

## What is TRiO?

Our nation has asserted a commitment to provide educational opportunity for all Americans regardless of race, ethnic background, or economic circumstance. In support of this commitment, Congress has established a series of programs to help low-income Americans enter college, graduate and move on to participate more fully in America's economic and social life. These Programs are funded under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and are referred to as the TRiO Programs. While student financial aid programs help students overcome financial barriers to higher education, TRiO Programs help students overcome class, social and cultural barriers to higher education.

## SWC History

Sisseton Wahpeton College is part of a long history of education that has gone through many phases and changes since first contact with Europeans. Before America was a nation, Sisseton and Wahpeton Bands knew and practiced applied sciences and lifelong learning. Their knowledge of the natural sciences astounded the "civilized" Europeans. Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal elders have long visualized being able to take control of the education for its own youth.

On August 7, 1979, the Sisseton Wahpeton Community College (SWCC) was established. In 1980 SWCC was Federally recognized as a Tribally Controlled Community College. In 2002, because of new technology and expansion, the College's name was changed to Sisseton Wahpeton College (SWC). The College has kept its doors open to serve anyone who desires an education. Even though the State of South Dakota does not provide any support for the non-Indian students who attend SWC, they are served along with tribal members.

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*Believe, Achieve, Succeed!*

# TRiO

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



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## **Mission Statement**

SWC's Student Support Services TRiO Program is designed to help college students achieve academic success. Also, to advance and defend the ideal of equal educational opportunity in postsecondary education. The ultimate goal of SWC's TRiO Program is to increase the number of students retained and who graduate from Sisseton Wahpeton College.



**Pictured above is the Sisseton Wahpeton College**

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- **Must** receive a Federal Pell Grant.

**Next, you must fit one or more of the following:**

- A first generation student; meaning that neither one of your parents graduated with a four year degree.
- An individual with a documented disability that impacts your ability to be successful in your academic program.
- Qualify for the need of financial assistance to attend and be successful at SWC.



**Learning plus commitment equals success.**

## **TRiO Support Services**

To help you be successful at SWC, the following support services are available to you through the TRiO Program:

- Academic Advising and Course selection.
- Tutoring by peer tutors. Tutors are available to students needing help in various subject areas.
- Mentoring by peers. Mentors provide support, en-

couragement, and guidance to students.

- Personal and Social Counseling.
- College transfer information.
- Career exploration.
- Pay tuition and partial book fees for basic level classes.

Pictured below: Gabe Desrosier, Marc Beaudreau, April Owen, Jerry Shradick, Jane Johnson, Ella Robertson, Gretta Simon



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