# **CMCC TRIO News**

Central Maine Community College TRIO Student Support Services Newsletter

**Graduation Edition** 

**May 2018** 



Pictured above: Front L-R: Ahmed Alasow, Admissions Counselor Jeremy Bouford, Hassan Alasow. Back L-R: Alice Sherwood, Micayla Hill, Scott McClelland, Brooke Tracy, Jannie Durr, Abdullahi Daud.



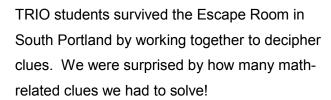
Pictured: Ouseiny Ousmane, Rusty Young, Ifrah Assoweh, Kassie Schmidt, Julie White, Domonique Givans, USM rep, Amran Osman, Amber Lewis,

### The Journey of Transfer

TRIO has been on the road this spring visiting and exploring many different campuses. In early, April, TRIO visited the University of Maine Augusta (left) where students were able to have in-depth conversations about their specific degree programs. Several of the students found out that day that they had been accepted. It was exciting!

In mid-April, on a lovely spring day, TRIO students (left) visited the University of Southern Maine Portland campus. Our TRIO students received a tour at the USM Portland Campus, met with TRIO SSS representatives, and met 1-1 with the transfer admission's specialist to receive

answers about their specific transfer questions.



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"Thank you for being available for me to stop by your desk and discuss what is bothering me. You are never too busy to say a kind word." Cheryl Hicks, TRIO Student





Pictured right: Alice Sherwood, Jannie Durr, Micayla Hill at University Maine Farmington

# TRO Pride students earned

In total, 69 TRIO spring honors. We

are proud to list the following students on the spring 2018 TRIO Honor's List:

President's Honors: Lisa Bailey, Hunter Banks, Angela Cafarelli, Timothy Campbell, Monique Collins, Heidi Coulombe, Benjamin Creznic, Sarah Dudley-Taylor, Megan Duval, Cathy Gray, Micayla Hill, Gabriel Hoy, Monique LaBerge, Dale Leblanc, Paula Pelletier, William Rolfe, Crystal Stearns, Rusty Young, and one other

High Honors: Sadio Aden, Ahmed Alasow, Michael Bourque, Jennifer Burr, Deborah Chase, Paige Chase, Rachel Chretien, Abdullahi Daud, Harley Fortier, Darlene Gardner, Grace Hayes, Amanda Hebert, Dannielle Ingram, Kyle Knowlan, Amber Lewis, Ekoko Louise, Araminta Mayberry, Penny Michaud, Jessica Moore, Matthew Morgan, Mason Morin, Kassie Schmidt, Kacie Simpson,

Fancy Spaulding, Kayla Thayer, Keirsten Walder and two others.

### **2018 TRIO** Graduates

Ahmed Alasow Hassan Alasow **Evelyn Arsenault** Ifrah Assoweh Hunter Banks Jessica Bernier Taylor Boilard Dezarae Caron Kiya Caron Deborah Chase Heidi Coulumbe Cynthia Deschenes Megan Duval Joshua Ehiorobo Jesse Emery Shakira Ernest

Abduliabar Farah Amira Farah Darlene Gardner Cathy Gray Thomas Greene Missie Harnden Jenn Hatch Micayla Hill Kate Ingalls Ekoko Louise **Robert Marquis** Araminta Mayberry Scott McClelland Marianne Ouelette Paula Pelletier Kelly Pinette Kassie Schmidt Tammy Small

Honors: Aicha Ali, Asha Ali, Audrey Believeau, Kayla Berkey, Cynthia Bright, Mary Britton, Kiya Caron, Sarah Chaput, Melissa Cyr, Randa Farah, Abigail Fogg, Jennifer Hatch-Sastamoine, Cheryl Hicks, Wila Idris, Dalmar Jimale, Scott McClelland, Jeremy Mitchell, Kevin Mitchell, Deborah Stuart, Brooke Tracy, and Tracy Vis.

> A note from Terry Charlton, TRIO director — Community Colleges act as important points of access to higher education for students. Student Support Services targets student success. This year we are especially proud of the students who will be continuing their education to bachelors programs: Ahmed Alasow is transferring to

UMA for Biology. Hassan Alasow is transferring to UMA for Computer Information Systems. Ifrah Assoweh and Hunter Banks are transferring to USM for Social Behavioral Sciences. Kiya Caron is transferring to USM for Forensic Chemistry. Cathy Gray is transferring to USM-LAC for Leadership and Organizational Studies. Melissa Harnden is transferring to UMA for Art. Jennifer Hatch-Sastamoine is transferring to USM for Environmental Science. Micayla Hill is transferring to UMA for Liberal Studies with a Secondary Education minor. Araminta Mayberry and Scott McClelland are transferring to UMA for Business. Kelly Pinette is considering transfer to UMA or USM in Business. Kassie Schmidt is transferring to USM for Business with a concentration in Entrepreneurship and Small Business.





## TRIO Pride

#### **CM Education Foundation Awards Include Four TRIO Students**

**Scott McClelland** selected Against All Odds Award recipient for 2018. Scott has come a long way to be an honor student at CMCC. Scott



started in Lewiston Adult Education, earning his G.E.D. When he arrived at CMCC, he joined TRIO immediately and used his college resources to master his challenges. Scott aspires to owning a sober living residential facility to

help those who face the challenges of homelessness that he has overcome. Scott is continuing to his bachelors degree at UMA in the fall.



Cathy Gray, Yes I Can! Award recipient has sky rocketed to success at CMCC, earning Presidential honors and completing all requirements for her Associates degree in one short year. She accomplished this while working and raising her family of four children and

attending CM as a single mom. Cathy will be

transferring to USM Lewiston Auburn campus in September.



Angela Cafarelli, All Maine Academic Team winner and Human Services major is eager to work with foster youth in Maine. Angela is a high

honors student while working full time as a pharmacy technician. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society who plans on continuing her education to a master's degree in

social work.



CMCC selected **William Rolfe** as Student of the Year for his academic success and campus and community involvement. William, a President's list honoree, Phi Theta Kappa inductee, and president of the CMCC Veteran's Club aspires to

study neuroscience in the future.

Melissa Harnden published in Photographer's Forum. Missy Harnden has found her calling—photography. She is a May 2018 graduate of CM's



Graphic Arts Associate
degree and a finalist in the
38th Annual Photographer's
Forum, a national
photography contest for
students. Missy was
selected from among over
12,000 entrants from the
U.S. and Canada and
around the world. Her work

was published in the book, *Best of College & High School Photography 2018*. Missy will attend University Maine Augusta this fall to study art.

Tutoring News TRIO students thanked their tutors in a week-long celebration "Thank a Tutor." Students created thank you cards and notes, and everyone enjoyed baked goods baked by staff and students. One tutor said, "This was really sweet. The baked goods were sweet, but what was really the sweetest was the happiness I got by helping my tutees earn better grades and learn. I like working here. This place has a really positive vibe."



TRIO is accepting applications for tutors for summer and fall. For more information, contact: Donna Alexander at <a href="mailto:dalexander@cmcc.edu">dalexander@cmcc.edu</a> or 755-5209

#### SUMMER FORUMS

Wrocket Writing— June 25-29

**Algebra Aptitude—** July 9,11,13,16,18,20

Nursing Boot Camp— August 9

**Summer TRIO Orientations—**June 15, July 10, 12; August 2, 3, 6,7,8, 15, 21,22

**MEOC workshops—** May 17, June 28



Jannie Durr, transfer counselor

Transfer Tip: Summer can be a great time to balance your time between relaxation, work, and preparation for next year! TRIO is open and ready this summer to help you work on your transfer goals. Summer is an opportunity to begin your transfer planning. It could mean starting

your transfer essay, your resume, and discussing transfer options. Much of the planning can be done via email or phone. Don't hesitate to reach out to TRIO so you can balance it all.



#### TRIO Scholarships awarded at Scholarship Tea celebration

TRIO awarded thirteen scholarships this year to deserving students who were active participants in TRIO and who had an unmet financial need and receive PELL grants. All selected students exemplified TRIO excellence and "grit." The tea was held on February 27 as part of CMCC's celebration of National TRIO Day. After Terry Charlton, TRIO Director, made some brief remarks

extoling the virtues of the selected students, the students and their guests enjoyed tea, punch, and cookies. The students are pictured here holding their award certificates. TRIO proudly awarded scholarships totaling \$12,000 to Ahmed Alasow, Hassan Alasow, Angela Cafarelli, Monique Collins, Abdullahi Daud, Brooke Eveson, Abduljabar Farah, Randa Farah, Cathy Gray, Rachel Larrivee, Ouseiny Ousmane, Kelly Pinette, and Kassie Schmidt.



 $\label{eq:problem} \mbox{Pictured right L to R are: Monique Collins, Hassan} \\ \mbox{Alasow, Cassie Schmidt, Kelly Pinette and Cathy Gray.} \\$ 

### **\$ALT** Money knowledge for college-and beyond.

SALT Tip: TRIO suggests checking out the ebook on SALTmoney.org. They will share with you 100+ ways to get rid of your student loans...WITHOUT repaying them! You know that we value FREE here, so consider checking out this free information. Not only that, but you will notice that they have a virtual student loan repayment counselor to help you navigate the process.