

# TRiO Student Support Services

**When you succeed -  
We succeed!**



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## Kellie Cole Chooses Nontraditional Career

Kellie Cole is a twenty-four year old single mother of two four year old (not twins) boys. She works part time as a student worker in the Enrollment Center. Kellie is a non-traditional student in a non-traditional career path. While in high school she took two years of Machine Tool Technology and that's when she discovered she was good at working with her hands. When Kellie first got to college she was undecided on a major and what she wanted to do with her life. While working on her general education basics, she chose nursing as her major, even though she hated the thought. Eventually she came to terms that she didn't want to be a nurse or do anything in the medical field. At that point she started looking at all the majors

MCC offered. When she discovered that Welding Technology was one of the majors, she was like, "O yea. I always wanted to take welding classes in high school, but they were always full." She decided to speak to Reid Davis who is the program coordinator for the Welding Technology AAS degree. Kellie had questions about things that would be going on in class, along with requirements for the program. After talking to Reid Davis, she changed her major. Kellie said, "I haven't looked back since. I love to weld. It gives me a reason to be happy about my future." She knows there aren't a lot of women in the welding field and she really doesn't understand why. She said, "It is an easy, high (if you get a good one) paying job." Kellie plans

to continue taking classes at MCC to finish her AA transfer degree. She will also be taking a full load from WKU and working on her B.S. degree in Technology Management. Kellie has dreams of owning a welding shop or becoming a welding teacher, or "even both options sound nice." Good luck Kellie.



## Don't Miss Out...

**April 18th** Good Friday-(Half day Holiday)

**April 25th**– Murray Transfer Trip

**May 2nd**-Last day for students, at the discretion of the instructor, to officially withdraw from a class and receive a grade of W.

**May 5-10** Final Examinations

**May 9th** Graduation Ceremony at Glema Mahr Center for the Arts

**May 12** Intercession Registration

**May 13** Intercession Class work begins. Last day for a registered student to enter an

organized class (faculty approval only)

**May 26th** Memorial Day-No class

**June 9th** Final Exams

**June 10th** Summer class work begins

**July 21st** Final Exams

# Congratulations TRiO SSS Graduates



### Fall 2013

Teresa Beasley  
 Brittany Bryant  
 Amber Martz  
 Kayla Putman  
 Tiffany Randolph  
 Katelyn Richardson

Sylvia Chase  
 Kellie Cole  
 Melissa Crowley  
 Sarah Cummins  
 Patricia Jones Estes  
 Carol Hargrove  
 Kevin Jones  
 Tammy Johnson

Mary Paris  
 Jessica Pike  
 Brittany Richardson  
 Cashea Rigney  
 Nycole Ross  
 Marchell Serpa  
 William Stovall

### Spring/Summer 2014

Sandra Anderson  
 Walter Arnett  
 Christa Barnett  
 Susan Garcia Carter

Andrea Lewis  
 Joseph Lussier  
 Julie Beitler McDaniel  
 Amanda Messamore  
 Tara Moore

## Tara Moore ... Student of the Year

Congratulations to Tara Moore who is the **TRiO SSS Student of the Year**. Tara will be honored on April 24th during MCC's Honors Night at MCC's health campus. Tara is a single mother of two sons and is a full-time college student. She has been a tutor for SSS since Fall 2012. She currently serves as SGA President and is a member of Phi Beta Lambda and Phi Theta Kappa. She will graduate in the summer with an

Associates in Arts transfer degree with a human services emphasis. She plans to transfer to Murray State University next fall to begin work on her bachelors degree in Social Work. Her career goal after graduating college is to work for hospice. Tara said her heart is working with older people. We will miss Tara being in the lab working with the students and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

## April/May Study Skills Workshops

### *How to Remember for Tests*

April 2nd 8:00-9:00  
 April 3rd 2:30-3:30

### *Organizing Your Study Skills -Part One*

April 9th 8:00-9:00  
 April 10th 2:30-3:30

### *Organizing Your Study Skills -Part Two*

April 16th 8:00-9:00  
 April 17th 2:30-3:30

### *Great Ways to Study*

April 23rd 8:00-9:00  
 April 24th 2:30-3:30

### *More Great Ways to Study*

April 30th 8:00-9:00  
 May 1st 2:30-3:30

**All TRiO students are required to attend two study skills workshops per semester.**

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★ **Institutionalized Gray** ★

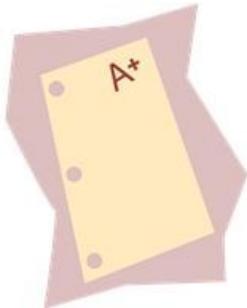
★ All aglow, time is a-ticking and ready to go its first semester at MCC: Speech, Computer Lab, English, and Algebra class will challenge my timid soul. Above all else before I know my question is which way to go. These corridors in building John H Gray to me are all the same, from floor to floor. With never ending walls as institutionalized gray, I tell you I do not know, When on this floor which way to go?

★ Second semester now I should know, take advantage of opportunities and grow. Women's Gender Studies, English, Math, and Business, time is a-flying a-running I go. Special are Teachers I know and TRiO staff who feel my pain in battles won, As I conquer and achieve my studies they plan for students just like me. Classmates already dear to me when I look upon their face, tired and weary, Ready to leave this place, to turn for front or back if only color painted the path.

★ It's hard to believe third and fourth semester is history to me and it's almost time to walk. Knowledge is power we have heard but more than that it gives you confidence and worth. I must confess, even still, just yesterday walking down this hall of institutionalized gray, I came face to face with my Economics' Teacher going the other way. I progressed a few feet to then pass a classmate looking strangely at me, Before I finally realized, "I'm going the wrong way," oh, good grief, good grief!!!

★ **Joanne Oldham Hargrove**  
 ★ TRiO 2014 Graduate  
 ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

*"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."*  
**Mahatma Gandhi**



## Murray State University

Murray State University was founded in 1922 and currently enrolls over 10,000 students. It is rated among the top 10 public universities in the south. Murray State is comprised of the colleges of Business; Education; Health Sciences and Human Services; Humanities and Fine Arts; and Science, Engineering and Technology. They also have the School of Agriculture and the School of Nursing. Murray offers associates, bachelor's, master's and specialist, and doctoral programs. Most popular undergraduate fields are: Nursing, Animal Health Technology,

Elementary Education, Business Administration and Biology.

In addition to Murray's study-abroad program in several countries, they also have developed exchange programs for faculty, staff and students with universities in Africa, Asia, Australia, Central America and Europe.

The campus is 60% female and 40% male. 7% of the student body are African-American students. 80% of fall 2012 freshman returned for the fall 2013 semester. Students are

from 45 states, 57 foreign countries and 104 Kentucky counties. Average undergraduate class size is 20 and undergraduate student/faculty ratio is 15 to 1. There are more than 20 fraternities and sororities and many campus organizations. According to College Board, 53% of students graduate within 6 years and the average financial aid package is \$11,010.00.

Cost : \$293.50 per credit hour for in-state undergraduates. Max amount is \$3522.00 per semester for 12 credit hours.

TAKE YOUR PLACE in THE MURRAY STATE TRADITION

## Your Financial Life After Graduation

First, pretend you're still a starving student. After landing your first full-time job, the urge to go on a spending spree for new clothes, a better apartment and a car from this decade will be irresistible after surviving on ramen noodles for four years. (Note to entering freshmen: Tread carefully around student loan debt. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has a great guide for making informed decisions about paying for college at [www.consumerfinance.gov/students](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/students)

After you've factored in rent, car payments, renter's and car insurance, credit card charges, student loan balances and other monthly bills, your new salary probably won't go as far as you'd like, especially if you're trying to save for one of those life events.

That's where a budget can help. Numerous free budgeting tools, including interactive calculators, are available at such sites as the government-sponsored MyMoney.gov ([www.mymoney.gov](http://www.mymoney.gov)), the National Foundation for Credit Counseling

([www.nfcc.org](http://www.nfcc.org)), Mint.com (<https://www.mint.com>) and Practical Money Skills for Life ([www.practicalmoneyskills.com](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com)), a free personal financial management program run by Visa Inc.

Next, know the score, credit-wise. Many people don't realize until it's too late that a poor credit score can trash your financial future. After you've missed a few loan payments, bounced some checks or exceeded your credit limits, you'll probably be charged higher loan and credit card interest rates and offered lower credit limits (if not denied credit altogether), unless and until you can raise your credit score. You may even have to pay higher insurance rates and harm your ability to rent an apartment or get a cell phone.

To know where you stand, review your credit reports from each of the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) to find out whether any negative actions have been reported and to look for errors or possible fraudulent activity on your accounts. You can order

one free report per year from each bureau if you order them through [www.AnnualCreditReport.com](http://www.AnnualCreditReport.com); otherwise you'll pay a small fee. To learn more about credit reports and scores, visit the CFPB's "Ask CFPB." Another good resource is What's My Score ([www.whatsmyscore.org](http://www.whatsmyscore.org)), a financial literacy program for young adults run by Visa, which features a free, downloadable workbook called, "Money 101: A Crash Course in Better Money Management," and other free tools.

You worked hard to graduate. Just make sure you don't sabotage your efforts by starting out on the wrong financial footing.

[https://kentucky.practicalmoneyskills.com/personalfinance/experts/practicalmoneymatters/columns\\_2013/0607\\_graduation.php](https://kentucky.practicalmoneyskills.com/personalfinance/experts/practicalmoneymatters/columns_2013/0607_graduation.php)

*"Thoughtful financial planning can easily take a backseat to daily life."*  
Suze Orman



# Student Support Services Programs in Kentucky

## Berea College

<http://www.berea.edu/emerging-scholars/>

## Brescia University

<http://www.brescia.edu/student-support-services>

## Eastern Kentucky University

<http://nova.eku.edu/>

## Kentucky State University

<http://www.kysu.edu/academics/academicSupport/StudentSupportServices/>

## Lindsey Wilson College-Project Success

<http://www.lindsey.edu/offices-and-services/project-success.aspx>

## Morehead State University

<http://www2.moreheadstate.edu/sss/>

## Murray State University

<http://www.murraystate.edu/HeaderMenu/Administration/StudentAffairs/departments/StudentSupportServices.aspx>

## Northern Kentucky

<http://sac.nku.edu/studentsupportservices.html>

## Pikeville College-ACE Program

<http://www.upike.edu/Student-Services/ACE-Program>

## Union College

<http://www.unionky.edu/departments/student-support>

## University of Kentucky

<https://www.uky.edu/Diversity/SSS/>

## University of Louisville

<http://louisville.edu/trio>

## Western Kentucky University

<https://www.wku.edu/sss/>

## KCTCS Schools with SSS Programs:

Ashland  
Bluegrass  
Bluegrass/Danville  
Elizabethtown  
Gateway  
Hazard  
Hopkinsville  
Jefferson  
Madisonville  
Maysville  
Somerset  
Southeast  
West Kentucky



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TRIO SSS  
eCommunity

*“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do.”*

*Mark Twain*

Students, we are going to begin utilizing our Blackboard eCommunity more. Newsletters and workshops will both be posted on the blackboard site. Announcements will also be posted there. We have changed the enrollment process to join the Trio SSS eCommunity, so students can now self-enroll. On the Blackboard site, type in “trio” in the organization search box and click “go.” MCC TRIO Student Support Services will be an option. Click on it and there will be a drop-down that gives you an enroll option. Hit enroll and then submit.

## Records Office

The Records Office handles all aspects of your student records. They process your application and evaluate any college credit you may have earned, including [credit by exam](#) and [credit from other colleges](#). Services provided by the records office include: providing you a copy of your class schedule, [enrollment verification](#), and [dropping or adding a class](#). They can also [provide copies of your transcript](#) on request. This is where you can change your major, your advisor, submit your application for graduation and sign-up for the Exit Exam.

The Records Office ensures the safety and security of your academic record by adhering to [FERPA](#) guidelines

The Records Office is located in C88 JHG. Tiffanie Witt is the registrar and Paula Clayton and Nancy Long are Student Affairs Assistants in the Records Office.

