



CNM TRIO History

The history of TRIO at CNM Community College began in October 2001, when TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) was awarded to CNM through a competitive U.S. Department of Education (USDE) grant award process.

CNM TRIO helps low-income, first-generation college students, as well as students with disabilities, to graduate from college and/or transfer to a university. Services include (but are not limited to):

- assistance with securing financial aid
- personal, academic and career counseling
- academic tutoring
- academic and personal development workshops
- assistance with transferring to a four-year university
- assistance with applying to graduate and professional programs
- educational activities and resources designed to help participants succeed and develop as they progress through their education

Over the years, the CNM TRIO program has expanded and improved to provide a wider range of services and to reach more students who need assistance. History includes:

- 2001- 2005, during the first 4 years (1st grant cycle), we added a English tutor position, and we began the TRIO graduation banquet tradition
- Fall 2004, we created the TAG (TRIO Achievers Group) student club, advisor- Rob Carriaga, TRIO Achievement Coach
- Fall 2005, TRIO added biology and chemistry tutorial services
- 2005-2009, a successful grant competition secured four more years of funding
- Fall 2005, moved our offices from the Student Services Center to the South Building at Main campus. Created space for our new biology/chemistry tutor, gave us 6 new student computers and scanners, a Xerox copier, and a private conference room area for study groups and meetings.