The Center’s History as of September 15, 2015

The Center received its first Federally Funded TRIO, GEAR UP and Title III Grant in:

1966 Educational Talent Search
1967 Upward Bound
1970 Student Support Services
1999 Upward Bound Math & Science Center
1999 Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
2002 GEAR UP
2002 Educational Opportunity Center
2003 TRIO Training Institute
2015 Student Support Services STEM/Health Science
2015 Title III AANAPISI

TRIO Programs 1966

- TRIO part of Title IV of the 1965 Higher Education Act
- Educational Talent Search Program (new and statewide)

TRIO Programs 1967

- Traditional Upward Bound (new)
- Educational Talent Search Program

TRIO Programs 1969

- Traditional Upward Bound Program
- Educational Talent Search Program

TRIO Programs 1970

- Special Services for Disadvantaged Students (now known as SSS)

TRIO Programs 1972

- TRIO programs relocated from the Student Union Building to Flora Duncan Humanities (FDH)
- UNLV is home to 3 Federally-Funded TRIO programs
- Traditional Upward Bound Program
- Educational Talent Search Program
- Special Services for Disadvantaged Students

TRIO Programs 1978

- Dr. Sullivan hired as Director of Special Services for Disadvantaged Students Programs
- UNLV is home to 1 Federally-Funded TRIO program
- Traditional Upward Bound Program (not renewed)
- Educational Talent Search Program (not renewed)
- Special Services for Disadvantaged Students
TRIO Programs 1980
- Became Department for Academic Advancement
- Academic Advancement is home to 3 Federally-Funded TRIO programs
- Traditional Upward Bound Program (new)
- Educational Talent Search Program (new)
- Special Services for Disadvantaged Students name changed to Student Support Services

TRIO Programs 1994
- Academic Advancement moved to Student Services Complex Rm. 143
- Academic Advancement is home to 3 Federally-Funded TRIO programs
- Traditional Upward Bound Program
- Educational Talent Search Program
- Student Support Services Program

TRIO Programs 1998
- Academic Advancement is home to 4 Federally-Funded TRIO programs
- Traditional Upward Bound Programs
- (2) Educational Talent Search Programs (1 new)
- Student Support Services Program

TRIO Programs 1999
- Academic Advancement moved to Tropicana Executive Offices Ste. 650 (all but SSS and McNair)
- Academic Advancement is home to 7 Federally-Funded TRIO programs
- (2) Traditional Upward Bound Programs (1 new)
- Upward Bound Math/Science Center (new)
- (2) Educational Talent Search Programs
- Student Support Services Program
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program (new)

TRIO Programs 2000
- Academic Advancement name changed to The Center for Academic Enrichment and Outreach (The Center)
- Classified as a UNLV Research Center
- The Center is home to 7 Federally-Funded TRIO programs
- (2) Traditional Upward Bound Programs
- Upward Bound Math/Science Center
- (2) Educational Talent Search Programs
- Student Support Services Program
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

TRIO and GEAR UP Programs 2002
- The Center is home to 11 Federally-Funded TRIO and GEAR UP programs
- (2) Traditional Upward Bound Programs
- Upward Bound Math/Science Center
- (2) Educational Talent Search Programs
- Student Support Services Program
TRIO and GEAR UP Programs 2003
- The Center is home to 13 Federally-Funded TRIO and GEAR UP programs
- (2) Traditional Upward Bound Programs
- Upward Bound Math/Science Center
- (2) Educational Talent Search Programs
- Student Support Services Program
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
- (2) Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
- (2) TRIO Training Institutes (new)
- (2) Educational Opportunity Centers

TRIO and GEAR UP Programs 2004
- The Center relocated from SSC 143 to SSC 201
- The Center is home to 11 Federally-Funded TRIO and GEAR UP programs
- (2) Traditional Upward Bound Programs
- Upward Bound Math/Science Center
- (2) Educational Talent Search Programs
- Student Support Services Program
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
- (2) GEAR UPs
- (2) TRIO Training Institutes (not renewed)
- (2) Educational Opportunity Centers

TRIO and GEAR UP Programs 2005
- The Center is home to 13 Federally-Funded TRIO and GEAR UP programs
- (2) Traditional Upward Bound Programs
- Upward Bound Math/Science Center
- (2) Educational Talent Search Programs
- Student Support Services Program
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
- (4) GEAR UPs (2 new)
- (2) Educational Opportunity Centers

TRIO and GEAR UP Programs 2006
- The Center is home to 16 Federally-Funded TRIO and GEAR UP programs
- (2) Traditional Upward Bound Programs
- Upward Bound Math/Science Center
- (3) Educational Talent Search Programs (1 new)
- Student Support Services Program
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
- (4) GEAR UPs
- (2) Educational Opportunity Centers
- (2) TRIO Training Institutes (new)
The Center is home to 17 Federally-Funded TRIO and GEAR UP programs
- (3) Traditional Upward Bound Programs (1 new)
- Upward Bound Math/Science Center
- (3) Educational Talent Search Programs
- Student Support Services Program
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
- (4) GEAR UPs
- (2) Educational Opportunity Centers
- (2) TRIO Training Institutes

The Center is home to 15 Federally-Funded TRIO and GEAR UP programs
- (3) Traditional Upward Bound Programs
- Upward Bound Math/Science Center
- (3) Educational Talent Search Programs
- Student Support Services Program
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
- (2) GEAR UPs (2 of ‘02 expired)
- (2) Educational Opportunity Centers
- (2) TRIO Training Institutes

The Center relocated from SSC 201 to SSC 301
The Center is home to 21 Federally-Funded TRIO and GEAR UP programs
- (3) Traditional Upward Bound Programs
- Upward Bound Math/Science Center
- (3) Educational Talent Search Programs
- (3) Student Support Services Programs (two new: STEM and Health Science)
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
- (2) GEAR UPs
- (2) Educational Opportunity Centers
- (3) TRIO Training Institutes (1 new)

The Center relocated from SSC 201 to SSC 301
The Center is home to 21 Federally-Funded TRIO and GEAR UP programs
- (3) Traditional Upward Bound Programs
- Upward Bound Math/Science Center
- (4) Educational Talent Search Programs (1 new)
- (3) Student Support Services Programs (regular, STEM and Health Science)
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
- (5) GEAR UPs (3 new)
- Educational Opportunity Center (1 not funded)
- (3) TRIO Training Institutes

The Center is home to 19 Federally-Funded TRIO and GEAR UP programs
- (3) Traditional Upward Bound Programs
TRIO and GEAR UP Programs 2014
- The Center is home to 18 Federally-Funded TRIO and GEAR UP programs
- (3) Traditional Upward Bound Programs
- (2) Upward Bound Math/Science Centers (one new)
- (4) Educational Talent Search Programs
- (3) Student Support Services Programs (regular, STEM and Health Science)
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program (continuation)
- (3) GEAR UPs
- Educational Opportunity Center
- TRIO Training Institutes (priorities 1 and 4; priority 2 not funded)

TRIO and GEAR UP Programs 2015
- The Center is home to 18 Federally-Funded TRIO, GEAR UP and Title III programs
- (3) Traditional Upward Bound Programs
- (2) Upward Bound Math/Science Centers (one new)
- (4) Educational Talent Search Programs
- (2) Student Support Services Programs (regular and combined STEM/Health Science, new)
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program (continuation)
- (3) GEAR UPs
- Educational Opportunity Center
- TRIO Training Institute (priority 4; priority 1 not funded)
- Title III AANAPISI (new)

The Center’s Program Descriptions

Upward Bound (UB) (3)
This program helps high school students prepare for higher education. Qualified participants receive instruction in mathematics, science, literature, composition, and foreign languages, on UNLV’s campus. The program has two components: Academic Year and Summer Residential. During the Academic Year component, participants attend classes and workshops at the UNLV campus, where they also receive academic and career counseling, tutoring, financial aid assistance, and college admission information. During the Summer Residential Program, students live in the UNLV Residential Halls, obtain first-hand experience of being college students, participate in activities that promote educational and cultural enrichment, as well as receive regular program services. Over 200 participants are currently receiving services through these grants.
Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS) (2)
The Upward Bound Math and Science program is designed to strengthen the math and science skills of participating high school students. The goal of the program is to help students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science and to encourage them to pursue postsecondary degrees in math and science, and ultimately careers in the math and science profession. Program services include: summer programs with intensive math and science training; year-round counseling and advisement; exposure to university faculty members who do research in mathematics and the sciences; computer training; and participant-conducted scientific research under the guidance of faculty members or graduate students, who are serving as mentors; education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy of students. This program follows the same service delivery structure as the Upward Bound program listed above. Over 120 participants are currently receiving services through these grants.

Educational Talent Search (ETS) (4)
Educational Talent Search serves students in grades 6 through 12 by providing academic advising, scholarship assistance, financial management, admissions requirements, and assistance with various student financial aid programs. These grants currently serve over 2,400 participants.

Student Support Services Regular (SSS)
This program assists college students with overcoming personal, academic, and financial difficulties that could impair their chances of succeeding in college. Participants, who include low-income, first generation and disabled college students, receive individualized tutoring, guidance and counseling, assistance with financial aid applications, remedial instruction, GRE/GMAT preparation assistance, and career exploration assistance. The SSS program also provides Grant-In-Aid to current SSS participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants. The mission of SSS is to increase the persistence, retention and graduation rates of qualified UNLV students, as well as to facilitate the process of transition from one level of higher education to the next. Through this grant, SSS currently serves over 300 UNLV students.

Student Support Services STEM (SSS STEM)
SSS STEM is a program that offers services aimed at increasing the academic potential of participants in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) disciplines. The goal of the program is to increase retention and graduation rates of qualified UNLV students who demonstrate academic need and who are either first-generation, and/or low income, and/or have a documented disability. The program provides students the same guidance, support, and services as the regular SSS, and also connects participants to faculty advisors, research opportunities, and other programming oriented toward their selected majors. This program currently serves over 250 students.

Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program (McNair)
This program prepares participants for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. McNair participants are undergraduate students from disadvantaged backgrounds, and/or underrepresented in graduate education, that have demonstrated strong academic potential. McNair works closely with these participants through their undergraduate requirements, encourages their entrance into graduate programs, and tracks their progress to successful completion of advanced degrees. The goal of McNair is to increase the attainment of doctorate degrees by students from underrepresented segments of society. Qualified McNair Scholars benefit from graduate research opportunities, faculty mentoring, professional conferences
and workshops, doctoral studies preparation seminars, tutoring, academic counseling, graduate program admissions assistance, financial aid assistance, and GRE preparation. McNair currently serves over 30 scholars.

GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) (3)
This partnership between the Center for Academic Enrichment and Outreach (The Center) and various educational and community entities provides intense and intrusive services to thirteen poorest middle and high schools in Clark County. The GEAR UP cohort model allows The Center to serve over 20,000 students and their parents by providing educational support for the students to achieve academic success and by equipping them to access post-secondary educational opportunities. The goals of the Partnership include empowering students to achieve academic successes and gain access to post-secondary education; increase student awareness of post-secondary education and career opportunities; enhance classroom environments by providing support through instructional resources and teacher training; reduce dropout rates, absenteeism, and instances of disciplinary infractions by working collaboratively with school staff; increase parental involvement to reinforce student academic achievement and facilitate access to post-secondary education; and implement academic related activities designed to improve student achievement.

Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) (1)
This federally funded program, locally known as Adult Educational Services (AES), assists individuals 19 years of age and older to pursue postsecondary education. AES assists qualified participants with choosing a career path and appropriate education channels, as well as encourages high school dropouts to return to high school or obtain a GED (General Education Diploma). The goal of AES is to increase the number of adult participants who enroll in postsecondary education institutions. This grant serves approximately 1000 students.

TRIO Training Institute (priority 4)
This program provides professional development seminars for persons supervising or employed by one or more Federal TRiO projects across the United States. Participants receive Instruction regarding college admissions and financial aid counseling, and financial literacy counseling. This grant serves over 300 TRIO professionals annually.

Title III Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) Program
AANAPISI project participants receive services based on their need for academic support in order to persist in their degree programs, earn postsecondary credentials, and enroll in post-baccalaureate studies. AANAPISI project services include academic, financial, and career counseling, research opportunities, assistance with graduate school admissions and program exploration. This program serves over 200 students.
Origins of TRIO and GEAR UP

TRIO began as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty. The Educational Opportunity Act of 1964 established an experimental program known as Upward Bound. Then, in 1965, the Higher Education Act created Talent Search. Finally, another program, Special Services for Disadvantaged Students (later known as Student Support Services), was launched in 1968. Together, this “trio” of federally-funded programs encouraged access to higher education for low-income students. By 1998, the TRIO programs had become a vital pipeline to opportunity, serving traditional students, displaced workers, and veterans. The original three programs had grown to nine, adding Educational Opportunity Centers and Veterans Upward Bound in 1972, Training Program for Federal TRIO programs in 1976, the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program in 1986, Upward Bound Math/Science in 1990, and the TRIO Dissemination Partnership in 1998.

GEAR UP, the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 2, Chapter 2.

Created by Congress in 1998, GEAR UP is a federal grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. GEAR UP provides six- and seven-year grants to states and partnerships to provide services at high-poverty middle and high schools. This federal program is designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.