TRIO celebrates four decades of helping students

Festivities are planned May 10 at Rogue Community College to mark the 40th annual National TRIO Day.

The celebration is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Josephine Building on the RCC Redwood Campus. The program includes food, prizes, contests, entertainment, and an open house tour. Associated Students of Rogue Community College are co-sponsoring the event.

In addition to helping first-generation college students, TRIO/Student Support Services serves low-income students and/or those with a documented disability who intend to transfer to a four-year institution. Along with peer mentoring and tutoring, TRIO offers classes that address college success, study skills, and life planning and provides a sense of community and encouragement. Cultural events and orientation visits to universities also are part of TRIO activities.

In 2005 the RCC program won a five-year funding renewal after receiving a perfect evaluation rating. (Standard renewal term is four years.) TRIO serves some 170 RCC students annually and receives $236,000 yearly in federal funding.

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