



TRIO Scholars

Center for Academic Support and Achievement

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TRIO Scholars - Opportunities to Thrive!

I recently read a report on shifting workforces and economies in Colorado and globally. With demographic changes, rapid technological development, and increased educational attainment globally, we all face a changing world of work and education, and increasing global and regional competitiveness. Reflect on the following quote from the report:

Change also means that we will be training workers for jobs that do not exist today. Thus, we should be looking at skills that are important regardless of industry-specific jobs – skills such as critical thinking, for example. Lifelong learning and creation of a portfolio of skills that transcend jobs will become more important than training for one career in a lifetime.*

The trajectory is that most middle- and high-income jobs of the future will require some level of college education. In a crowd of faces, you need to stand out as an individual with a strong work ethic, varied skills and knowledge bases, and a willingness to learn continually. The work you do now as a college student will be a reflection on all of these criteria.

So, given the competitive and changing work world, we encourage you to take advantage of all the opportunities afforded to you by being 1) a college student and 2) in TRIO. Ask questions in class. Attend a workshop. Join a student organization. Sign up for tutoring. Visit with your TRIO case manager. Give your coursework your best effort.

As a TRIO Scholar, you have access to many opportunities to thrive as a student, but it is up to you to take advantage of these. We hope to see you soon (and often)!

- TRIO Scholars Staff

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“There are many wonderful things that will never be done if you don't do them.”

The Dollar Value of a College Degree

According to a 2005 US Census Bureau News report, labor statistics reinforce the value of a college education: workers without a high school diploma earn a yearly average of \$18,734; workers with a high school diploma average \$27,915; workers with a bachelor's degree earn an average of \$51,206 a year; and workers with a graduate degree make an average of \$74,602. So, by earning your Bachelor's degree, over the course of 35 years of work, you will, on average, earn \$850,000 more than you would with only a high school diploma.

Good for You, Good for Your Community - Volunteer!

According to Metro Volunteers, “Now more than ever, volunteers must be a critical resource in addressing our community's needs....At a time when the demands for their services are growing rapidly, resources are becoming scarcer, with the exception of VOLUNTEERS.”

Every volunteer has his or her own reasons for serving the community. Volunteer work builds your resume for scholarship, college (including health programs at CCD and four-year colleges), and job applications. Volunteer work develops marketable individual skills and experiences. Volunteer work allows you to give back to your community and pay it forward. Volunteer work is calling for many people. And at the most basic level, volunteer opportunities are just plain fun.

A huge variety of volunteer opportunities exist in Denver. Deliver meals at a hospital. Read to an elementary school child. Build a hiking trail. Make calls for a political campaign. Teach at an ELA course. Take care of animals. Explore the links below for all the options, and volunteer today! Or, contact Troy for more information.

The national clearinghouse of volunteer opportunities: <http://www.serve.gov/>

Volunteer opportunities in urban Denver: <http://www.metrovolunteers.org/>

Outdoor volunteer opportunities in Colorado: <http://www.voc.org/>

Health care volunteer opportunities at National Jewish:

<http://www.nationaljewish.org/help/volunteer/index.aspx>



ArtReach Events

Contact Troy to submit ticket requests.

EVENTS FOR VARIED DATES

Event #: 22777-123666
Denver Museum of Nature and Science General Admission . . .
General Museum
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
2001 Colorado Boulevard

Event #: 22778-123666
IMAX/Denver Museum of Nature and Science . . .
Shows and Show times vary. Consult: <http://www.dmns.org/main/en/General/Imax/Showtimes/>
2001 Colorado Boulevard

EVENTS FOR: THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Event #: 22760-123666
That Woman Show - Rated R .
Avenue Theater
417 E. 17th
Thursday, June 25 @ 7:30 p.m.

EVENTS FOR: FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Event #: 22765-123666
Rattlebrain Comedy Theater . . .
Winner of the 42nd annual Downtown Denver Awards and nominated for Best Comedy and Best Theater Season by the Denver Post Ovation Awards, Rattlebrain Theater is a Denver favorite for original comedy!
Avenue Theater
417 E. 17th
Friday, June 26 @ 7:30 p.m.

EVENTS FOR: SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Event #: 22761-123666
That Woman Show - Rated R . . .
Saturday, June 27 @ 7:30 p.m.

EVENTS FOR: SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Event #: 22606-123666
Over the River . . .
Don't miss this uproarious, charming and beautiful story of family and love.
Miners Alley Playhouse
1224 Washington Ave, Downtown Golden
Sunday, June 28 @ 6:00 p.m.

EVENTS FOR: WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Event #: 22838-123666
Hamlet . . .
Perhaps the most psychologically complex and intensely debated play in literature, the deliberations of the doomed prince of compelled to avenge his father's murder contains some of the most beautiful poetry ever written.
Mary Rippon Outdoor Theatre
University of Colorado
Wednesday, July 1 @ 8:30 p.m.

