

NEWS

MAY 2025

TRiO Alumni Reunion held at Utah Valley University



On February 21, 2025, UVU held an alumni reunion celebrating 60 years of TRiO programs nationally and 34 years at Utah Valley University. Alumni from both Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search were invited along with past program coordinators, advisors, and staff. Former director, Dr. Maraia Weingarten, was honored for her many years of service and an alumni scholarship was announced in her honor. The scholarship is named THE MARAIA WEINGARTEN ETS & UB ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP.

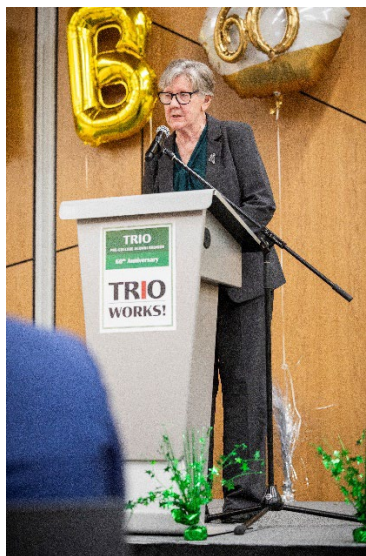
Many retired TRiO family from across Utah showed up to honor Maraia including Keith Jensen, former EOC/SSS TRiO director at UVU, Kathy Felker, former TRiO director at the U of U, and Dave Trujillo, former TRiO director at Weber State. Each shared about their experience in TRiO and shared thoughts and memories about Maraia.

It was a great evening filled with lots of memories and great times.





KEITH JENSEN



KATHY FELKER



DAVE TRUJILL

THE MARAIA WEINGARTEN ETS and UB ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Those in attendance at the reunion were asked to start making donations to the scholarship to raise the needed \$25,000 to have it fully endowed at UVU. Thanks to an anonymous donor in the audience, the needed \$25,000 was donated making this scholarship fully endowed at the university. The first recipients of the scholarship will be awarded Fall of 2028.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: You can still donate to this scholarship. If you are in a position to donate, please do so using the QR code or clicking here:

<https://www.uvu.edu/give/programs-centers/care-for-students/trio-scholarship.html>

All donations received increase the scholarship fund and will allow more students to be helped with their college expenses. Thank you in advance for your donation.


TRIO ETS and UB Alumni Scholarship

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**SCAN BELOW
TO DONATE:**



QUALIFICATIONS FOR ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Recipient must be alumni of UVU's ETS and UB TRIO programs.
2. Recipient must have 60+ earned credits (at UVU or transfer).
3. Recipient must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

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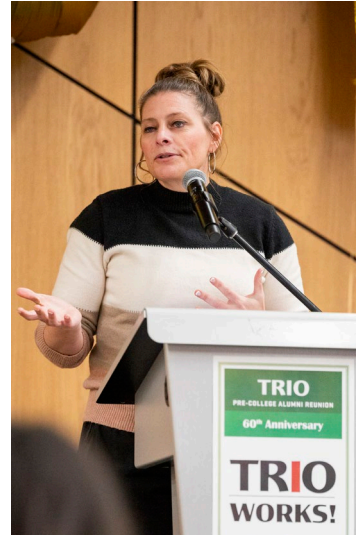
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TRIO NATIONALLY:

- Operates in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Pacific Islands, and Puerto Rico
- 3,270 TRiO programs nationwide
- 1,000+ member colleges, universities, and community-based agencies
- Programs help 880,000+ students enter and graduate from college each year
- Talent Search – students 33% more likely to enroll in college than students in bottom income quartile nationally
- Upward Bound – students are more than 2X as likely to earn a bachelor's degree by age 24 than students in lowest income quartile

UTAH TRiO PROGRAMS (2023):

- Served 7,243 low-income, first-generation students
- 27 TRiO programs statewide
- \$10,459,812 in funding
- Helped 500 high school seniors enroll in college
- Helped 800 first-generation college students graduate with college degrees, including two doctoral degrees

UVU TRiO ETS & UB:

- ETS begins academic year '91-'92, UB begins '92-'93
- 4,343 high school participants to date
- For '23-'24, TRiO seniors earned over 1200 college credits in high school saving students & parents over \$530,000

TRIO PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the TRiO programs is to advance the idea of equal educational opportunities in postsecondary education. It is to assure that the least advantaged segments of the American population have a realistic chance to enter & graduate from a postsecondary institution.

Our purpose here at UVU is to empower youth who have academic potential, but who lack adequate information or school preparation to enter & continue in postsecondary education.

PROGRAM

GREETING

Dr. Michael Campbell, TRiO ETS & UB Director

DINNER SERVED

UVU Food Services

OFFICIAL WELCOME

Dr. Barney Nye, Assoc. VP Grants, Outreach & Partnerships

ALUMNI REMARKS

Dr. Carol Davis, UB Alumni Class of 1996

REMARKS

Dr. Nancy Hill, Former TRiO Director at UVU
Kathy Felker, Former TRiO Director at U of U
Keith Jensen, Former TRiO Director at UVU, EOC/SSS
Dave Trujillo, Former TRiO Director at Weber State

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Michael Campbell, TRiO ETS & UB Director

REMARKS & ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Kyle Reyes, VP of Institutional Advancement

PHOTOGRAPHS

Educational Talent Search
Upward Bound
Coordinators & Advisors
Full Group Photo

UPWARD BOUND SONG

MORE REUNION PHOTOS



Looking at 30+ years
of TRiO Yearbooks



Walking
the
TRiO
Alumni
Stars
Red
Carpet



Reunion dinner at
the UVU Young
Living Ballroom

MORE PICS



Dr. Barney Nye was presented the TRiO CHAMPION AWARD for 30+ years of support & advocacy of UVU TRiO programs.



Past TRiO coordinators and advisors



Past TRiO ETS and UB Alumni



Barney & Hamlet



Table Décor



**Remington Comp from
Senator Mike Lee's Ofc**

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All TRIO alumni are invited to
celebrate former director Maraia
Weingarten and the 60th
anniversary of TRIO programs.





JOIN FOR THE FIRST UVU TRiO ALUMNI ZOOM MEETING



WHEN: Thursday, May 29, 2025 @ 7 pm

WHERE: ZOOM online call

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82627357975?pwd=RGODadUmPFY1G10kPDjcZyY8viKpkJ.1>

Meeting ID: 826 2735 7975

Passcode: 616130

TOPICS for DISCUSSION:

- *Organizing leadership (Alumni Pres, VP, etc)
- *Raising funds for newly established scholarship
- *Finding UVU TRiO alumni from past 30 years

- *TRiO advocacy
- *Yearly TRiO alumni reunion

PLEASE JOIN THE MEETING



UPDATE YOUR ALUMNI INFO on the UVU WEBSITE

<https://www.uvu.edu/trio/ets/alumni/index.html> or <https://www.uvu.edu/trio/upward-bound/alumni/index.html>

We still have many TRiO students enrolled in higher educational classes. Good luck to you!! Keep up the good work. We are proud of each of you!! **Please take a moment and fill out the Alumni Form to let us know what you are doing and if we can help in any way.**

JOIN THE NATIONAL TRiO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

<https://coenet.org/for-alumni/>

From federal advocacy to mentorship, there are myriad ways to engage with the association. Tell us how you want to get involved! Enter details about your TRiO program and then that's it! Once your new profile is saved, you can view and edit it as needed in the future.

Create or Update your TRiO alumni profile. Share more details about your accomplishments and about the TRiO program you participated in.

**Do you know someone who has not received this newsletter
or any alumni information in the past?
Contact our office and let us know.**

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