

# EDUCATION MATTERS

TRIO/Educational Opportunity Centers Program Newsletter November 2019

## TRIO Celebrates First Generation College Students



EOC staff pose with other TRIO professionals, faculty, staff & students at the WSU 2018 celebration

The concept of "first-generation" students was introduced into federal policy by the **TRIO community in 1980**, during passage of the Higher Education Amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965. Last November, the Council for Opportunity in Education's Board asked college access and success professionals to join with TRIO across the country for the Annual First-Generation College Celebration on November 8th the Anniversary of the Higher Education Act.

## Myths About Financial Aid



**Q.** The FAFSA is so complicated, is it really worth the trouble?

**A:** If you don't fill it out, you can't reap the rewards. Let EOC staff assist you in

## Start School in January Call EOC Today



Call EOC now if you want to go to college or school starting in January.

Community organizations: if you have clients who need or desire education, contact **Staysha (l)** or **Corinthian (r)**. Invite EOC onsite to your organization Help ensure that your clients can make an informed decision about their edu-

## Meet our Staff



### Jed Shepherd, Program Specialist

**Education:** Bachelors of Social Science from Kansas State University '17

**Books:** Educated by Tara Westover

**Movies:** Harry Potter & Fantastic Beasts

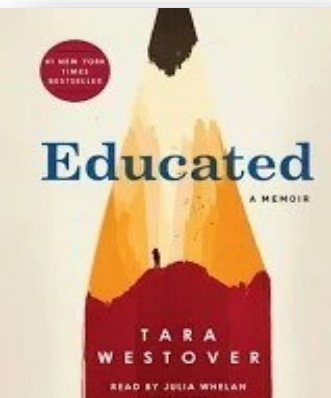
**Music:** I listen to a wide range of music. Such as: Pop, alternative, rock and 90's

**Other Interests:** Walking my dog, gardening and interior design/art projects

**College Memories:** All of the lessons and experiences taught me a lot about myself that I

## Register for the EOC Book Club

### Pizza, Books and You



Join **Jed** for a hour-long session of pizza and conversation as he shares highlights from the book. You will be shocked and amazed as you learn about the academic journey of a first-generation student who never imagined herself attending college.

## Congratulations to our Executive Director

### 2019 Bender of the Twigs Inductee



This unique designation is bestowed upon employees who have served 25 years of service to Wichita State University.

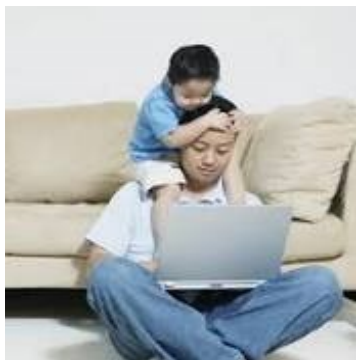
The name "Bender of Twigs" is a reference to how faculty and staff help lead students in their search for knowledge.

## Back to School Academy for Adults at the Urban League



Whether you have been to college, have some college credits from many years ago, or simply need to retool your education for a career change, there is much to be gained from going back to school. EOC assists with applications, financial aid and more. **Meet us at the Urban League of Kansas.** Call

## Who are Adult Learners?



They are adults who return to school to improve their lives. All kinds of adults return to school, including: people who work, homemakers, single parents and retirees. Education helps them grow professionally, personally, and socially. Adults benefit from returning to school. EOC is an

## Help for Adults who are High School Dropouts



In the US, there are about **30,000,000** adults without a high school diploma.

**EOC can help.**

Call for applications so that you can be a part of this program of hope and opportunity.

Visit the EOC Program Website at

**[www.wichita.edu/eoc](http://www.wichita.edu/eoc)**

*(Click on this Link)*

Special gifts to the first fifty (50) program participants that **like us on Facebook.**

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