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TRiO
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTERS

TRiO WORKS

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What is EOC?

The TRiO EOC is a federally funded program to assist residents of Mecklenburg, Union and Gaston counties, 16 years of age and above, gain access to higher education. The program focuses on first-generation college students and individuals from economically challenged households.

All services are FREE.

Educational Opportunity Center
Academic Institute of Central Carolina

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Mecklenburg, Gaston and Union County residents

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH:	THE EOC PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:
Completing financial aid forms?	Financial Aid (FAFSA) Completion
Completing admission forms?	Admissions Assistance
Researching scholarships?	Scholarship Assistance
Selecting a college or program?	Academic Advising
Selecting classes or registering?	Student Loan Assistance
Choosing a career?	Career Exploration
	College Selection
	Referral for GED/HS Completion
	Money Management Education
	Community Resource/Referral

The EOC staff is extremely excited that the program and the services it offers which provide educational access can change lives.

Sincerely,
Deborah Kingsberry

NINE TENTHS OF EDUCATION IS ENCOURAGEMENT

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Necessary Summer Check-ups

1. **Education Check-up** – meet with an advisor, apply for financial aid, scholarship search, schedule placement test, apply to school, register for classes, then wait for the first day of school.
2. **Credit Check-up** – do you know where you stand. Get free copy of your credit report at www.annualcreditreport.com.
3. **Financial Check-up –** Good time to revisit or create a budget.
4. **Family Check-up** – Spend quality time with loved ones
5. **Self Check-up** – Give yourself a break! Devote time to yourself and to your wellbeing.

Everything you need to accomplish your goal is already inside of you.

FAMOUS PARTICIPANTS

- Hector Balderas, New Mexico State Auditor
- Angela Bassett, Academy Award Nominated Actress
- Donna Brazille, Political Strategist, TV Commentator, interim chairperson of the Democratic National Committee
- Henry Bonilla, US Congressman
- Franklin Chang-Diaz, First Hispanic Astronaut
- Kenneth Corn, youngest Oklahoma State Representative (22), youngest Oklahoma State Senator (25)
- Viola Davis, Student Support Services, Academy Award Winning Actress
- Patrick Ewing, Coach, Olympian and Former Professional Basketball Player
- A.C. Green, Former Professional Basketball Player
- Bernard Harris, First African-American Astronaut to Perform an Extra-vehicular Activity (Spacewalk)
- Wil Haygood, Author and Journalist
- Jose Hernandez, Second Hispanic Astronaut
- Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, Music Producers
- Kenny Leon, director, Tony Award nominee
- Gwendolynne Moore, US Congresswoman
- Steve Perry, Cable News Education Commentator and School Principal
- Anastasia Pittman, Oklahoma State Representative
- Troy Polamalu, Professional Football Player
- John Quinones, Correspondent for ABC News, "Prime Time Live"
- Kevin Shibilski, Wisconsin State Senator
- Sidney P. Barfield, Retired US Army

If you don't like something, change it.
If you can't change it, change your attitude.
Maya Angelou

Graduates, Get your Milestone Incentive

Join TRiO at

The Color Purple Musical

Call the office to ***reserve your ticket by 1:00 PM, Friday June 8, 2018***. 704-536-9742

Date: July 10-15, 2018

Wednesday & Thurday showtimes

Scholarships

Scholarships are a key way to find your education. You do not have to pay the money back.

There are so many out there!

Look for scholarships that are specific to your school first then expand your search.

A winner is a dreamer who never gives up. Nelson Mandela

*** FAFSA APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE ***

Apply now!

If you are considering starting school anytime between now and the fall of 2018, and have not filled out a federal financial aid application (2017-2018 FAFSA) year, you should do it right away. **Call (704) 536-9742 to make an appointment** with the EOC staff.

Note: Apply for FSA ID online at studentaid.ed.gov

Will need 2016 Income and Tax Information

STAY IN TOUCH!

- **Did you graduate?**
- **Did you move?**
- **Phone number changed?**
- **New email address?**

Tell us your story! EOC would love to share your success story. Call the office 704-536-9742

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