Mary Bailey Bustos, TRIO Alum, has overcome many obstacles in her life. I’ve often heard that during our life time we will meet people on our life path, and it does not matter whether it’s for a moment—they’ve come into your life and touch us in various ways. I met Mary when we had a class together. She is a person who is constantly teaching me lessons about myself, life, and motivation. Needless to say she will remain on my life path for the rest of my life.

Over the years, I’ve learned so much from Mary. She has not only taught me life lessons, but about herself as well. Hobbies she enjoys include: crocheting, cooking, sewing, knitting, and most of all writing poetry. For Mary, doing the things she enjoys provides her with satisfaction and it keeps her mind stay focused.

Mary indeed is a unique individual. Aside from her hobbies, she is very organized as she does not like to get things out of order, and she enjoys reflecting on herself, her life experiences, and how she can better herself, her family and friends, and her community. Hence, she welcomes the opportunity to sit quietly in a dimly lit room as it allows her the time to sit back and self-reflect. I can honestly say that Mary is in her element when she’s in a dimly lit room. Many times, when I walk into the backroom of the TRIO office, I’d think there’s no one here, as there is no light on, but walk around the cubicles and who do I find? Mary! Yes, Mary, in the back of the TRIO office working diligently on TRIO workshops or meeting with a TRIO student. She is a caring person, and a great listener. When she’s mentoring a student, and if she does not know the answer herself she will seek out the answer and make certain the student’s question has been answered.

Mary’s goals include: get her Masters Degree, teach in an academic setting, and make time to enjoy her life. Mary realizes that she has to make certain that her goals are focused and that she controls how she will pursue them. Her drive and attitude is infectious, and her spirit is contagious.

Mary will be one of my life long friends. She has a front row seat in my life. She’s earned that seat and the right to be called by me, a “Sister-Friend”—someone who knows about the things you are going through, and can show empathy. I am grateful to have met and have Mary as a friend. Since meeting Mary, she has been not just my friend, but she’s one of my biggest supporters and motivator. Always encouraging me to never give up when the going gets tough—I can hear her cheering for me right now! I truly thank you Mary for being my “Sister-Friend.”
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

TRIO TUTORS NEEDED

EARN MONEY $$$$

Qualifications:
♦ Junior, Senior or graduate students who have completed courses to be tutored with a grade of B or higher.
♦ Ability to relate to students of diverse ages and ethnic backgrounds.
♦ Please call 651 793-1525 for information about applying.

TRIO Juniors & Seniors

JOB FAIR ‘07

Monday, February 26, 2007
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Minneapolis Convention Center

The positions tend to be entry-level. However, there will be some opportunity to network with recruiters. Many of the companies attending will conduct employment interviews. Bring your resume along with you.

To prepare you to meet potential employers and to participate in Job Fair ‘07, attend the workshops and orientations. You can see them on the next page of this newsletter.

TRIO will be sponsoring 10 students again this year. Come to the TRIO office to register in person. The deadline for submitting your registrations is Friday, February 16, 2007 at 5 p.m.

ATTENTION !!!!!!

Black History Month

Annual Soul Food Dinner
♦ February 9, 2006
♦ 5:30 — 9:30 p.m.
♦ Dinner - New Main, Great Hall
♦ Program in Founders Hall Auditorium
Keynote speaker: George Rice III

Cost of Tickets:
♦ Students, Alumni & Staff — $5
♦ All others - $6
♦ Tickets on sale now.

For ticket information please call:
Darcel Hill - 651-793-1541
Stephanie Lasley in TRIO - 651-793-1525

Contact Darcel Hill for more information.

Reminders about tutoring:
♦ Tutoring is offered in courses not supported by other campus services.
♦ Tutoring will not be approved until two weeks into the semester.
♦ Priority will be given to students who have failed or are doing below-average in a course.
♦ Students must complete a tutoring request form and agree to stated guidelines.

If you have questions about tutoring, please contact the TRIO Office at 651-793-1525.

Presented at the History Theatre
Wednesday
February 21, 2007
7:30 p.m.

Book by Patty Lynch; Music & Lyrics by Charlie Maguire. Shipped to the Midwest from New York City slums, over 200,000 children were put up for adoption. From 1854 to 1929, children were placed on the trains with a change of clothes and a Bible. Thus, began their journey to find a family. The largest migration of children in history is filled with stories of tragedy and great triumph!

Come by TRIO FH 221 and sign up.
Tickets are limited

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## February Workshops

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**EARN A FREE USB** storage device (512 Megabytes, $40 value) when you attend any **Three** workshops this semester. This incredible device is equivalent to over 400 floppy disks. It is very compact and portable allowing you to carry your electronic documents from school, to work and home. It is small enough to fit on your keychain.
TECHNO TIPS

Ever wonder what your academic record looks like at this moment or how much the class that you’re currently taking costs? If so, this tutorial will help you find that information right on the Metropolitan State Website. (please have your Tech ID and PIN available first before proceeding)

1. Go to this website: http://www.metrostate.edu/registration/web.html.
2. Click on “Go To Web Registration” at the bottom of the page.
3. Put in your Tech ID and Pin (this is not the same as your username for NetDirect)

Click on the STUDENT tab

—To the left, there is a panel with links. Click on each of them to see the information of interest.
Clicking on each link doesn’t necessarily take you to the information right away. You have to specify if you want to see the information in chronological order, alphabetical order, etc… I hope this information has been helpful. Please be aware that this information is for your eyes only and should not be left on the computer screen unsupervised.

!! IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT !!

PRIORITY DEADLINE

For filling out paper work for financial aid awards for next year is

MARCH 1, 2007

NEED HELP?

Contact the TRIO office and we will set up an appointment for you with a peer mentor to assist you in getting the paper work in on time.

Phone: 651-793-1525 or Email: trio.center@metrostate.edu