to share how each team exceeded their benchmarks on our 2023–2024 Annual Performance Reports:



As our APRs hopefully reinforce, TRIO is a worthwhile endeavor for addressing educational gaps experienced by disadvantaged students. If there's ever anything we can do to help you or your students, please don't hesitate to contact us for assistance!

## Educational Opportunity Center



The EOC has partnered with local community organizations like the Oxford House, Panama City Rescue Mission, Bethel Village, Goodwill Big Bend Inc.'s Career Center, PC's Community Release Center, and local school districts to connect first-generation & low-income students with the life-changing benefits of postsecondary education.

From helping adult learners re-enter education to assisting first-time-in-college students with preparing for their upcoming fall semester, the EOC is determined to meet our 2024–2025 goals. You can rely upon us to help your students enroll and excel in higher education!

Congratulations, as well, to all of GCSC's recent graduates. We can't wait to see what you achieve next, and we're on-call if you need help applying to a Bachelor's or Master's degree program!

To learn more about EOC, [click here](#)

–Lisa

## Student Support Services

In February, SSS implemented an inspiring TRIO Day celebration designed to bring students together and celebrate TRIO's nationwide impact. We then took our students on transfer trips to the University of North Florida, Florida A&M University, and Florida State University's Panama City campus. Each tour gave our students a helpful glimpse into four-year institution transfer possibilities.

Although we're proud of all our 2025 graduates, Laura Short deserves special recognition. Laura was our Outstanding TRIO Student of the Year and has shown leadership, resilience, and dedication. Upon graduating, Laura plans on transferring to a University in Oregon to pursue her Bachelor's in Science.



In conclusion, the past few months have been filled with growth, connection, & opportunity. We're so proud of the journeys our students are on and we can't wait to see what they accomplish next. As always—TRIO works!

To learn more about SSS, [click here](#)

–Kendra

## Upward Bound

Recently, the UB team & I were able to take our participants to Florida A&M University's "Spring Preview." FAMU provided us with a wonderful tour of their campus and the Marching 100 performed several songs. Our students then attended a team-building Saturday session at AMIKids' ropes course in April that encouraged them to step out of their comfort zones and grow together.



UB is also extremely proud to celebrate 15 graduating seniors! Of those, 8 will be attending GCSC this fall, at least 2 are headed to FAMU, and others will be attending Bethune-Cookman University, the University of West Florida, or Livingston College. We are so delighted about their accomplishments and excited to see what their futures hold!

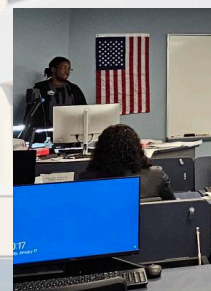
During June & July, we'll welcome several rising 9th graders from Bay, Rutherford, & Deane Bozeman into our six-week institute taking place at Room 89 of SUW.

To learn more about UB, [click here](#)

–Danielle

## Tutoring Lab

Our Tutoring Lab recently started hosting Guided Study Sessions for participants trying to pass the GED's math section. I'm incredibly proud of those students and am optimistic they'll earn their GED soon enough to enroll at GCSC this fall.



I'm also happy to report that our Tutoring Lab had ~1,200 sign-ins during the spring semester! Since TRIO focuses on a portion of GCSC's overall population, that number demonstrates how the students we serve continuously return for help. No matter the subject, we strive to provide your students with meaningful academic assistance!

To learn more about tutoring, [click here](#)

–June

## WE ARE TRIO

### Summer Hours of Operation:

Mondays through Fridays from 8:00a to 4:00p

### TRIO's Tutoring Lab (SUW 82):

Mondays through Fridays from 8:00a to 4:00p

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