## WINTER NEWSLETTER

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES Funded by the US Department of Education

2024-2025

#### **University of Dubuque**



### A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the continued support that has made our work possible and impactful. This summer, we embarked on the process of writing for the 2025-2030 grant cycle, a critical step in securing future resources and expanding our reach. I am thankful for the strong institutional backing and collaborative partnerships across campus that have been instrumental in this effort.

One of the highlights of our recent collaborations has been the renewed support from the Office of Advising. Their involvement in events like the December Open House and other initiatives has strengthened our campus engagement and enhanced the services we offer to students. These partnerships remind us of the power of working together to support student success and well-being.

We've officially settled into our new space on the second floor of Severance Hall. It's been a smooth transition, and we are already seeing the benefits of a more collaborative environment for our growing team. We added two new staff members to the TRIO team, Jatika Sykes and AJ Ligeralde.

We also had the privilege of celebrating the achievements of our 28 graduates from the 2023-2024 year. From the Philadelphia trip in June to the EOA celebration in November and our Mid-Year Retreat at Wolter Woods in December, each event marked a special moment of connection and reflection as we continue to empower our students and celebrate their successes.

As we look to the future, I'm energized by all we've accomplished and excited for what's still to come. Thank you for your continued support of TRIO Student Support Services at University of Dubuque!

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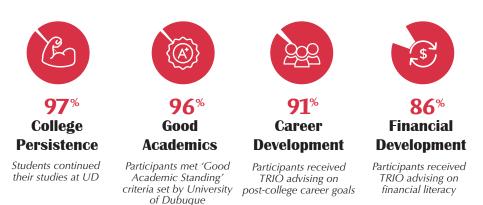
**Tika Sykes** Student Support Services Advisor



# 15 YEARS OF TRIO AT UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE

As we celebrate 60 years of TRIO nationally and 15 years at the University of Dubuque, we reflect on a year of meaningful programming. Highlights include sending students to the Yale Moot Court Competition and organizing a graduate visit to Iowa City. In 2023-2024 we hosted 28 events with 408 attendances, averaging 15 participants per event. In April 2024, we awarded over \$54,000 in scholarships to 71 participants, with more than half of our annual attendees meeting all deadlines and qualifying for support. These milestones reflect the lasting impact of TRIO, and we're excited to continue building on this success.

### Out of 140 Students Served...



**Graduates** 62% of all program participants earned a Bachelors Degree within six years.







1,157 HOURS OF SUPPORT



54 COLLEGE 101 SESSIONS



\$1,888 SUPPORTING EACH STUDENT PER YEAR

