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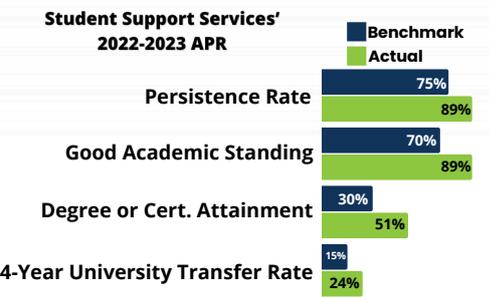
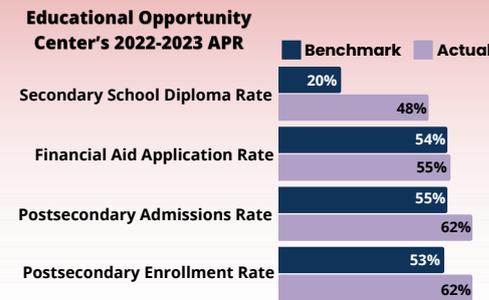
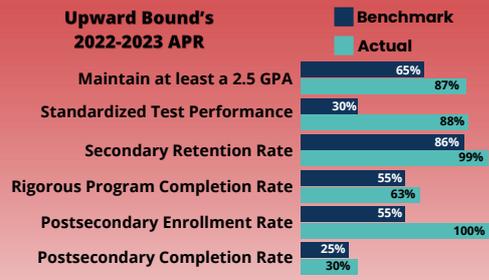
SPRING 2024

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

with Kris Hatcher, Ed.D



TRIO would like to thank GCSC's faculty and staff for helping us achieve our goals. If you didn't know, the U.S. Dept. of Education prescribes performance metrics that each TRIO grant must attain in order to receive continued funding. Put another way, our Upward Bound, Educational Opportunity Center, and Student Support Services teams could lose their jobs if participants don't attain certain benchmarks! That being said, we're proud to report the following scores from our most recent Annual Performance Reports (APR):



TRIO would not be successful without everyone's support. We truly appreciate all your student referrals, event invitations, and shout-outs. From all of us and our participants, thank you for everything you do!

Educational Opportunity Center

Spring has definitely been a season of growth for the Educational Opportunity Center this year! We are pleased to see so many faces each week, both new and those who are familiar. It has been so exciting to cheer on our GED and college tutoring lab students this term. To hear of their success after persevering through extraordinary challenges is very rewarding to the EOC team. One young lady, after 5 months of steady work, has completed her GED and is now enrolled in Summer term at GCSC! It is clear to us that she has a bright future ahead. Just as inspiring are the students who are pursuing college classes while juggling family life and work; making the most of their study time is essential and it is gratifying that TRIO is able to help as they learn and thrive.

[To learn more about EOC click here](#)

-Lisa



Student Support Services

We had a successful spring semester aiding students in their academic journeys. We offered extensive support, assisted with transfer applications, FAFSA, and arranged campus visits to institutions like the University of West Florida, Florida State, and Troy University. Our visits provided invaluable insights into campus life and fields of study. Additionally, we sponsored two students to attend the National Black Brown & College Bound Summit in Tampa, Florida fostering collaboration and empowerment among educators, students, and community leaders. As the semester closes, we are thrilled to celebrate over 50 graduates as they embark on their next endeavors as well as welcoming new faces into our program in the upcoming academic year.

[To learn more about SSS click here](#)

-Kendra



Upward Bound

As the semester concludes, we proudly celebrate the remarkable achievements of our Upward Bound seniors. Guided by Dr. Green Educational Services, 31 seniors, along with a dozen waitlisted students, excelled academically. All seniors met graduation requirements, with 18 already confirmed to attend Gulf Coast State College, a testament to their hard work and the program's dedication. Beyond academics, partnerships with higher education institutions like Troy University and Florida State University provided invaluable opportunities and experiences. Emotional stories, like seeing a student's tears of gratitude, exemplify Upward Bound's transformative impact. We commend the educators and mentors for their tireless dedication. The achievements of Upward Bound's graduating seniors serve as a beacon of hope and inspiration. May this group remind us that with determination, support, and access to resources, every student can reach their fullest potential.

[To learn more about UB click here](#)

-Danielle

Tutoring Lab

During this spring semester, my team and I have been delighted to tutor TRIO participants. We are committed to assisting every student who visits our lab, too, regardless of the subject matter. Whether it be Mathematics, Science, English, or GED, facilitating academic progress serves as a source of motivation for us. Should your students require assistance with their studies, please feel free to drop by our lab. We will gladly assist!

[To learn more about tutoring click here](#)

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WE ARE TRIO

Hours of Operations:
Monday - Friday : 8:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m
TRIO Tutoring Lab Summer Hours:
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**We accept student referrals!*

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