TRIO Student Support Services
Academic Advancement Center

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The only reason why I cried was because I felt dumb and that I shouldn’t be here.
I don’t want them to think, “Well maybe she’s not right for this class.”
I was really upset because no matter how hard I tried, I wasn’t doing enough.
The confusion and fear: that’s there to remind you that somewhere out there is something better and that is worth fighting for.
What is TRIO?

Economic Opportunity Act of 1964

- Ensure equal educational opportunity for all Americans, regardless of their backgrounds or economic circumstances.
TRIO Educational Pipeline

Educational Talent Search
Upward Bound Programs
Educational Opportunity Center
Student Support Services
McNair Post-Baccalaureate
History of TRIO SSS at CSU

- Integral part of the TRIO legacy at Colorado State University
- First funded in 1978
- Initially administered through the Office of Black Student Services
- Intended to serve black athletes
Our Goals

- Increase the retention and graduation rates of eligible students
- Foster an institutional climate supportive of the success of low-income and first generation college students and students with disabilities
Creating a Culture of Student Success

- Community and connection
- Transition / information
- Mentorship – Offer honest, continuous feedback
- Programs and activities – Provide learning opportunities that are intentional, proactive, relevant, and honoring
- Resources
- High expectations (convey a belief in the potential of every student)
Requires...

...comprehensive, intensive, consistent academic and support services for students from the day they enter the program until they graduate.
Program Model

AAC Arrive
(First semester with AAC)

AAC Thrive
(Continuing semesters)

Baccalaureate Degree
AAC Arrive Program
First Semester with AAC

AAC Program Orientation
Building a sense of community
AAC Arrive Freshmen Students
Building a Partnership with Parents and Families
AAC Arrive Transfer Students
First Semester with AAC

- At least two individual appointments with professional staff
- Weekly small-group tutoring
Weekly Group Meetings

Topics
- Financial aid and budgeting
- Time management
- Science of learning and study techniques
- Campus involvement
- Career and major exploration

Format
- Interactive, discussion- and activity-based
- Integrate relationship building
- Group Navigators: Additional perspective and support from upper-division AAC students
AAC Thrive Program
Upper Division Experience
Continuing Students

Fall and Spring Semesters

- 2 individual appointments with professional staff (minimum)
- 2 Community Learning Forums (CLF) per semester
Supporting Students with a Holistic Approach

- Social Support
- Personal Support
- Academic Support
Personal Support

Facilitating connections to campus and community resources

Addressing a student’s unique needs and interests

Setting personal and social goals

Developing financial literacy
Social Support

- Campus Integration
- Developing new support systems
- Involvement
- Navigation

Colorado State University
Community Learning Forums

Provides an opportunity for students to:

- Learn about relevant needs and interests
- Develop or increase their skills
- Build relationships with other students and staff
## Making a Difference
(Based on Annual Performance Reports)

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Comparison of AAC Students with SSS - Eligible Students and CSU Students (2012 - 2013)

Retention
- CSU Undergrads: 89.2%
- SSS-Eligible: 82.7%
- AAC Participants: 94.0%

Graduation
- CSU Undergrads: 69.1%
- SSS-Eligible: 58.5%
- AAC Participants: 73.0%
Who’s Eligible to Become an AAC Student?
- 1st Generation Students
- Students who come from a Low-Income Family Background
- Students with visible or non-visible disability
- Demonstrate an academic need

How do they apply?
- Currently accepting applications for SP’15 limited enrollment
- Application can be found online at www.aac.colostate.edu/how-to-apply

How can you refer a student?
- Campus referral form available on our website www.aac.colostate.edu
My mind tells me to give up, but my heart won’t let me.