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The adjustment from being a single mother to being a mother of two was difficult. Their father was not involved in their lives. Dorisene had to work hard to provide for her children. She worked in a factory during the day and went to school at night to learn how to read and write. She never gave up on her dreams.

Dorisene has worked hard to fend for both her sons. While it has been difficult being a single mother, setting her goals toward providing fully for her family made things a lot easier for her. With the help of church, and a great family and friend support system, she was able to concentrate on raising her sons.

After her sons graduated from college, Dorisene decided to come to college. It wasn't an easy decision. She worked in downtown Minneapolis, and quickly made friends with Marcia Anderson, an admissions counselor who continually encouraged her to enroll at Metropolitan State University. Her writing instructor, Jenni Runte, then recommended she join TRIO, and before long she was benefiting from the great services of TRIO. Her experience at Metropolitan State has been great. Her twenty-year long experience in corporate America has allowed to bring her real life experience into the classroom. She has also found it enriching interacting with younger students. TRIO staff, Eve and Pauline, have served as sounding boards when her life has seemingly taken a wrong turn for they have helped her refocus her energy into her education. For her student activities, Dorisene is involved in the African American Student Organization and Women Empowered Student Organization. While she has not picked out a major yet, Dorisene is leaning towards a degree in Criminal Justice.

When she is not in school, Dorisene likes to volunteer with the youth. One of her most fulfilling projects was one in which she educated parents and their children on asthma and resources available within their community from which they could benefit. She found it a very enriching experience dispersing information to individuals who needed this information, but would otherwise not have received it.

Congratulations to the following TRIO/SSS students for winning the 2005-2006 Nellie Stone Johnson scholarship:

- Rochelle Hayes, Resource Management, Senior
- Jason Sole, Criminal Justice, Junior
- Deidre Jackson, Accounting, Junior

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Celebrate Women’s History Month
Metropolitan State University Women’s Commission and the Women Empowered Student Organization present:

“Women in Leadership” Events
Willmar: Historical documentary film on working women, and sex discrimination. March 13th: 11:30 am & 1:00 pm Auditorium

North Country: Based on a true story this film depicts women working in the mines. March 16th: 7:00 pm Lib. 302

Women Leader in Health Care, Education and Business.
March 22nd: 12:00 - 1:00 pm FH Reception Area

Women Who Run: Community leaders on why they ran for office. March 27; 6:00 – 8:00 pm FH Reception Area

Spring Art Show: April
FH Reception Area

Talent Show: In the Educated Palate.
April 19; 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Sumasil Foundation Scholarship
Open to any woman (18 years and older) who has established, clear goals focused on independence and self-sufficiency.

Request application in writing from: Scholarship Committee
The Sumasil Foundation
P. O. Box 758
Stillwater, MN 55052
Telephone: (952) 475-0910

Application Deadline: April 15, 2006

March TRIO Workshops
How To Win Scholarships
Find out how to search for scholarships. Learn how to write winning scholarship essays.
Friday, March 17, 2006
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Library Room 312

Critical Thinking
Presented by Joan Lee and Mary Bailey-Bustos
Come and learn about Understanding, Evaluating, Analyzing and Synthesizing information
Thursday March 23, 2006
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm FH L117

Applying to Graduate School
Presented by Pauline Danforth
Come learn about the process for applying to and being accepted into graduate school.
Friday March 24, 2006
12:00 - 1:00pm FH 301

Effective Interpersonal Communication
Presented by James Edwards
Effective communication is absolutely indispensable in forming and maintaining healthy relationships. Improve your relationships by learning to communicate more effectively.
Friday, March 30, 2006
4:00 - 5:30 pm in FH 118

Sign up for all workshops listed above in the TRIO office or call 651-793-1525

MAEOPP Scholarships
Eligibility:
◆ TRIO student
◆ 2.5 g.p.a.
◆ involvement in co-curricular or community activities
◆ completed application including an essay
◆ nomination from the TRIO program
Deadline: April 3, 2006
For more information go to: http://www.maeopp.org/ then to scholarships, then to Celerstine Johnson and

REMINDER!
NEED FINANCIAL AID?
DON’T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR FAFSA FOR NEXT YEAR!

www.fafsa.edu
You can also apply for summer financial aid by completing the one-page form which is available at www.metrostate.edu/financialaid

Metro 101
Your Academic Journey
Fall Semester 2006
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
August 30, 2006-December 6, 2006
Midway Campus

This course introduces students to university programs and services; it helps students self-assess their abilities and strengths, learn study and critical thinking skills.

Required for all students with 0-16 credits.
Recommended for all TRIO students.

TRIO STUDENTS DO NOT PAY TUITION FOR THIS COURSE!

Summer Bridge Program 2006
Writing 131
May 9 – August 15
Tuesdays 6 – 8 pm
◆ Fulfills the GELS writing requirement
◆ No Tuition Cost
◆ Supported by mandatory Supplemental Instruction Tutoring
◆ Academic and personal support
Placement at the Writing 131 level is required and will be confirmed by TRIO staff.

*This program is only available to TRIO students. Please stop by the TRIO office and fill out an application.

“Imagination is more important than knowledge” - Albert Einstein
Every month I get an opportunity to interview a TRIO student who has overcome several challenges over the course of their lives and academic journey. Every individual presents a different story. This month, I will tell the story of a gentleman that I have worked with for the last couple of months. He is not a TRIO student, but is a student here at Metropolitan State University.

Twenty-five years ago, Jim Galbraith was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS), a chronic disease that affects the brain and spinal chord. It has been an uphill daily task for Jim since then. The eldest in a family of four, Jim has two other members of his family who suffer from MS. Both his maternal grandmother and his mother have had MS for years. There are about four different kinds of MS, each with a different level of severity. Jim says he is fortunate his is not as severe. He moves around using a cane. Every day presents a different challenge for Jim. He doesn't know if he can physically do today what he did yesterday.

While at Century Community College, Jim had several jobs on campus where he interacted with a lot of students. His favorite job was the one he held at the fitness center. His fitness instructor, who soon turned out to be one of the greatest influences in his life, encouraged him to continually work out. Apart from the routine exercise that he got from being at the fitness center, Jim was glad that he was an inspiration to a lot of students who came to work out. A lot of students were amazed that he kept at his workout routine, and realizing the challenges that Jim was facing, these students were more encouraged. Jim is friendly and developed great relationships with his peers and was glad that they treated him no differently than they did each other.

Like many other students, Jim came to Metropolitan State University because it was the only four year university in the area that he could afford. He was also drawn to First College where he could develop a screenwriting degree. In a matter of fact voice, Jim lets me know that he is keen on getting his bachelors degree before he is incapacitated by MS. His experience at Metropolitan State has been rather difficult. Not only has he had to adjust to a new environment, but he has also had to adjust to a new learning system. However, Jim continues to seek support from his surroundings. He is still in touch with his fitness instructor who encourages him to plunge on even when the going gets tough.

When not studying Jim loves to read, and one of his favorite authors is John Grisham. His biggest dream is to travel the world, especially England, Ireland and Scotland. He has traveled a lot around the states, and hopes to do more traveling. He loves watching movies, and visiting friends over the weekends.

The 2006 National Women’s History Month Honorees:

- Find out what these women did!
  - Juana Gutierrez— Political Activist and community organizer
  - Aileen Hernandez— Union organizer and Human Rights Activist
  - Winona LaDuke— Author and Environmentalist
  - Cindy Marano— Economic Justice Activist and Public Policy Visionary
  - Mary Aloysius Molloy— Educator and Innovator
  - Nancy Skinner Nordhoff— Philanthropist and Environmentalist
  - Mary Taylor Previte— Pioneer and Activist for Juvenile Justice
  - Betty Reid Soskin— Cultural Anthropologist and writer
  - Mary Tsukamato— Educator, Writer and Cultural Historian
  - Marian Van Landingham— Artist and community leader
  - The National Women’s History Project www.nwhp.org

Metropolitan State University has recently upgraded student accounts to support their own personal webpage. Whether you are simply creating a website about yourself or advocating a cause your NetDirect account allows you to do just that.

So how do you set it up? First, you need to create a new folder in your H: drive and name it “www” without the quotation of course. Anything you put in this folder can be downloaded from anywhere, as long as you have an internet connection. After creating a folder and renaming it to “www”, you need to know a bit about creating a webpage. A webpage is just like a word document except that it ends in .html instead of .doc. The good thing is you can use Microsoft Word to assist you in creating a simple webpage.

Open up Microsoft Word as you would normally do and type some words into the page. Go to FILE and SAVE AS WEB PAGE. Make sure to change the TYPE from “single file web page (.mht)” to “web page (.html)” as .html is the standard in creating web pages. Also, name your file index (index.html) as this will be the first page on your website and save it into the folder “www”.

To test your page, enter this URL into the address box: http://go.metrostate.edu/~username/.

(change username to your NetDirect username)

The information above may be hard to follow as it is a quick guide to let show you how to create your first webpage. Your first webpage may be plain but it’s a start. To get more information about Metropolitan State’s personal webpage and workspace, please go to this address: http://www.metrostate.edu/it/portal/selfhelp/personal_web_space.html.

Here is a simple one I did a while ago, http://go.metrostate.edu/~yangko02/

If you have any question or needs help, please contact me, Kong Yang, at kongagee@yahoo.com or Call 651-793-1525 to set up a time to meet me and work on your webpage. PLEASE note that I only know a little bit about developing webpage so if you already know some HTML, it’s better to look for help online.

Tea with TRIO

We invite First College students, faculty, and staff to have Tea with TRIO students and staff.

Tuesday, March 28th from 4:00 - 6:00 pm in Founders Hall 2nd Floor Reception Area.
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Point of contact for more information on this new, exciting science is Jigang Liu, Ph.D. at 651.793.1472 or email @ jigang.liu@metrostate.edu.

Information meeting, Monday, March 20 on the St. Paul Campus, New Main Room L102, 6:00 - 7:00pm
Signup by calling 651-793-1472

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Magic Moments, Songs of the Great Movie Musicals

Our wealth of talented singers, dancers and musicians will put the spring into our spring production. You’ll find yourself singing right along on a wonderful, carefree journey as dozens of your favorite songs jump from screen to stage.

Saturday March 25, 2006 8:00 pm
At the Centennial Showboat

Limited Number of Tickets available. Only 2 Tickets per TRIO Student Sign up in the TRIO office or Call 651-793-1525

TRIO GRANT AID for Summer Semester

Freshman or Sophomore TRIO Students who are active TRIO students in good academic standing (2.5 or higher G.P.A.) and Pell eligible may apply for Grant Aid for summer semester.

Recipients must type a one-page, double-spaced essay on how this grant will impact their education at Metropolitan State University.

Deadline: Monday, May 1, 2006.
Contact the TRIO office today for application material.