Greetings TRIO KEYS’ Students, Family, & Friends! It is with great excitement and amazement I write these words of salutation as we prepare to close out the fall semester and 2018. This semester has been full of many ups and downs, twists and turns, some good and some not so good occurrences and events, but I am more than confident that I am not alone in this sentiment. We can all attest to this in each of our day to day lives in some form or fashion.

One thing I intentionally endeavor to try and do every day is to make the most of every moment, because time is one, if not the most precious treasure we possess as human beings. So as you prepare for finals, the holidays, and the start of a new year, I exhort you with all diligence and enthusiasm, to embrace the time you have with your fellow classmates, instructors, friends, family, and loved ones each day. Learn, share, and connect with those around you in meaningful and memorable ways. Occasions like these are the gifts we receive from the present.

I am overjoyed to be the Director of such an amazing program and have the opportunity to work with such wonderful students and staff members. I applaud you all for the hard work and time you dedicated to your classes and activities this semester. Thank you for allowing the TRIO KEYS Program to be a part of your experience at Arizona Western College!

Michelle Y. Thomas
Director of TRIO Programs
On Thursday, November 8, from 11am – 1pm we hosted our second annual First-Generation College Student Celebration! This annual celebration is part of a national effort to celebrate the contributions and successes of first-generation college students, staff, and faculty at institutions across the country. First-Gen Day was a collaboration with the AWC Foundation Chili Cook-off (where we won People's Choice award) to recognize and celebrate our First-Gen students, staff, and faculty.

In addition to having first-gen speakers and a proclamation read by our President, Dr. Daniel P. Corr, who was also a first-generation student, there was a variety of programs representing our many resources that helped students navigate their academic and professional pathways.

The goal for the celebration was to make our resources and activities more approachable and welcoming to the 66% of students on our campus that identify as First-Gen.

#FirstGen #IAmFirstGen #ArizonaWestern
CLUB SOTE & KSAC

Club SOTE and KSAC will be merging for the rest of the school year and will be focusing on the End of the Year trip fundraising!

If you are interested in being more involved in the club next semester, email Laura.Shepherd@azwestern.edu to be added to our KEYS Student Leadership Chat on GroupMe.

All KEYS students are eligible to join in on the fun! In addition to fundraising we will be planning at least two spring community service activities.

WINTER BALL

In celebration of your hard work and determination during the 2018 semester, ALL AWC STUDENTS are invited to attend The Awards Ceremony & Winter Ball on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2018!

FREE to all AWC students
MUST BRING STUDENT ID

AWC Yuma Campus - 3C Building
Schoening North

PEER MENTORS

The Peer Mentors, Alicia, Jazmin, and Martha meet regularly with first-year students to provide them with support and guidance. First-year students benefit from an experienced student who can help them with individual skills to be successful in college such as: time management, resource referrals, scheduling advising appointments, and celebration of achievements. Peer Mentors go through extensive training and meet regularly with supervisors for continued professional development. For the spring semester, peer mentors will be planning two Mentor/Mentee socials. Be on the look out for more details!
ACADEMIC SUPPORT COACHES

All our academic coaches have been working super hard all semester to make sure our KEYS students had the one on one experience they deserve!

Jessie Pena  Audra Attaway  Makaylla Reveles  Larrisa Frias

Kamyla Ruiz  Nubia Grijalva  Chaney Linares

TURKEY DAY POTLUCK

We are thankful for our students!
UNIVERSITY FIELD TRIPS

During the Fall 2018 semester, KEYS students had the opportunity of participating in several university field trips. The schools visited were Arizona State University, Grand Canyon University, University of Arizona, and Northern Arizona University. The KEYS program plans these field trips in partnership with Transfer Services and the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP). During the field trips students were able to tour each university and attend various information sessions with transfer specific information. All KEYS students who are active (meaning they have completed the current semester focus session) are eligible to participate in FREE university field trips.

If you missed out this semester, be on the lookout for Spring University Field Trip Dates!

For any questions regarding Transfer and/or university field trips, please contact eva.aviles@azwestern.edu.

KEYS STAFF

Teamwork makes the dream work!

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Eligibility criteria:
Must be a Permanent Resident, or U.S. Citizen and enrolled at AWC

Meet at least one of the following:
- First-Generation Student
- Income Qualified
- Documented Disability

Complete an application
- Schedule an intake appointment with a KEYS Advisor
- Find our application online or come down to the KEYS Building

Values
Passion -- Crafting every opportunity with purpose, enthusiasm, and excitement while meeting every participant at their level.

Consistency -- Always serving students with professionalism and respect through services and practices that enhance their college experience.

Innovation -- Providing the resources necessary for academic and personal development through best practices and excellence.

Community -- Fostering a family atmosphere where every student feels accepted and encouraged to pursue their goals.

Vision Statement
Empowering Every Student

Mission Statement
The mission of the TRiO KEYS Program is to strengthen and transform each student’s academic, cultural, and social skills needed to complete post-secondary education.