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The magazine is pleased to focus on the Building Bridges Honorees for National TRIO Day. This year, we continue to honor our own former students for their accomplishments.

Having gone through the programs and pursued their careers, the Building Bridges Award supports the efforts of the participants in the TRIO and GEAR UP programs at Wichita State University. It is the highest award presented by the programs during the National TRIO Day celebration.

The award is given by each of the programs to an individual who has tirelessly worked to achieve academic, personal, and career success. The individuals honored are from all parts of the country. It is important to let these alumni know that the programs are proud of who they are and what they have accomplished. For them, no goal is too small. These individuals can stand tall and let the world know about their successes.

The middle and high school students, persons with disabilities, and adult learners served by the programs have been able to expand their knowledge base and learn from caring and highly qualified personnel. TRIO Day marks an important celebration and collaboration for the programs that highlights the services and activities of the oldest and youngest programs. Each program is a natural complement to the other that provides comprehensive services in addressing the needs of the populations served. A committed and dedicated staff work to ensure opportunities

are available to eligible participants from middle school to college.

The directors and their staffs are to be applauded for a quality TRIO Day magazine and program. The Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended and the Higher Educational Opportunity Act of 2008 is the authorizing legislation for the TRIO Programs. Equal educational opportunities for individuals served by the programs is a commitment that each staff member takes very seriously. The programs acknowledge the continued support and commitment of individuals from the community, USD 259 and Wichita State. The participants in the programs have accomplished much and continue to make their mark on the city, state, region, and nation.

Please enjoy the 2018 2nd issue of TRIO Day Magazine.

Regards,

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