

The *Center* Highlights 2017-2018



ACHIEVEMENTS

UNLV Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)

- 90% of GEAR UP college-ready students expect to graduate from high school and enroll in college
- GEAR UP works with parents and students to ensure they are knowledgeable about college entrance requirements, financial aid, and college preparatory high school courses

TRIO Upward Bound (UB) and Upward Bound Math/Science (UBMS) Center

- 100% of UB seniors achieved proficiency level on state assessments in reading/language arts and math
- 100% of the students were promoted to the next grade level or graduated from high school
- 91% of the students who graduated from high-school completed a rigorous program of study
- 82% of the UB college-ready students enrolled in a postsecondary program

TRIO Educational Talent Search (ETS)

- 100% of all students progressed to the next grade level
- 100% of senior participants graduated from high school
- 64% of the TS college-ready students enrolled in a postsecondary program
- 81% of high school graduates completed a rigorous program of study

TRIO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC)

- 59% of the college-ready participants enrolled in a postsecondary program (entered or re-entered postsecondary education)
- 38% of the participants who did not obtain a high school diploma or equivalent received a secondary school diploma or equivalent

TRIO Student Support Services (SSS)

- 71% of the first-year freshmen graduate from UNLV within six years
- 99% of program participants were in good academic standing
- 96% of the students persisted toward completing an academic program

TRIO Ronald E. McNair Scholars Institute

- 90% of the McNair graduates enrolled in a post baccalaureate program
- 89% of the McNair first-year graduate students continued to be enrolled in graduate school
- **100%** of the McNair Scholars who participated in the Summer Research Institute completed their research or scholarly activities.

Title III Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI)

- 89% of program participants persisted toward or earned a bachelor's degree

GRANT RESOURCES

The Department of Education awarded The Center (UNLV) a total of 26 nationally competitive grants, which exceeds \$98 million. The four **Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)** grants are seven-year grants for a total award of \$64 million. Eight of the grants awarded are **Upward Bound** and **Upward Bound Math & Science** programs, all of which are five-year grants for a total award of \$11.4 million. Five **Educational Talent Search** programs are also awarded for five years and total \$6.7 million. Two **Educational Opportunity Centers** are five-year grants with a total award of \$2.4 million. Two **Student Support Services** programs are five-year awards, which total \$3.9 million. **Ronald E. McNair Scholars Institute** is also a five-year grant with a total award of \$1.2 million. The Center was awarded one **TRIO Training** program—a two-year grant with a total award of \$515 thousand. The Center has also been awarded two **Title III Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI)**—five-year grants which total \$3.25 million. The Center was awarded one **NSF Southern Nevada Northern Arizona Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (SNNA-LSAMP)** a five-year grant with a total award of \$5 million.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- The Nevada Department of Employment and Training, with the Department of Health and Human Services (a division of Welfare and Supportive Services), and The Center's TRIO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) program developed a partnership aimed at encouraging low-income and first-generation welfare recipients to consider higher education as an option for a self-sustained lifestyle. Through this and other collaborative efforts, more than three hundred individuals received GED assessment and advising toward continuing their education during this year.
- Wells Fargo First Generation Scholarship Program provides 20 scholarships (\$2,500 each) to undergraduate students who meet eligibility criteria. Students must commit to 80 hours a year of volunteer service at one of The Center's target schools.
- Senoras of Excellence/Senores of Distinction Scholarship program provides scholarships (\$1,000 each) to undergraduate students who meet eligibility criteria.

PARTICIPANTS

- Since receiving its first federal grant in 1967, The Center has increased the number of participants from 50 students to more than 25,000 annually.
- Since 2005, the Ronald E. McNair Scholars (TRIO) Institute reports 23 students have earned a doctoral degree and 91 students went on to graduate school.
- The UNLV Ronald E. McNair Scholars Institute congratulates 12 former TRIO McNair Scholars who received advanced degrees: Dr. Cheryl Coleman, Ph.D. from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Dr. Danielle Jackson, Ph.D. from the University of Arizona; Dr. Tyrone Roach from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana; Amie Fender, J.D. from University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Dr. Teddy Sim, Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Western Chiropractic College; Katrina Samuels, J.D., Southern University; Amy Yonesawa, J.D. from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Dr. Amanda Haboush, Ph.D. from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Dr. Lorenzo Nichols, Doctorate in Optometry from the InterAmerican University, School of Optometry, Dr. Michael Webber, Ph.D. from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Dr. Kristopher R. Buchanan, Ph.D. from Texas A&M, and Dr. Juan Plata, Ph.D. from Stanford University.

Mission: To provide traditional and innovative educational opportunities to a diverse community through targeted services and research that promote personal success.

Federally Funded Programs

<u>Programs</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Participants</u>
UB	5	311
UBMS	3	179
ETS	5	2,758
EOC (AES)	2	2,000
SSS	2	505
McNair	1	30
GEAR UP	4	19,343
TRIO Training	1	125
AANAPISI	2	380
SNNA-LSAMP	1	180

Participants Eligibility Criteria:

GEAR UP

- Free & reduced lunch rate at target middle schools is 51% or higher

TRIO

- At least 2/3rds of participants are Low-Income and First-Generation College

Title III AANAPISI

- At least 50% of participants are Asian-American Native American Pacific Islander

- All participants must be Low-Income and/or First-Generation College

SNNA-LSAMP

- Freshman URMs who are STEM majors with a strong need for academic support;
- Freshman URMs who are non-STEM majors and:
 - Have an interest in STEM; and/or
 - Would likely be successful in STEM; or
- Juniors who are STEM majors and have a strong record of academic achievement

Ethnicity Breakdown:

Hispanic: 57%

African-American: 20%

White: 10%

Native American/Pacific Islander: 2%

Asian: 6%

Multi-racial: 5%

Services Offered:

Academic Advising and Counseling
 Financial Aid Counseling
 Parent Education Workshops
 Basic Instruction in English
 GED Preparation
 Faculty Mentoring
 Research Opportunities
 Near peer mentoring
 Tutoring
 College Tours
 College Preparation
 Summer Residential Programs
 Credit Recovery
 Career Planning
 Teacher Professional Development
 Assistance with College Admissions and Financial Aid Applications

Employees:

Total Count: 300

Professional: 70

Letter of Appointment: 16

Classified: 13

Graduate Assistant: 7

Student Worker: 26

Tutors/Instructors: 168

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