

The **TRiO Student Support Services project, *Getting an EDGE on Retention and Graduation***, is a federally funded grant program creating a space of opportunity and support for 140 first generation, limited income students every year.

In the last 7 years TRiO SSS has succeeded annually in achieving a 97% persistence rate, 91% of our scholars accomplish good academic standing, and 78% successfully graduate with a bachelor's degree. TRiO supports professional development, academic counseling, personal counseling, experiential learning, cultural awareness and more.

Our scholars endure combinations of hardships unfamiliar to many, while pursuing their undergraduate degrees. We create a community in higher education for first generation students to experience committed engagement through networks and self-authorship. Access to programs and services enhance a sense of family and belonging for our scholars. Tamara Massay-Trotz is the Director of the TRiO grant.