

**Oscar Donis**

TRIO SSS

TRIO has become an important factor when it comes to my development as a student and the skills that I have developed. TRIO has allowed me to have a smooth process towards my graduation and transition to a four-year college. I learned about TRIO's endless resources, which have aided me throughout my years here at Green River. Doors were opened, that I didn't even know existed! During my time in TRIO, I have learned how to become more proactive. Specifically, I have become a better advocate for the LGBTQ group by spreading awareness and acceptance. Along the way, I have met people which have become close friends.

I am looking forward to the future, as I seek to help in the LGBTQ community. I hope to one day open up a youth center, which will help struggling and homeless youth that identify with the LGBTQ community.

 <http://www.greenriver.edu/trio>

Student Success Services

Through a grant competition, funds are awarded to institutions of higher education to provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and to motivate students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education. Student Support Services (SSS) projects also may provide grant aid to current SSS participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants (# 84.063). The goal of SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants.

All SSS projects must provide: academic tutoring, which may include instruction in reading, writing, study skills, mathematics, science, and other subjects; advice and assistance in postsecondary course selection, assist student with information on both the full range of student financial aid programs, benefits and resources for locating public and private scholarships; and assistance in completing financial aid applications. Education or counseling services designed to improve the financial and economic literacy and assist students in applying for admission to graduate and professional programs; and assist students enrolled in two-year institutions and applying for admission to, and obtaining financial assistance for enrollment in four-year programs. The SSS projects may also provide individualized counseling for personal, career, and academic information, activities, and instruction designed to acquaint students with career options; exposure to cultural events and academic programs not usually available; mentoring programs, securing temporary housing during breaks for students who are homeless youths and students who are in foster care or are aging out of the foster care system.

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