

Talent Search Newsletter

✦ SUMMER 2025 ✦

TRIO



LETTER FROM THE STAFF

As the school year comes to a close, your TRIO staff wants to take a moment to congratulate you on a year of hard work, growth, and success. You've faced challenges, shown resilience, and made great progress—whether in academics, friendships, or personal goals. You should be proud of everything you've accomplished.

Now, summer is here, bringing with it endless opportunities. This is a perfect time to rest, recharge, and explore new interests. Whether you're reading a new book, trying out a hobby, traveling, volunteering, or simply spending time outdoors, summer offers a chance to learn and grow in different ways.

Remember, learning doesn't stop in the classroom. Every experience—from helping around the house to exploring your community—can teach you something new. Stay curious, stay active, and keep challenging yourself. Set small goals, reflect on what inspires you, and dream big about the year ahead.

As you plan your summer, take a moment to check out the summer opportunities Talent Search offers. We would love to see you over the summer season!

Wishing you a joyful, safe, and inspiring summer.

Warm regards,
Talent Search & Upward Bound Staff

Summer 2025 Events



REMINDERS!

- ****Contact our office to sign up for an event****
 - A student or parent/guardian can call or email
 - **Meeting spots** for each event are listed in the **event description**.
 - Please arrive on time
 - Events are provided at **no cost** to students and families!
 - Every event is open to **grades 6-12**
- If a student cannot attend an event they're signed up for, **please contact our office** to let us know.
 - Please be sure to wear appropriate attire for the weather and event. Bring a **water bottle!**

RiverStone Health

JUNE 25TH 10AM-12PM

Join us for in-depth information on different healthcare pathways! If possible, we will have a couple of guest speakers from different departments and a tour of the building. Meet outside the main entrance.

Babcock Theatre Volunteering

JULY 9TH 9AM-12PM

Meet at the Babcock Theatre downtown at 9am to volunteer to clean up their space!

Teambuilding

JULY 2ND 10AM-12PM

We will gather on campus at MSUB to participate in some fun teambuilding activities.

Be sure to bring a water bottle and some sunscreen. Meet in Cisel Hall parking lot at MSUB.

ZooMontana Volunteering

JULY 16TH 9:30AM-12:30PM

Join us at ZooMontana to volunteer to clean up different outdoor spaces.

Wear appropriate work clothing and closed-toed shoes. Bring a water bottle and some sunscreen! Meet in the ZooMontana parking lot near the entrance at 9:30am.



Summer 2025 Events



Hands-On Careers at City College

JULY 23RD 9AM-12PM

Take a deep dive into the world of technical education with an exclusive tour of the City College Tech Building. This exciting experience offers a close-up look at in-demand trade school pathways and degree programs. Professors from the Automotive and Welding departments will lead engaging demonstrations and provide in-depth explanations of the skills, tools, and training involved in their fields. It's the perfect opportunity to explore future possibilities and see learning in action! Meet in the common area of the City College Tech Building.

TRIO Family Picnic

AUGUST 25TH 5-7PM

Bring a camping chair or blanket, and enjoy free food and activities hosted by your very own TRIO advisors! Join the fun at Cisel Field on the MSUB campus. Please RSVP with our office by August 11th.

Rock Painting

JULY 30TH 2-4PM

Billings ROCKS! painting project!

Participants will be painting rocks at MSUB campus to hide throughout campus or take to hide on their own time. Rocks and acrylic painting supplies will be provided. Please bring a water bottle for your own use and note that this paint does NOT wash out of clothes. Meet at the Cisel Hall lawn area on campus at MSUB.

BILLINGS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Scan the QR code to see some more community events going on this summer!



TRIO



1965-2025 **TRIO** 60 Years Strong

Efficiency & Waste Reduction

TRIO programs are funded based on enrollment and performance benchmarks, making it one of the most accountable programs in the federal government. Each TRIO program is evaluated by specific measurable outcome objectives as defined by each approved grant proposal, and must annually meet these objectives and enrollment numbers to preserve funding.

“Insurance” on the Pell Grant

TRIO’s Student Support Services (SSS) and McNair programs are proven effective at helping low-income Pell Grant recipients with completing college requirements and finishing their post-secondary education.

TRIO Effectiveness

- Upward Bound students are more than twice as likely to earn a bachelor’s degree by age 24 than students in the lowest income quartile.
- Talent Search students are 33% more likely to enroll in college than other students from the bottom income quartile.

Investing in Rural Communities

TRIO programs are funded based on demonstrated need of the target area and schools they serve. Many serve rural communities, providing supplemental resources and opportunity that otherwise are not available.

College as Choice

TRIO programs have a rigorous recruitment and selection process. With over 3,400 project sites, TRIO offers a range of support services which allow low-income, first-generation students to apply for and be selected to receive help in pursuing their college dreams.

High Yield on Investment

TRIO’s Student Support Services yields a return on investment of \$13 for every \$1 spend by the federal government with a 45.6% of participants earning an associate’s degree or transferring to a four-year institute (vs 31.4% of eligible nonparticipants) and 51% of participants with a bachelor’s degree (vs 43.4% of eligible nonparticipants).

TRIO Advisors Attend Council for Opportunity in Education's Annual Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C.

Several MSUB TRIO staff members joined over a thousand attendees at the Council for Opportunity in Education's (COE) Annual Seminar this March 2025.

During our week in D.C., we worked to keep TRIO programs effective, efficient, and funded. The seminar included a day of lobbying on Capitol Hill to get Congress members and Senators to sign the TRIO annual funding letter for FY26 in addition to advocating for FAFSA and grant issues TRIO programs are facing. Our team of TRIO advisors met with the offices of several Montanan Senators and Congressmen. The majority of these offices agreed to continue their support of TRIO programs and make TRIO programs a top priority. This support helps TRIO programs continue to ensure today's low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities will have access to higher education.



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