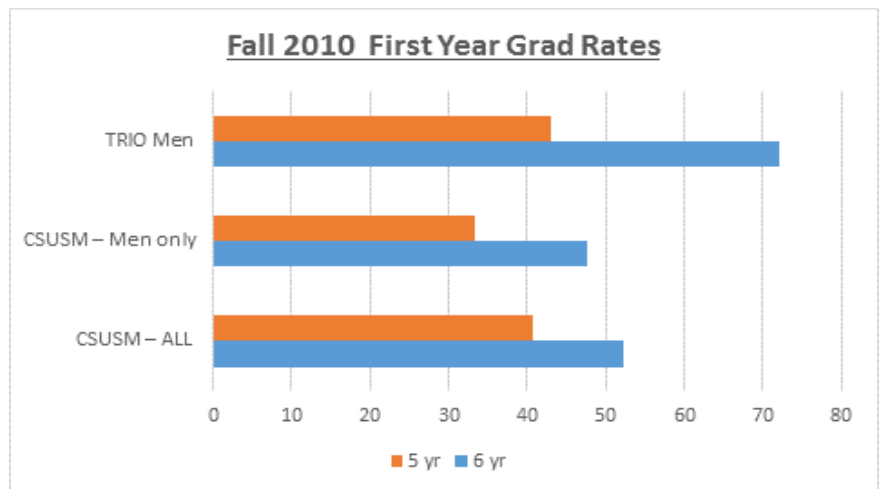




Director's Message

A recent article in The Atlantic, entitled Why men are the new college minority, claims “Where men once went to college in proportions far higher than women – 58 percent to 42 percent recently as the 1970s – the ratio has now almost exactly reversed.” This same article also states, “Men who do enroll in college, at whatever age, are more likely than women to drop out, and they graduate at lower rates.”

We want to provide some good news here about the retention and graduation rates of the men we do have in the TRIO SSS program. Feedback from our students indicate that they attribute a large part of the reason they find success in our program is due to the one-on-one service they receive from staff as well as the sense of belonging to a community that supports one another. Below is a side-by-side snapshot of recent retention and graduation percentage rates by TRIO SSS Men as compared to other groups:



Fall 2011 First Year Grad Rates

	CSUSM- ALL	CSUSM – MEN ONLY	TRIO MEN
6YR	Not yet available	Not yet available	70
5YR	41.1	34.4	40
4YR	13.5	10.0	20

Transfer Grad Rates

	CSUSM- ALL	CSUSM – MEN ONLY	TRIO MEN
Cohort 2010 (6yrs)	73.7	71.9	90.0
Cohort 2012 (4yrs)	67.3	65.8	100
Cohort 2104 (2yrs)	29.0	23.6	33.0

CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNSELOR PERLA RIVAS



Perla Rivas was a winner of the Sandra R Kuchler award for 2016-2017 the Employee of the year!

Perla has been with TRIO SSS since 2015. We are extremely proud of her work and feel very fortunate to have her expertise, smiles and genuine collegial spirit on our team. She always seems to know how to positively challenge current methods and provide creative ways to improve activities or services to better serve our students.

Perla is a natural Counselor, in every sense of the word when it comes to finding solutions and resources to help our students. She has a natural ability to connect with our students, knows instinctively when they need help as can be seen from the students comments below.

“Transitioning from community college in a four year university was overwhelming and Perla Rivas has supported my academic journey through the semesters.”

“ I feel privileged to be part of TRIO SSS, especially with the guidance and support of Perla – one of the SSS Counselors. Her willingness and encouragement to help students has put me on a path that I feel is right for me.”

Congratulations Perla!

SPRING 2017 CULTURAL EVENT

The students outside the Old Globe Theatre, Balboa Park to see the performance of **Red Velvet**. The play was set in London, England.



Students and staff sampled the English pub cuisine at the Shakespeare Pub & Grille in San Diego.



WELCOME DAY FOR NEW STUDENTS

Signing-in



Class Activity



On August 4th, the TRIO SSS staff welcomed their new first-year and transfer students to campus for a day of learning, bonding and fun.

AMF Bowling Alley



Faculty Panel



TRIO SSS 2017 GRADUATION CEREMONY

Family and friends gathered on April 21st at McMahan House, to honor and share the success of the TRIO SSS graduates. **Congratulations to...**

Joseph Abosamra
Brizlet Angon
Idalia Barragan
Fernando Becerra
Dulce Benitez
Liana Camarena
Laura Cojulun
Marissa Cortes
Tanya Cosino
Bernardo Cruz
Tracy Daniel
Brenda Diaz
Elizabeth Lopez Diaz
Lorena Duran
Yesenia Esquivel
Giovanni Garcia
Jacqueline Garcia

Tali Gomez
Breiana Griffith
Karina Gutierrez
Delienid Heredia
Karen Herrera
Claudia Juarez
Donna Lee
Roxana Lopez
Miguel Manzano
Angelica Marigliano
Jesus Martin
Patricia Martinez
Edith Mendez
Adriana Morales
Brenda Nazario
Carlos Ochoa

Karina Ochoa
Rebecca Ortego
Irma Pascual
Anh Thu Pham
Tram Pham
Marienel Pili
Maria Quintana
Steven Robidoux
Rosalinda Rocha
Tania Rocha
Elizabeth Romero
Alejandra Salazar
Joseph Sandoval
Mariel Espinoza Teran
Christiano Valencia
Crystal Villalobos
Jacquellyn White



SPRING 2017 ONE-UNIT CLASS

The spring 2017 one-unit of college credit class was led by Dr. Quinney. The theme was *Facing History and Ourselves*. One of the components of the class was a visit to the Museum of Tolerance (MOT) in Los Angeles.



Student participants tasting the Jewish lunch cuisine at Canter's Jewish Deli in Los Angeles.

Community service is another component of the one-unit class. This year our students joined the campus Cesar Chavez Day of Community Service. Their assignment was to pick oranges for local food pantries



SPRING 2017 DEAN'S LIST

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher in the spring 2017 semester!

Andrew Baird	Karina Gonzalez	Maria Ochoa
Victoria Baldan	Kirra Gustafson	Georgina Olmos-Laureano
Maylin Caldwell	Julianna Hernandez	David Ortuno
Anais Campos	Stephanie Hernandez	Patrick Pardo
Ashley Campos	Edith Jimenez	Marvin Pena
Sossity Corby	Alyssa Juarez	Mayra Pineda-Cervantes
Michael Cortez	Connor Leone	Carolina Quirarte
Ruby Cruz	Ariana Maceda Lopez	Fabiola Rivera
Lilian De Alba	Casandra Lopez	Lesley Rivera
Diane Duarte	Edith Lopez	Adrian Ruiz
Dannika Dugan	Melissa Lopez	Diana Sanchez
Yesica Flores	Rafael Lopez	Angelina Saunders
Deyanira Fonseca	Silva Lopez	Emmanuel Solis
Alexa Francisco	Areli Lujan	Tammy Thai
Rocio Fuentes	Erika Martinez	Oscar Vargas
Laura Galland	Denisse Melgoza	Maria Vidaca
Alexis Garcia	Maria Montero	Abigail Vivas-Orozco
Jacqueline Garcia	Mellany Morales	Halie Wierenga
Maricruz Gomez	Yessica Navarro	Nikki Young

CONGRATULATIONS to the following part-time students who have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher in the spring 2017 semester!

Luis Silva	Bryan Hernandez	Cynthia Vargas
Diane Alvarado		Alejandro Zafra

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS



Andrea Green

Awarded the Douglas and Marian R. Pardee Scholarship and the Carol Cox Scholarship

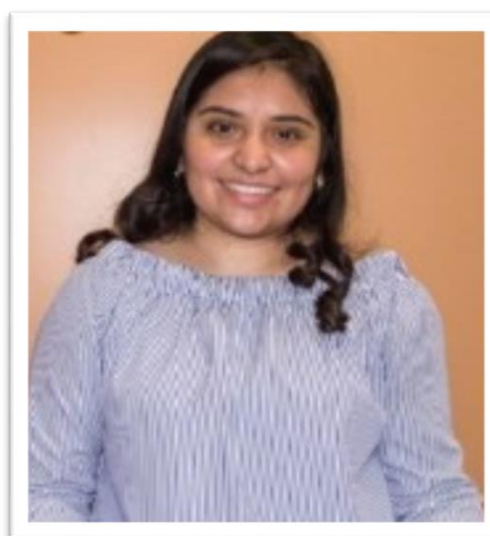


Led by Dr. Noriko Toyokawa, Human Development Faculty, TRIO Students **Erika Martinez** and **Raul Diaz** won the best undergraduate poster presentation award at the [Northwest Council on Family Relations Annual Conference](#) in Portland, Oregon. *(Poster Authors picture: from right to left, Erika Martinez, Raul Diaz and Rebecca Cruz).*



Edith Mendez

2017 CSUSM graduate
Master's Candidate in Higher Education Leadership Program at the University of San Diego



Monserrat Aguilar- Aviles

Awarded the MANA San Diego scholarship

Date	Time	Event Title	Location
Monday, October 16	4:30-5:30	Building Your Credit: Your credit score can save you or cost you hundreds of dollars and can influence employment opportunities? Come and learn why credit score is so important, how to build a good credit score, and much more.	SBSB 3219
Thursday November 2	3:30-4:30	What to do with my Major! Come and explore different career pathways.	SBSB 3219
Thursday, November 16	4:30-5:30	Let Me In! Graduate School: In this workshop we will explore the process of applying to graduate school.	SBSB 3219
Wednesday, December 6	8:30-4:00	Study Snacks and Scantrons: Take a break from those long stretches of intense studying by visiting the TRIO office. You are welcome to drop in and pick up a few snacks and scantrons.	TRIO SS Office
Thursday, December 7	8:30-4:00	Study Snacks and Scantrons: Take a break from those long stretches of intense studying by visiting the TRIO office. You are welcome to drop in and pick up a few snacks and scantrons.	TRIO SSS Office

Space is limited to 20 Students

Register Here:www.csusm.edu/sss/workshops.html