

# TRIO BULLETIN

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

The NC State University TRIO Programs are embarking on another year of providing services to nearly 1000 students from neighboring counties and schools. As we approach mid season of the 2008-2009 program year, the Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound staffs are filled with excitement and enthusiasm for a dynamic year of assisting yet another class of students to reach their optimum academic

potential.

College admissions activities are underway. College tours have begun, and the coordinators are busy recruiting new students to the program. NC State's TRIO Programs have a long history of guiding students through the educational process and NC State University as well as other colleges and universities have reaped the benefits as students enroll each fall.

As always the continued support and commitment of NCSU colleagues, school personnel, and members of the target communities will be vital to the success of our students. We look forward to this collaboration throughout the year.

Marsha Boyd Pharr  
 Director  
 Educational Talent Search and  
 Upward Bound Programs

## STUDENT UPCOMING EVENTS

- UB Sat. Meetings
- UB Tutorials
- ETS & UB College Tours
- See our websites:

[http://www.ncsu.edu/student\\_affairs/talent](http://www.ncsu.edu/student_affairs/talent)

[http://www.ncsu.edu/student\\_affairs/upward\\_bound](http://www.ncsu.edu/student_affairs/upward_bound)

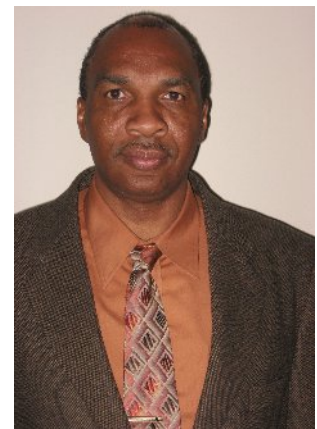
## STAFF PROFILE DR. WILLIE EDMONDS

Hometown: Halifax, NC

Outside interests – Exercising and traveling

Dr. Edmonds has been employed with the NC State University Upward Bound Program for over 20 years. During his tenure with the Program, he has served as a Program Coordinator and Assistant Director. His seniority in TRIO has led him to serve in leadership roles organizing student events with the state advocacy organization, NCCCEOP (North Carolina Council for Education Opportunity Programs).

When asked why he enjoys his chosen career his response was, "I enjoy working with students and seeing the progress made over the years. This job gives me the opportunity to see students enter the program in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, graduate from one of our target high schools, successfully matriculate through post secondary institutions and enter the workforce." In 20 years, Dr. Edmonds has touched hundreds of young lives. A testament to his impact is watching his interaction with graduates who come back to thank him for assisting them



Dr. Willie Edmonds  
 Assistant Director

through the higher education process.

## UB 30TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The NC State University Upward Bound Program is celebrating 30 Years of providing access to higher education to students. From 1978 – 2008, the Program has assisted over 1000 students gain entry to institutions of higher education. These students are now productive members of our society serving as educators, physicians,

attorneys, clergy, engineers, and entrepreneurs to name a few.

Many of the UB Alumni, current participants, university personnel, school staff, community members and former and current staff gathered in May to celebrate the long standing history of the program. Congressmen Bob

Etheridge and David Price offered congratulatory remarks as well as encouragement to steady the course for continued support of the TRIO eligible students.

# TRIO



UB 2008 Graduates and Congressman Bob Etheridge

## WOLFPACK TRIO ALUMNI

Each year the university TRIO Programs invests close to \$1,000,000 preparing middle and high school students for higher education. With this type of investment, comes the responsibility to support these students who have chosen to join the wolfpack family. While the federal funds and program responsibility ends with high school graduation, the Division of Student Affairs under the leadership of Associate Vice Chancellor Lisa Zapata and Di-

rector of TRIO Programs, Marsha Pharr, has committed to take a more active approach to assist the students who decide to matriculate at NC State.

As a result, a forum was developed and initiated in the fall of 2006. The students have met each subsequent semester to discuss concerns and issues on a personal level and to receive information relevant to the success of their pursuit of a degree. The most recent forum was held on October 8 in Pat-

erson Hall from 3:30 -5:30. The students in attendance were Victoria Bledsoe, Milton Brown, Destiny Harris, Ivan Hedgepeth, Keandra McNeil, Gabrielle Monteiro, and Brandon Parker.

All 20 University TRIO Alumni have been invited to participate in the Take a Student to Lunch event on November 20. Dr. Zapata, Marsha Pharr and other TRIO Staff members will be hosting the students.

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## ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM

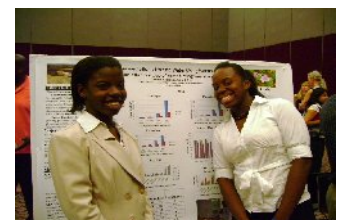
The first Annual NCEEOP Academic Symposium and College Fair were held on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill on Saturday, September 27. The Academic Symposium & College Fair provided pre-college TRIO students the opportunity to explore the attainability of undergraduate pursuits. Poster presentations, workshops, panel discussions, and activities were

used to introduce students to the collegiate level of study and provide an opportunity to practice ever important communication skills as well as offer helpful tips and suggestions in completing an effective college admissions application.

There were Upward Bound Programs represented from UNC Pembroke, UNC Chapel

Hill and NC A&T State University. Educational Talent Search was represented by NC State University's Program. Three students from the Johnston County School System (Smithfield Selma High School) entered the Poster Presentation Competition. The students were Rashonda High, Walter Smith, III and Kenneth Howell, Jr. Ten Posters were pre-

sented in the competition and **Ms. Rashonda High was the recipient of first place honors for her poster on Phytoremediation of Waste Water Using Hyacinth: an Effective Way of Remediating Waste Water.**



**SCIBLS/PRE-COLLEGE COLLABORATION**

Seven Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound students participated in the 2008 NCSU Summer College in Biotechnology and Life Sciences (SCIBLS). The four-week session provided an introduction to college life and the university environment with the goal of easing the transition between high school and college while earning 3 college credit hours in science. The students learned through hands-on experience, cutting-edge scientific techniques in NC State laboratories. Students also had the opportunity to meet and interact with under-

graduates, graduate students, postdoctoral scientists and faculty at NC State. They toured research facilities and enterprises in Research Triangle Park and heard people's career path histories through visits from industry personnel. Each student produced a poster presentation of their individual research projects.

The seven students who attended the Program on scholarship were ETS - Rashonda High, Lashanta Richardson, Walter Smith, III, Kenneth Howell and Roderick Herrera: UB - Lenair Lett and Aaron Hargrove

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**ASSESSMENT, RETENTION & TECHNOLOGY TRAINING**

The NC State University TRIO Staff are always striving to improve the delivery of services to the program participants. In an effort to meet this objective, the Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound Staffs attended a regional training sponsored by SAEOPP (Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel) which was held at UNC Chapel Hill on September 28-30. The training focused on the Assessment of Student Needs; Proven Retention & Graduation Strategies; and the use of Educational Technology, in Order to Design

and Operate a model TRIO Project. TRIO Programs have been around for over four decades and they have morphed with each change in the educational arena. Assessment is nothing new to TRIO. In recent years it has expanded beyond the traditional Department of Education student performance outcomes to now include student learning and program development outcomes using TRIO CAS Standards. This intensive three-day training allowed staff to dialogue with other TRIO Personnel from

across the region and develop a personal master plan which will be initiated or completed within the next three months. The personal plans were inclusive of every facet of the office from clerical to professional which will serve to enhance the staff's ability to better serve students.

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