Modesto Junior College | TRIO Pre-College Programs
A Federally Funded Program

Summer Program 2020

Table of Contents

Summer Staff

Program Staff
Tutors
Instructors

TRIO Electives

American Sign Language
Astronomy
Calculus
Chemistry
Parasitology
Writing Seminar

MJC Courses

Art Appreciation
Political Science

Student Photos

Ceres High
Downey High
Johanssen High
Modesto High
Patterson High
Riverbank High

Dear TRIO students,

Congratulations, YOU DID IT! It has truly been a pleasure being a part of summer program with you all. For many of you, this was your first experience with taking an online college course, and I want you to know that your hard work did not go unnoticed. You should all be very proud of yourselves, you completed a 7 week online summer program! I know it was challenging, but I am so proud of each and every one of you, and appreciate your dedication in working hard every day!

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer break and always remember that you are STRONG, CAPABLE, and AMAZING!

Sincerely,

Maria Ramirez

Dear TRIO students,

Congratulations on completing the TRIO Summer Program!

This summer had unprecedented challenges both for you as students and in your home lives. I am proud of everyone for facing these challenges and doing your best to overcome them. I encourage you to take confidence in your ability to succeed in the face of adversity and encourage all of you to use this experience as a demonstration of your adaptability and perseverance.

Carry this momentum into the new school year and we all look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

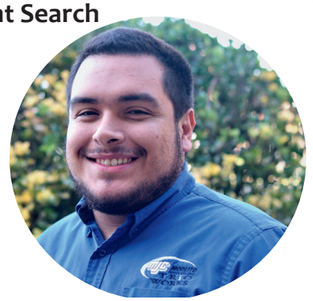
Benjamin Cimoli

Program Staff

Jorge Camarena
Upward Bound
Riverbank High
Patterson High

Maria Ramirez
Upward Bound
Ceres High
Johansen High
Modesto High

Benjamin Cimoli
Educational Talent Search
Downey High
Modesto High



Alyssa Nelson
Educational Talent Search
Downey High
Modesto High

Yuliana Jimenez
Educational Talent Search
Hanshaw Middle School
Mark Twain Junior High

April Sanchez
Administrative Technician

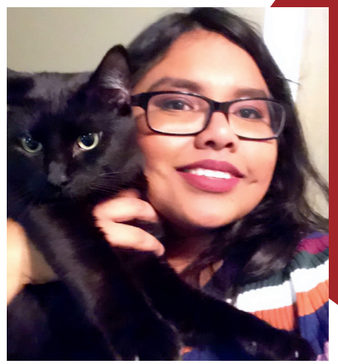
Elena Bernal
Administrative Technician

Summer 2020

Adriana Covarrubias

Ana Martin

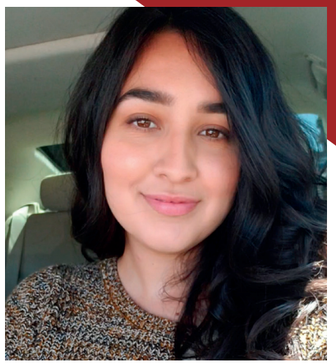
Antonio Heras


Ariana Soto-Zuniga

Chelsea Heras

Daniella Maciel

Diego Jimenez


Francely Santos-Guerra

Jacky Camacho

Jessica Cordova

Jesus Covarrubias

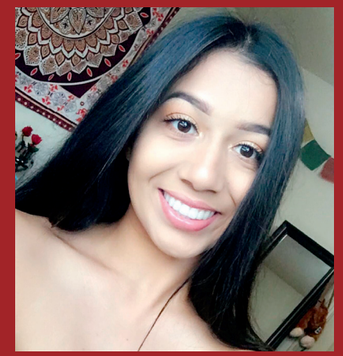
Jorge Mendez

Jose Chaidez

Julio Rios

Krystal Arteaga

Marcela Covarrubias


Olivia Soto

Uriel Miranda

Tutors

American Sign Language

Yuliana has been working with TRIO for five years now and has been American Sign Language teacher for the past four summers. In ASL students learn the foundations through real life examples and engaging games. By the end of the course they can sign phrases about what they like to do and their family tree!

Yuliana Jimenez

Abigail Heras

Chemistry

Abigail was with us this past school year as a Saturday Academy instructor and brought her same enthusiasm with her this summer as our chemistry instructor. In chemistry, students learn about properties of matter and how chemicals combine and react.

Lizvette Villafana

Astronomy

Lizvette is a TRIO alumna from Patterson High who has her degree in Physics and Astronomy from UCLA and a master's in Aerospace engineering from the University of Southern California. In her astronomy class students learn about the physical universe through course topics that include the sun, stars and the planets.

Parasitology

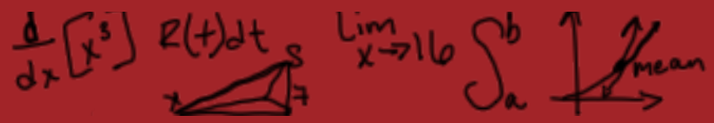
Sayeh is a TRIO alumna from Patterson High who graduated with her degree in Biology from UC Merced and was excited to teach our first parasitology class this summer. Parasitology looks at the relationship between parasites and their hosts using principles from other fields of biology such as immunology, genetics and ecology.

Sayeh Guerrero Orozco

Calculus

Jose is a TRIO alumnus from Modesto High who has been working with us as is currently pursuing his degree in Engineering. Calculus is an area of math that deals with change and students learn about differential and integral calculus and learn about limits and derivatives.

Jose Chaidez



Senior Lit & Composition Writing Seminar

Brenda Reynoso

Brenda and Gilberto are both TRIO alumni and who have studied English and writing. Our writing seminar classes have seniors prepare to write their college application essays by examining their unique personalities and backgrounds.

Gilberto Barba

ART APPRECIATION

This is my third year teaching Appreciation of Art for the TRIO summer program.

My class introduces the visual arts from design and composition, to the history of art making, to personal expression, and with an awareness of developments from a wide variety of world cultures. I have a passion for art and travel, and I try to bring my enthusiasm for these things to my classes. My picture is a selfie taken at Delphi in Greece, with the Temple of Apollo where the Oracle was.

I came to Modesto Junior College to make art education more available and exciting in the community I grew up in. I hope to make an impact on students and get them to look at exciting transfer institutions and possibilities for traveling.

I love working with TRIO students because you are some of the most intelligent and interested students I have ever worked with, and I get to

have these conversations early in your academic careers. My first TRIO class was the first general education class I had ever taught where everyone who started the class passed in excellent standing!

All the best,

Rob Stevenson
Professor of Art and Art History
Modesto Junior College

POLITICAL SCIENCE

When I was in 8th grade I decided to join TRIO. I remember one of my first TRIO field trips was visiting UC Berkeley, it was then I knew I wanted to go to college. I continued being part of TRIO in High School, at Modesto Junior College, and at UC San Diego where I did my undergraduate studies. After I received my bachelor's degree, I worked for TRIO as a mentor while I was a graduate student at Chico State. I am now working at UC Berkeley and MJC and I believe this wouldn't have been possible without TRIO's help. I am forever grateful for TRIO's support.

I was super excited to join TRIO as a Political Science Instructor. Some topics we covered in class included the roles, powers, and operations of the three branches of government, evaluating the extent to which the American political system is democratic, and critiquing literature that addresses topics in American politics. Students also had to work on finding a solution for an issue that they are passionate about all semester. A few issues that students addressed were immigration, racial disparities, education, income inequality, the environment, and much more. It was amazing to read how passionate students are in finding solutions for these issues. My main goal for the class was for TRIO students to feel empowered and know that they can make a difference!

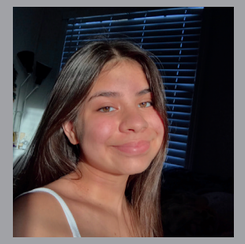
Sonia Moctezuma
Adjunct Instructor - Political Science
Modesto Junior College

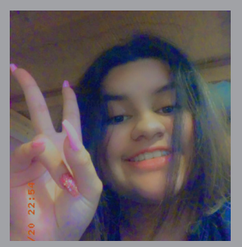
Ceres High

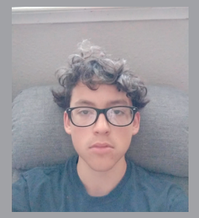
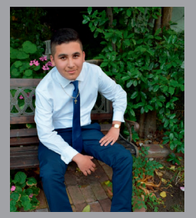
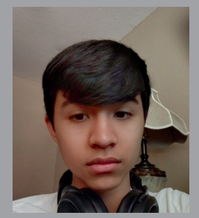
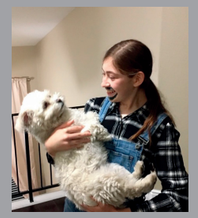
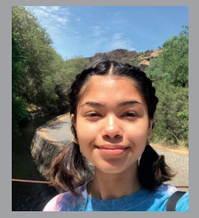
Kenneth Arroyo
Sandra Espinoza
Eduardo Garcia
William Lofing-Vigil
Sofia Olide
Camila Padilla
Valerie Raya
Priscilla Rios
Reymundo Soto

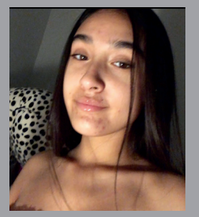
Downey High

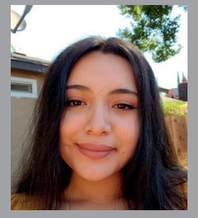
Irrael Basilio
Esela Maciel
Jane Zavala







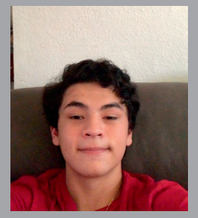
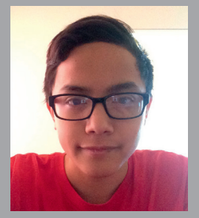


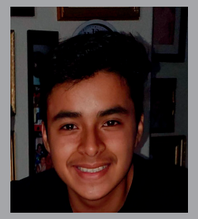
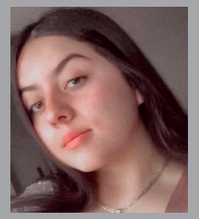
Johansen High

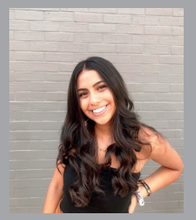
Aaron Barajas-Garcia
Angel Barron-Robles
Luis Castellanos
Karla De La Torre
Alejandro De La Torre
Adrian Espitia
Rafael Espitia
Braulio Garcia
Galilea Garcia
Anais Gonzalez
Candy Gutierrez
Klarissa Maldonado
Ysabella Maldonado
Veronica Maldonado
Aracely Martinez
Julian Mendoza
Delilah Mendoza-Valladolid
Stephanie Miranda
Alexia Pargas
Ricardo Perez
Ivanna Rivasplata
Monserat Rivera
Genesis Rodriguez
Dylan Seitzer
Na'cia Whitehead

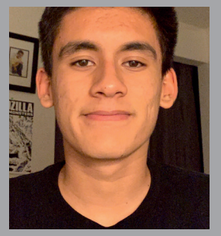
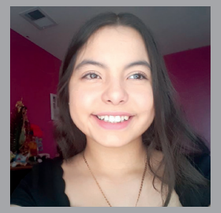
Modesto High

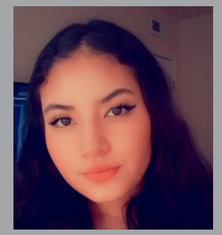
Anthony Chaidez
Wathana Chhieng
Roger Cordova
Lisbeth Duarte-Hernandez
Oliver Gonzalez
Samuel Iniguez-Flores
Alexandra Itturios
Jovanny Jasso-Gomez
Kyla Jue
Luis Loeza
Jeily Lopez
Gabriela Maciel
Stephanie Quinones
Omar Rios Cruz
Matthew Rodriguez
Miguel Rodriguez
Vicente Santos
Julianna Sok
Jaime Toro-Pulido
Edgar Vega
Jose Vega Yepez
Jasmine Walia
Elizabeth Zamora





Patterson High

Darianna Alcaraz
Dario Alcaraz
Marylue Arteaga
Jayden Brambila
Gisell Chavez
Adrian Contreras
Ivan del Real
Jennifer Garibay Gonzalez
Evelyn Gil-Rodriguez
Angelica Hernandez
Ysela Juarez
Viviana Leon
Briseida Nunez
Emanuel Ornelas
Monica Ornelas
Emily Quintero
Millie Rodriguez
Janet Rodriguez
Michelle Sepulveda
Jessica Villasenor
Rafael Villasenor

Riverbank High

Dulce Albor
Jocelyn Ayala
Angel Botello
Josue Garcia
Juan Garcia
Sheyla Garcia
Ivan Garcia
Marissa Garza
Jasmine Hernandez
Leslie Iniguez
Marlen Montoya
Jose Nuno
Kelly Pardo
Ricky Pardo
Gianni Sotelo
Christian Vigil

Thank You

Dear staff and students,

Thank you all so much for being a part of our summer program.

I missed seeing all of you every day. I missed getting to play card games, volley ball, and long bus rides to who knows where. But we made the most of the situation.

I appreciate your willingness to try out a summer program online. I am grateful for your effort, your commitment, and your patience. Most of all I admire your spirit. Rather than do nothing, you all decided to work. To continue to practice, develop, and to learn. It means a lot to me that you were all a part of this.

I look forward to continuing to work for you and help you reach your potential as future leaders in our community.

Thank you for the inspiration.

Sincerely,

Jorge Camarena

But Wait . . . There's More!

Although we didn't create a full video yearbook this year, it wouldn't be a TRIO summer without SOME videos for you guys to watch!

Scan the QR code to access video content from this year's summer program. You'll laugh, you'll cry, but mostly you'll laugh.

Enjoy!

-Your Yearbook Crew