



The Westmoreland Wire

Wishing you a successful 2020 semester!



Visit the TRIO office for an Open House event
Wednesday, January 15 or Thursday, January 16!

TRIO is offering supplies: Stop in to get yours!



The TRIO Open House will be located in the

TRIO Office, BIC, Room 4401

from · 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you!

TRIO Changes

Welcome TRIO's newest Counselor, Jessica Tyburski



Jessica Tyburski joined the TRIO/SSS Program in October 2019. Jessica earned a bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders at California University of Pennsylvania. She continued on at CalU earning a master's degree in School Counseling.

Jessica attended community college after high school and identified as a nontraditional student throughout her college career. Jessica is eager to work with students on their academic and career success as well as professional development.

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TRIO TIP: The 2020-2021 FAFSA is open! Complete the FAFSA now to avoid missing deadlines and available grants! Visit fafsa.ed.gov to get started.

Important Dates

Classes Start	Thursday, January 9
All Tuition and Fees Must be Paid (exception payment plan)	Thursday, January 9
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day (College Closed)	Monday, January 20
Last Day to Drop (15-week classes)	Thursday, January 30
Last Day to Submit a SAP Appeal	Thursday, January 30
12-Week Classes Begin	Thursday, January 30
National TRIO Day	Saturday, February 29
Summer Internship Applications Due	Wednesday, April 1
Transfer Fair	Tuesday, March 10
Faculty Development (No Classes)	Tuesday, March 17
Spring Break (No Classes)	Wednesday, April 8 - Sunday, April 12
Final Exams	Thursday, April 30- Wednesday, May 6
Commencement	Thursday, May 7

Student Activities

Breakfast Buffet with SGA	Monday, January 13
Breakfast Buffet with SGA	Tuesday, January 14
Club Rush	Tuesday, January 21
Club Rush	Wednesday, January 22
Drum Circle	Tuesday, January 28
True Black History Museum Presentation	Thursday, February 6
True Black History Exhibit 10am—2pm SAC	Thursday, February 6
Valentine's Day Party-SAC	Thursday, February 14
Drum Circle	Tuesday, February 25
Student Trip to Washington D.C.	Saturday, March 28
Drum Circle	Tuesday, March 31
Mocktail Mix Off	Wednesday, April 1
American Red Cross Blood Drive	Tuesday, April 14
Student Trip to NYC	Saturday, April 25
Drum Circle	Tuesday, April 28
Stress Less Week	Monday, April 27-Thursday April 30

CHECK YOUR PORTAL CALENDAR FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES

TRIVIA CHALLENGE

The Trivia Challenge, a monthly email that includes a Google Form to answer a trivia question. Test your knowledge on the TRIO program, Westmoreland or other random facts. Students who answer correctly will be entered into a drawing to win a gift card.

Keep an eye on your Westmoreland email for the upcoming January **TRIVIA CHALLENGE!**

BOOKS BY eCAMPUS—Westmoreland's Online Book Provider

Students from all Westmoreland locations will be able to take advantage of several purchasing options including new, used, rental, eTextbook and a network of third-party marketplace sellers.

Make sure to use the School Sign In! [Books by eCampus](#)

DESIRE2LEARN (D2L)

Westmoreland has officially switched from Blackboard to Desire2Learn (D2L). Students are encouraged to visit the [D2L Student Support](#) site to view the [D2L student YouTube playlist](#) as well as the [D2L student help](#) information. All students are enrolled in an online orientation course to learn how to use D2L.

To access D2L, visit <https://d2l.westmoreland.edu>, type your myWestmoreland username and password and click Log In.

FREE TUTORING

Free tutoring is available to all Westmoreland students in the [College Learning Center](#), BIC, Room 4302. Tutoring is available as regular weekly sessions or single sessions. Tutoring staff includes professional, peer and volunteer tutors who can provide assistance in most credit courses.

RENOVATIONS

Renovations to Westmoreland are still under way.

Please also pay close attention to parking.

To ensure you do not receive fines, make sure to park in student parking designated lots.

TRIO TIP: Sign up for Westmoreland's Emergency Alert text messages. With the upcoming winter season, you want to be prepared!

Drop-In Workshop Series:

TRIO is planning exciting workshops with fun and creative activities! Drop-in and join the fun!
More information will be emailed soon!

“GAME ON”-Engage in Board Game Activities

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 • 11a.m. - 2p.m. • Student Achievement Center

Topics on Investing and Money Decisions!

These workshops will include pizza, drinks and a raffle to win a \$25 AVI gift card!

**“Future Drop-In Workshop Events will be scheduled,
check your college email frequently”**

TRIO PARTICIPATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

SPRING 2020

TRIO Students: Get involved!

You can enter monthly drawings to win a \$25 Sheetz Gift Card!

*TRIO students who attend any of the following will receive a raffle tickets for each time they attend and participate:

- TRIO *Drop in Events*
- TRIO *Cultural Trips*
- TRIO *Progress Report Pick-Up*
- Educational planning/registration with your TRIO counselor*
- Campus events and activities (must provide proof of attendance)*

*TRIO counselors may give raffle tickets to TRIO students at other times as deemed appropriate. (Ex. A reward for special accomplishments, extra effort or participation in other activities).

*Drawings will be held at the end of each month (January through April) and winners will be contacted through Westmoreland email accounts to pick up their prize.

Celebrating First-Generation Students!

On November 7, 2019, the TRIO program participated in an annual national celebration of first-generation students. If you're a first-generation student, you are not alone! Over **80 percent** of the students in the TRIO program have parents who did not complete four-year degrees.

Being a first-generation student is definitely not easy. When you're the first in your family to attend college, you might be unsure about a lot of things, like how to apply, pick a major and find the money to pay tuition. And once you get through those challenges, you might struggle with study skills, time management and figuring out what to do next.



**From the "What I Wish I'd Known to I've Got This"
First-Generation Celebration banner
(on display in the hallway outside of the CLC).
Check it out and add your own words of wisdom!**



The TRIO program is here to help!

Here are some tips for success for First Generation students:

Tap into on-campus resources

Take advantage of all the resources available to you! From computers to tutors to workshops, the college has many services available to help you thrive as a student and achieve your goals. See a list of [Student Resources](#) from the Westmoreland website.

Work hard and work “smart”

Balancing family responsibilities, work obligations and everything else life throws at us can be hard, but studies have shown that some commonsense habits pay off! So if you want that “A”, go to class, understand the syllabus, do your homework, organize your assignments, study, avoid the temptation to procrastinate and, maybe most important of all, stay focused!

Ask for help

You don’t have to go it alone. Have questions? ASK! Ask your instructor. Ask your fellow classmates. Ask your TRIO counselor. Be persistent! Ask until you get what you need. The college faculty and staff are here to help you. Many of us are also first-generation students and understand what you’re dealing with better than you might think!

Discover your passion

Take the time to discover what sparks your curiosity and brings you joy. Pursuing what you are passionate about opens doors to incredible opportunities. Need help figuring that out? Ask your TRIO counselor!

Get a mentor

Mentors are fantastic sources of information and knowledge. They may have overcome some of the same challenges that you’re experiencing and can offer useful advice. At the least, mentors offer an ear to listen! TRIO has a mentoring program for all TRIO students. Let your TRIO counselor know if you’d like to have a mentor or to be a mentor.

Get involved

Creating a social support system is extremely important. Meet other students who share your same interests, take on a leadership role or support a cause dear to your heart. The college offers students the opportunity to participate in more than 20 clubs and organizations! Check out the list of [Student Organizations](#) at Westmoreland.

Be persistent, but also have fun

Stay focused, be disciplined and don’t give up. Always keep working toward your goals. Earning a degree is a lot of hard work, but don’t get too caught up in the work! Being in college is an exciting and unique experience. Take the time to enjoy it!

Be proud of yourself

Remember to stop every once and while and look back at how far you’ve come. Take pride in everything you have accomplished so far while striving for that diploma!

SPRING 2020 TRIO Cultural Trips

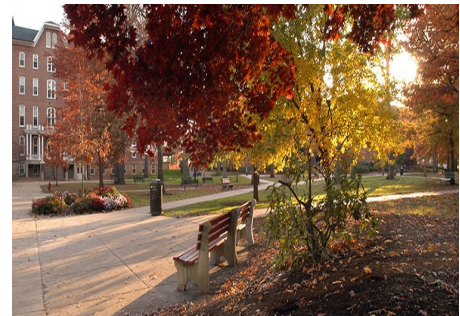
You won't want to miss a TRIO Cultural Trip this semester!

Keep an eye on your college email and remind.com text alerts for more information and to RSVP!

[Main Bowling](#) - Friday, February 7th



[Indiana University of PA](#) Tour + Visit Indiana
Friday, March 27th



[Heinz Field Tour](#) - Friday, April 3rd



[Laurel Caverns](#) - Friday, April 24th





NATIONAL TRIO DAY

Saturday, February 29th is "National TRIO Day!"

We celebrate to commemorate the annual achievements of the Federal TRIO programs in communities across the country.

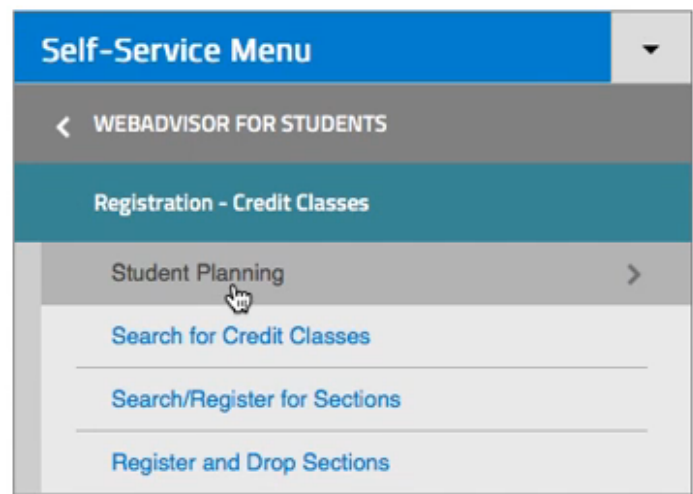
Show your TRIO pride and support this year by posting on social media (check out our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)), using **#NationalTRIODay** and **#TRIOWORKS**.

We also encourage you to share your support of TRIO with friends, family, classmates, instructors and more!

Student Planning

Student Planning allows you to access your schedule, register for classes, check degree progress, request an advisor review and so much more!

1. Login to your Portal
2. Under "Self-Service" click on following:
 - a. WEBADVISOR FOR STUDENTS
 - b. Registration-Credit Classes
 - c. Student Planning



- d. Check out these informational videos on how to navigate Student Planning:

Finding your Advisor: https://youtu.be/Jj5_opPm--E

Navigating Student Planning: https://youtu.be/RrJ2F-1rl_k

Registering for Classes: https://youtu.be/sDO_iSo5dd8

Adding an Educational Plan: https://youtu.be/epJmwIDtR_o

Student Portal Change



Popular Links

- [My Class Schedule](#)
- [Grades](#)
- [Search/Register for Classes](#)
- [Register and Drop Sections](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)
- [Enroll in Payment Plan](#)
- [Pay on My Account](#)
- [Pay on Payment Plan](#)
- [Tuition and Fees](#)
- [Refund Policy](#)
- [Notice of Concern form](#)
- [Library Resources](#)
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- [Scholarships](#)
- [Student Resources](#)
- [Reset Password](#)

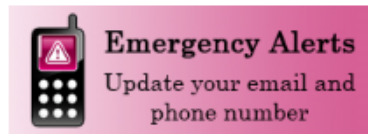
To do a password reset
this is listed under
Popular Links below:



We are no longer using Blackboard. Westmoreland is using Desire2Learn as its Learning Management System. Click the link above to access your Westmoreland Courses using your college email address.

If this is your first time
logging into your
student email, you will
need to click the link,

[Follow these
instructions](#)



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TRIO/SSS is a federally funded grant program that provides supportive services to help students reach their academic goals. TRIO/SSS strives to help students succeed in college.



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[Click here for the TRIO web page](#)

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