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Three Rivers College offers many different programs, and they are preparing to celebrate “National TRIO Day” on February 23rd. TRIO is a large group of eight federal programs that is knitted together to deliver information that many high schoolers need and want in order to prepare for college and for job opportunities later in life.

Three Rivers supports TRIO and offers Talent Search Representatives to many local schools to give thousands of students an opportunity to learn things that will benefit them and their career path. Talent Search recently took many schools with multiple students to visit the campus’s of many colleges and universities. Certain areas got to visit Missouri State University, University of Missouri, Arkansas State, Murray State University, SEMO, and many others.

Each school has at least one Talent Search meeting each month. This group of junior high and high school students consists of the students who are able to contain a B-average report card and who are eligible to receive financial aid or other resources to help them attend college. Talent Search offers tips and procedures to study, including tutors and ACT Prep hints and tips. Members of Talent Search are influenced and encouraged to begin to search for their career path and the colleges that they wish to attend.

With many different choices and decisions to make throughout their high school career, it is a good thing to know that Talent Search and the TRIO representatives will always be there to support the students as they continue their educational journey. TRIO offers advice that some students will never come in contact with inside of the classroom. With this program, students are able to receive help and tips on how to create a resume, how to apply for scholarships, and how to fill out an application for the college they wish to attend.

TRIO and its many programs are crucial to the development of the students and their bright futures. Although many schools in the area have the TRIO program, some teachers and students are unaware that it exists. That is why in 1986, Three Rivers decided to begin celebrating National TRIO Day, which builds awareness of this excellent program.

Three Rivers is holding a National TRIO Day Celebration on the Poplar Bluff Campus on Friday morning (February 22nd). Three Rivers would like to thank State Representative Todd Richardson for supporting the TRIO Programs in Missouri and the students that are a part of it.

Nearly 80% of the students that are involved in a TRIO program attend college and finish college with the major that they applied for. High school students that are preparing for college are encouraged to make lists, outlines, and plans for their future. It allows them to organize their life and write down what they are looking for in a school, career, and overall lifestyle.



Students that are not involved in Talent Search are still visited by TRIO representatives. Every semester and sometimes every quarter, certain grade levels are visited by the representatives to help all students prepare, not only the ones that are enrolled in the Talent Search program. A vast majority of the students in high school are still unsure about their decisions or plans for after high school, and TRIO helps them figure things out step by step.

TRIO plays a large part in the education of Missouri and in the younger generations. Education is a chain reaction, and TRIO has helped motivate students for nearly twenty years. So, celebrate with Three Rivers and the members of TRIO on February 23rd, as they celebrate their success and the growing education in the state of Missouri.

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