Office of TRIO Programs Mission Statement
We promote the educational opportunity of eligible students whose aspirations, participation, and achievement of post-secondary academic goals may be at risk. Services are funded through grants from the U.S. Department of Education.

TRIO Programs

McNair Scholars Program
Preparing scholars for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities.

Student Support Services
Increasing the retention and graduation rates of eligible students and foster an institutional climate supportive of the success of students.

Upward Bound
Motivating students to be successful in high school and to prepare them for continued success in college.

Veterans Educational Training
To generate in veterans the skills and motivation necessary to enter and to succeed in a program of post-secondary education.

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Diversity Strategies
The Federal TRIO Programs are educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes six outreach and support programs targeted to serve and assist low-income, first-generation college students, and students with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs.
Student Support Services
Sometimes it takes a little help to turn a "B" into an "A" or a "D" into a "C." Student Support Services (SSS) can help you make the grade. Study skills, math and reading skills are the cornerstones of academic success at NDSU. Tutoring and classes in fundamentals build on that foundation. SSS provides a wide range of academic support services including academic advising, one-on-one tutoring, small class instruction, scholarship opportunities and early registration.

Upward Bound
Upward Bound (UB) is designed to help students succeed in high school and prepare for continued success in college. Academic advising and tutoring services are provided at the target school sites. Leadership and teamwork are fostered through many community service projects. Upward Bound also provides students with cultural and social activities designed to build skills, motivation and self-confidence. These are skills necessary for success in school, careers and in life. There are also opportunities to gain real-world work experiences through paid work-experiences opportunities.

Veterans Educational Training
To every service person who is or is about to be “out of uniform”, they are beginning a daring and epic journey to the rest of their life. The decision they make will create their future. For those who wish to continue their education, Veterans Educational Training (VET) is here to help. VET provides opportunities for ND military veterans to succeed in pre-college performance and in higher educational pursuits. The goal is to increase the rate that veterans complete their secondary and post-secondary education. Besides basic scholastics, the program offers assistance on academic advising, career guidance, school admission, financial aid applications and information about veteran education benefits.

McNair Scholars Program
The primary objective of the McNair Scholars Program (MSP), named after astronaut Dr. Ronald E. McNair, is to prepare qualified undergraduate students for successful participation in graduate education and achievement of the doctorate. Qualified students who have completed their sophomore year who are considering study beyond the baccalaureate degree are invited to submit an application to participate in this program.

Did You Know?
After his death in the Challenger space shuttle accident in January 1986, members of Congress provided funding for the Ronald E. McNair Post baccalaureate Achievement Program to encourage underrepresented and low-income first generation college students to enroll in graduate studies.

It was Dr. Ronald E. McNair who said "Before you can make a dream come true, you first must have one".
**FUN FACTS**

More than 91% of Upward Bound students who graduate from high school immediately enter post-secondary education (in the fall) versus 41% of students from similar economic circumstance that did not participate in Upward Bound.

Since 1989, eighty-one NDSU McNair Scholar participants have received doctoral degrees.

Just some of the famous people in TRIO...

- A.C. Green, Student Support Services, Oregon State University, NBA basketball player
- Angela Bassett, Upward Bound, St. Petersburg Junior College, actress
- George Foster, Upward Bound, University of Georgia, professional football player
- Viola Davis, Upward Bound and Student Support Services, Rhode Island College, actress
- Rev. James L. Nadau, STI, Upward Bound, Bowdoin College, Roman Catholic priest
- Belinda Reyes, Upward Bound, Bee Co. College, University of Texas, PhD, Judge
- John Quinones, Upward Bound, St. Mary's University, Correspondent for ABC News “20/20”
- Deuce Lutui, Student Support Services, Snow College, Ephraim, Utah, #76 Arizona Cardinals
- Bret Kiesel, Student Support Services, Snow College, Ephraim, Utah, #99 Pittsburg Steelers
- Patrick Ewing, Upward Bound, M.I.T., NBA's New York Knicks, Seattle SuperSonics and Orlando Magic

**HISTORY OF THE FEDERAL TRIO PROGRAMS**

The Federal TRIO Programs are educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes eight distinct outreach programs targeted to serve and assist students to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs. TRIO also includes a training program for directors and staff of TRIO projects.

The history of TRIO is progressive. It began with **Upward Bound**, which emerged out of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 in response to the administration’s War on Poverty. In 1965, **Talent Search**, the second outreach program, was created as part of the Higher Education Act. In 1968, **Student Support Services**, which was originally known as **Special Services for Disadvantaged Students**, was authorized by the *Higher Education Amendments* and became the third in a series of educational opportunity programs. By the late 1960’s the term “TRIO” was coined to describe these federal programs.

Over the years, the TRIO Programs have been expanded and improved to provide a wider range of services and to reach more students who need assistance. The *Higher Education Amendments of 1972* added the fourth program to the TRIO group by authorizing the **Educational Opportunity Centers**. The 1976 Education Amendments authorized the **Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs**, initially known as the **Training Program for Special Programs Staff and Leadership Personnel**. Amendments in 1986 added the sixth program, the **Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program**. Additionally, in 1990, the Department created the **Upward Bound Math/Science** program to address the need for specific instruction in the fields of math and science. The **Upward Bound Math/Science** program is administered under the same regulations as the regular **Upward Bound** program, but it must be applied for separately. The legislative requirements for all six TRIO programs can be found in the *Higher Education Act of 1965, title IV, Part A, Subpart 2.*

North Dakota State University has hosted TRIO programs since 1968 and currently hosts McNair Scholars Program, Student Support Services, and Upward Bound Program.
Because TRIO Programs are federally funded through the United States Department of Education, TRIO Programs services are at no cost to the students who are eligible for TRIO Programs.

**Student Support Services** (SSS) serves approximately 350 students per year with 90.3% of these students in good academic standing.

NDSU is one of the 14 original universities chosen in 1989 to host a Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program. The **McNair Scholars Program** was named after astronaut and physicist Dr. Ronald E. McNair. NDSU has received funding since its inception.

**Veteran Educational Training** has a satellite office that is run out of University of North Dakota (UND). VET has one of the largest recruiting areas that includes the entire state of North Dakota.

**Upward Bound** (UB) at NDSU has a 80% or greater retention rate for student participation over the past 10 years and maintained a high school graduation rate of over 80% for students who complete the program. While 75% of those complete the program enroll in post-secondary education in the fall after graduating from high school.

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**A look ahead...**

There are still TRIO grants that are not currently serving on the NDSU campus; Talent Search, Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC), CCAMPIS, Upward Bound Math/Science, and Veterans Upward Bound.

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