



PROJECT ACHIEVE

TRiO

August, 2014

OUR STUDENTS ARE THE BEST!!!!

Malalay Rahmanzai has been awarded the following scholarships: Reaching Your Potential Scholarship, College of Business Administration Scholarships and the Goodrich Scholarship.

Recent PA grad **Brandon Mosley's** news story on kids and violence recently aired on KYNE television.

Introducing the Next Generation Leadership Scholarship (NGLS) Awardees. A committee made up of UNO faculty and staff, along with community representatives, awarded the 2014-2015 NGLS scholarships to the following Project Achieve/TRiO students:

(Yanira) Paola Perez Flores, senior (Omaha)

Diana Ortiz, junior (Omaha)

Bryan Sibrian, junior (Bellevue)

Marvin Sibrian, junior (Bellevue)

'Parting is such sweet sorrow' ***Shakespeare***

As many of you know **Anna's** last day with us was August 8, 2014. She will be attending Phlebotomy School. Check out her wedding pics and good-bye letter on the front counter.

Kristen's last day will be September 5, 2014. Kristen, our wonderful Math Adviser, and her husband are moving to Denver. Check out Kristen's parting words on her office door. We wish them both the very best!!!

Announcing our new Office Assistant~
Hi! My name is Cindy and I am the new person at the front desk! Anna was amazing-she left big shoes to fill and will be greatly missed. She did her best to train me on the ins and outs of the office but I ask for everyone's patience during my learning curve! A little about me: I have two kids, Jake (20) currently attending UNL and Abby (17) a senior at Millard North. I have been married for 23 years and have two adorable dogs, Sport and Molly! I attended UNO for both my undergraduate and graduate degrees 'back in the day' and am excited to be back on campus. Please be sure to introduce yourself when you stop in the office and I look forward to getting to know you all!!

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September 2015



Welcome back!

Welcome back everyone! The staff and I missed you so much. There have been a few changes since we last saw you. For example:

1. Derek Boeckner is now assistant professor of Mathematics at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Derek really wanted to stay with us, but this new job is something he has always wanted to do. We wish Derek great success!
2. If you have not noticed, Cindy is now our newest advisor. Cindy has a Master's degree in counseling and as most of you will attest, Cindy was born to be an advisor.
3. ANNOUNCING!! Stephanie Parada is our new Office Assistant. Stephanie's Bachelor's degree is in English Literature with a Certificate in English teaching. She loves to read, travel to Ireland and Italy. She is also a cat lover.

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Our students are the BEST!!!

Did you know that TRiO/Project Achieve students were all over the globe this summer? More and more of our students are taking advantage of the wonderful opportunities in other countries and in other states.

Allow me to enlighten you:

- *Nazaneen Rahmanzai* traveled to Turkey!
- *Diana Ortiz* traveled to Oman and Eastern Europe. She has been selected to serve as a UNO Global Diplomat for the coming academic year!
- *Jacques Musavyimana* traveled to London. He also traveled to North Carolina to study Swahili!
- *Melissa Ramos* traveled to San Diego to study Farsi!
- *Kim Duong* received the Nene Fields Scholarship and studied abroad in Switzerland this summer! She also had the chance to visit France, Germany, and Spain.
- *Esau Betancourt Horrizon* studied abroad this summer in Argentina, and was able to also travel to Uruguay, Brazil, and Chile as part of that experience.
- *Jacinta Christiansen* backpacked through Europe, and visited her family in Italy! She also visited England, Ireland, Spain, Hungary, Switzerland, and Denmark.



Oman



London



Argentina



Turkey

We have MORE!!

Yessenia Duran has been awarded the Nebraska Minority Justice and Nebraska Lawyers Foundation LSAT Prep Scholarship.

New Project Achieve student *Courtney Simmons Panasiuk* will be working with the Marmoset monkeys in the Biology Labs this semester.

Congratulations to:

Saynab Ali on receiving the Tammie Preston Scholarship.

The following students on receiving the Reaching Your Potential Scholarship:

- *Esau Betancourt Harrizon*
- *Blessing Kyaw*
- *Jacques Musavyimana*

Criminal Justice major *Fatah Mir* has been accepted into the Bellevue Police Department Citizen's Police Academy.

The list below indicates outstanding students who are new to TRiO/Project Achieve this fall semester. Be sure to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome when you see them in the office or around campus.

Emmanuel Ajayi
Achan Akol
Gabriel Akot
Allison Albano-Garcia
Gabriela Amador
Erick Arreola
Purni Biswa
Shae'Kell Butler
Norma Castro-Escobar
Elissa Chavez
Palaak Chol
Kerlin Cisneros
Julia Davis
Madisyn Dunagan
Brandy Griffin Clements
Cavonna Green-Debro
Maya Harper
Kataw Htoo

Kyrilos Iskandr
Antonio Jackson
X'Zavia Jones
Precious Kayode
Rheanna Klassen
Blessing Kyaw
Alina Lopez
Lizeth Paola Martinez
Matthew McManigal
Colin MacNabb
Ryan Merritt
Jimmy Nguyen
Gilbertine Nyunzima
Salmo Parre
Evelyn Perez
Jennie Rinabarger
Courtney Simmons-Panasiuk
Parker Smith

Kristen Steele
Maria Tapia
Kaeisha Taylor
Bryce Timm
Joel Wagman
Cenise Walker
Maria Zarazua Espino

Someone You Should Know

Haifaa Al-Saadi, who is new to UNO, is a proud member of TRiO/Project Achieve for 2015. Haifaa's family is from Iraq but she was born in Saudi Arabia. With family traditions and roots in the Middle East it would surprise you to know that Haifaa grew up in Dearborn Heights, Michigan and Erie, Pennsylvania. Her loving family consists of her mother, two brothers and one sister. Haifaa and her family are U.S. citizens who have lived in Lincoln, Nebraska for the past eight years. Haifaa loves to travel. She told me if she could travel to any place in the world she would travel to Rome, Dubai, Hawaii and Canada.

Growing up in Lincoln, Haifaa was active in a variety of high school clubs. She enjoyed knitting, art and cooking classes. She was also a member of the Middle Eastern Club and enjoyed learning Henna techniques. Another passion of hers is soccer and sports cars. If Haifaa could select any sports car as her very own, she would love to have a Maserati or a Bugatti. I did a little research and found a nice used 2006 Bugatti Veyron with 11,000 miles on it for a mere \$800,000. Haifaa has expensive taste in cars.

Haifaa is Muslim by faith; she dresses in a modest manner and wears a hijab (the traditional covering of the hair and neck worn by some Muslim women). In high school a few uninformed students tried to touch her hijab (which is most disrespectful). Haifaa understands this is not the behavior of most students - simply the behavior of a few uninformed individuals. In Haifaa's home she was allowed to "question" her faith and to explore its rich principles. This "questioning" led her to accept the Muslim faith as her own and not just because her parents are Muslims. Haifaa told me that Ramadan was a very interesting and intriguing aspect of her faith. She enjoys this time of fasting, praying and self-reflection. She uses this time to reflect on the needs of the poor and others who are less fortunate.

Haifaa is a Psychology major who wants to "find a job after graduation." The last book she read for pleasure was Lord of the Rings. One thing she wants to accomplish before she dies is to "save a life. Fellow TRiO/ Project Achieve students, Haifaa is someone you should know.

Coming Events:

September 9	Strategies for Success through Academic and Career Development Center 2:00 pm-3:00 pm 132D CPACS
September 15- October 15	Hispanic Heritage Month. Get involved!
September 16, 23, and 30th	Newcomers Program's
September 16	Degree Discovery Day 11:00 am- 1:00 pm Community Engagement Center



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Project Achieve Food Day



Oh, the many faces of Project Achievers!

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Vicente Luis is the new President of the UNO Soccer Club. **Alex Guerra** is the new Vice President.

Abel Rodriguez and **Melissa Ramos** are chairing the Project Achieve/Benson Plant Rescue Garden Committee! Also serving on the committee are **Ibrahim Saad** and **Nadane Gnofam**.

Datrell Morgan has accepted a student worker position as Service Issue Supervisor with the UNO Community Engagement Center.

Matthew McGruder and **Nisha Tangirala** have teaching assistant positions in the UNO Math Lab, and both endorse **Dr. D** as the best!

Sova Gajmer has accepted a student worker position as Service Issue Supervisor for International Services with the UNO Community Engagement Center.

Jacques Musavyimana received enough votes to be part of the UNO Homecoming Coronation Court. He wants to thank everyone who voted for him.

Project Achieve grad **Brandon Mosley's** documentary on gang involvement in Omaha aired on KVNO last month.

MEET OUR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OFFICERS

New officers for the UNO Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity include **Katherine Esquivel**, President, and **Abel Rodriguez**, Vice President. They replace **Marvin Sibrian** and **Bryan Sibrian**, respectively, who are stepping down after a year of excellent service to the organization. Continuing as officers for the new year are **Alex Guerra**, Secretary, and **Ursus Guzman**, Treasurer. **Paola Perez** continues as Membership Chairman; **Diana Ortiz** and **Sara Atkins** are Fundraising Co-Chairs. Over 50 Project Achieve students have signed on to assist the chapter in helping to construct affordable homes for area families. If you have not yet volunteered but are interested, contact Paola, at yperez@unomaha.edu.

STOP BY PROJECT ACHIEVE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 TO
SEE OUR ENTRY FOR THE
HOMECOMING OFFICE
DECORATING CONTEST!

PROJECT ACHIEVE NEWSLETTER

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I'm From Here

I am from livestock and train yards,
that crisscross the nation.
From hot summer breezes that fill the nostril
with a pungent sensation.
I am from Madea and Daddy-boy,
Bamboo poles and fishing holes,
starched white aprons covered in guts and scales,
Croppies and Crawfish filling pail after pail.
I'm from upstream and downstream and
over yonder.

I'm from the freshest dough-bait and the
fattest-juiciest night crawler that she claims,
was first rate.
I am from the rising with the sun,
down on the banks of the mighty Mo,
there you would find both Pearl and Joe.
Joe in an apron love to cook,
Pearl on the banks love to hook.

I'm from Hattie every morning from the bottom
Of the stairs, calling, "Wake up everybody
days a waste'n. Kellogg's on the table,
come and taste'm."
(I'm from never, ever, tasting another
box of Corn Flakes.)

I'm from walking to: the 9:15, 4:30 and 7:00 o'clock
church meetings,
never paying a dime, always arriving on time.

I am from the middle of the country
and so much more,
I'm a--Nebraskan to the core!

F.Washington



VIDEO STARS!

Paola Perez, Angel Torres and **Connie Sorensen-Birk** are to be featured in a video by EducationQuest on the mentor/mentee relationship.

WINNERS!

Torri Osantowski and **Laura Tschida** both correctly identified the math puzzle as Dr. Derek's birthday! Congratulations Torri and Laura! I hope you enjoy the new car....(just kidding)!

PROJECT ACHIEVE TO FEATURE CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS ALL YEAR

When Project Achieve students put their heads together, good things happen! Check out the first cultural celebration of the year, Mexico's Dios de Los Muertes (Day of the Dead), which will be featured the last week of October in the Project Achieve Computer Lab. Thanks to **Sara Atkins, Katherine Esquivel** and **Julissa Chaidez** for spearheading this. In November, look for the Indian Festival of Lights spearheaded by **Nisha Tangirala**.

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Just Bragging

Lily Nyenga serves as Vice President of the UNO organization Students United for Global Health.

Project Achieve and the Law

The students listed attended the recent Creighton University Law Conference: Iziah Crawford, Cynthia Cruz, Kyle Kinne, Paola Perez, and Gat Ramdiet.



Days of Service: Benson Plant Rescue

Once again Project Achieve students arrived in cars and buses to their worksite to begin their day of service to the community. Listed below are staff, students, relatives, and friends of Project Achieve/TRiO who gave their time to this great work. Thanks to the Omaha World Herald for featuring Project Achieve students who volunteered at the Benson Plan Rescue.

Jacinta Christiansen, Paul Country, Mauricio Davila, Alby Delgado, Ursus Guzman, Elisa Lopez, Zach Maharaj, Matthew McGruder, Datrell Morgan, Fatah Mir, Solange Nishobora, Lily Nyenga, Diana Ortiz, Paola Perez, Samantha Quitl, Melissa Ramos, Dominique Riggs, and daughter Mya, Francisco Salazar, Bryan Sibrian, Marvin Sibrian, Jesus Tapia, Lizeth Velasco, Apoko Zekpa, Torri Osantowski, Dr. Derek and Connie helped too!

Home Sweet Home

Our very own Jacques Musavyimana, along with his family, celebrated his new Habitat for Humanity home with a dedication ceremony in early November. Many Project Achieve students had the opportunity to assist in the construction of the home.



Etiquette Banquet

Project Achieve sponsored 15 students to attend the Etiquette Banquet. All students shared how helpful and informative the event was. Students attending included: Jennifer Nguyen, Dominique Riggs, Samantha Quitl, Brady Churchill, Jesus Tapia, Apoko Zekpa, Laura Tschida, Floretia Washington, Yessinia Duran, Aquila Chamberlain, Edna D'Souza, Torri Osantowski.

Day of the Dead

A big thank you to Sara Atkins, Katherine Esquivel and Julissa Chaidez for organizing and displaying the Day of the Dead tribute. Did you know that the Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday that is observed throughout Mexico and around the world in other cultures? This holiday focuses on gathering family and friends to remember loved ones who have died. Our Day of the Dead t-shirt winners were: Heather Brandon, Paul Country, Kyle Kinne, Malalay Rahmanzai, Raquel Salazar, and Angel Torres.

Halloween Treat

Pat provided 8 free tickets to one of the most spectacular Haunted House tours in the city and the winners were: Jenelle Cherry, Silvester Juanes, Raquel Salazar and Paola Perez.

Shout Out!

A big shout out to the Chancellor for drawing attention to Project Achieve during his State of UNO message!

Getting Some Ink...

Ibrahim Saad, was included in the feature article of the Fall 2014 UNO Magazine, "A Hunger for Religion".



Game Day!

Project Achieve's very first Game Day was a huge success and happened to fall on Halloween so we were able to play games in costume! Winning costume goes to Dr. Derek as Kung Fu Panda! Mark your calendar and plan to join us for our next Game Day on **Friday, November 21, from 1-5pm!**

A Must Read

10 Things Rich People Know That You Don't by Jocelyn Black Hodes

Jocelyn's article gives us a picture of why rich people are rich and what they know and do to grow wealth. You could be rich if you would:

1. Avoid Temptation-do not live beyond your means. Over-spending for cable, gifts, iPhones etc. often leads to debt, under-saving and long-term financial insecurity. Stop over-spending now!
2. Automate-if you have not done so, now is the time to automate your savings. The easiest way to save is to have your workplace enroll you in an automatic savings plan. When you start, don't touch your savings! I dare you to do it!
3. Maximize Contributions-if you are working and your company has a retirement plan, the chances are retirement is the last thing on your mind. Let's face it, you could care less about FICA. Rich people understand if you start your retirement account early and put in as much money as you can, you will accumulate wealth. Start now! Open a 401k, put in as much as you can via payroll deductions and let your money grow.
4. Never Carry a Credit Card Balance-one of the biggest threats to your financial independence is maintaining a credit card balance and paying interest every month. Are you a nut!? Why are you throwing away money? Pay off your credit cards now and watch how much money you actually have to save or invest.

Special Note:

The first (2) students to call or come into the office and tell me what FICA means will win a prize!

In the next newsletter I will share three more things Rich People Know That You Don't.

The Reversal of Death

by Floretia Washington

Blue,
as sea water at rest which line the peaceful shore.
Cold,
and deep, as the Arctic peaks, sinking to rise no more.
Hard,
as sheets of ice, where procrastination never learned to...
Still,
as the Great Lakes at winter, rest, beneath the fallen snow.
Calm,
are the waves of a stormy life, that once contented the soul.
Sleep,
yes, sweet rest, does come, like a bubbling brook bringing whispers of a soothing lullaby.
Breath,
like fresh sparkling water, that refreshes the soul!
Warm,
like water mixed with mild, returning, bringing satisfaction to one once empty!
Bright,
as the day, when the thirsty soul is finally quenched,
and
Life,
will be that fountain that flows,
Eternal,
forever more!!





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Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Scholarship Opportunity

Staff and I have an offer we think you will not refuse. Do you want to earn a William and Ruth Scott Scholarship for the 2015-16 term?

Review the plan below:

First, Project Achieve students (excluding graduating seniors) should make an appointment with their Project Achieve adviser.

Second, during this meeting you will set a GPA goal/student involvement goal.

Third, after setting your goal, you will write a specific/detailed plan describing how you are going to achieve your goal.

Fourth, you will implement your plan during the spring term.

Fifth, staff will review your Project Achieve involvement and spring grades in May, and if you have accomplished your goal, you will be awarded \$1,000.00 for the 2015-16 term. Make your appointment now! All scholarships awarded must align with UNO Financial Aid/federal guidelines.

Reaching Your Potential Scholarship Awardees

Speaking of scholarships, **Tyrell Pierce** has much to be thankful for: his fourth son was just born, AND he was just awarded the Reaching Your Potential scholarship!

Alex Guerra and **Apoko Zekpa** were also awarded the Reaching Your Potential scholarship.

Study Abroad, What Every Student Should Know

One of the wonderful benefits of your college education is the opportunity to study abroad. This exciting opportunity awaits any student who is willing to find out how studying in a different country can enhance their college and professional experiences. Listed below are a few things you should consider if you plan to study abroad.

1. Do your homework and find out as much as you can about the UNO study abroad program. Call Emily Hassenstab, UNO Study Abroad advisor, 554-2293, and learn what UNO has to offer.
2. Study abroad is not a personal travel program – it is an academic “study” abroad program that has a wonderful travel component.
3. Most study abroad opportunities must be connected to a class and/or university partner in the country you have selected.
4. Study abroad is not cheap. Expenses include, but are not limited to, airfare, ground transportation, tuition, books, fees, housing and food, not to mention money for any site seeing/excursions you will take.
5. Make sure you apply for study abroad scholarships. Caution: find out what scholarships are available, what the deadlines are and what the university requirements are. See Emily and/or your advisor for more information. By the way, **Esau Betancourt** was just notified that he has been awarded the Gilman scholarship for study abroad. See what happens when you do your homework?

FYI - **Diana Ortiz** will spend the holidays in Mexico and will spend one month this summer studying abroad in Eastern Europe. Last summer Diana studied abroad in Peru. (Have you noticed there is a study abroad theme here?)

Project Achievers Build Community

Project Achieve's stellar UNO Habitat for Humanity members once again stepped up in support of affordable housing, working on a home for a mom and her three daughters. **Dominique Riggs, Zhomontee Watson, Seven Four, Alby Delgado, Jacques Musavyimana, Melina Morales, Katherine Esquivel, Luis Perez, Ibrahim Saad, Apoko Zekpa, Ursus Guzman** and **Yanira Perez** completed a deck and insulated an entire basement.



Next semester, Project Achieve's UNO Habitat for Humanity members will help build three additional houses and undertake a fundraising project with UNO Athletics to contribute financially to these projects as well. Any Project Achieve student interested in joining the Habitat organization or volunteering for upcoming projects should talk with one of the organization's officers, **Katherine Esquivel**, President; **Abel Rodriguez**, Vice President; **Alex Guerra**, Secretary; **Ursus Guzman**, Treasurer; **Dominique Riggs**, Fundraising Chair; **Paola Perez**, Recruitment Chair; or Connie, who serves as the organization's adviser.



More Baby News

Nora and **Alexis Rivera** are the parents of a new baby girl, Amilia.

Hard Work Pays Off

Melissa Ramos earned her ROTC uniform!



10 Things Rich People Know and You Don't

by Jacelyn Black Hodes

In the November newsletter I shared with you four things rich people know and you don't. Today I want to share three additional things you should know.

1. Live Like You are Poor – I know, I know... some of you are saying, "I'm a college student and I live 'poor' every day." This may be so, but most economists tell us that casual, unnecessary spending adds up. Remember, when you have a budget (and most of you don't have one) every dollar must have a name. This means when you have limited funds you don't spend one dime that has not been designated for a specific purpose. There's an old saying that goes, "pennies make dollars."
2. Be Goal Oriented – How much money would you like to have in 5 years? I dare you to set a goal/action plan to determine how you will accumulate wealth. What do you have to lose? Do you want to be broke in 5 years or flush with a little cash? Do it!
3. Get Educated – I'm not talking about your UNO degree because I know you are going to complete your degree. I mean take advantage of UNO and other resources to learn about how to accumulate wealth. This is so easy to do – you could read articles and books, take a course, talk to people, find out what it takes to enhance your economic profile. You will be surprised what you might learn.

I will share the final two money secrets in the next newsletter.

Project Achieve Celebrates!

Thanks to **Nisha Tangirala**, who stepped up to help make it happen, Project Achieve students celebrated the Indian Festival of Lights in November. Thanks to **Chave' Payne**, we commemorated the African-American celebration

of Kwanzaa in December. What's next? Narooz, thanks to **Malalay** and **Nazaneen Rahmanzai**, and **Safia Rauf**. Narooz will be celebrated in March of the new year.

Red-handed in the Canon

by **Chave' Payne**

I came from unfinished notebooks, garlic peelings, broken timers, and amateur Rococo paintings that smiled sorrowfully at me.

My gaze was stitched with by the legs of wolf spiders and volcanic rocks, African rubber trees, and high end surveillance cameras.

A retired race horse stable just four blocks south doesn't bother my nose anymore, neither does the noisy shade tree mechanics that find solace in wrenches, cinderblocks, and slow train wrecks.

I sigh and glower as I explain directions to my place of habitation because of a map from 40 years or so states that my northern neighborhood doesn't exist.

My aunt Valerie wears the shame of my unknown grandfather as she is my mother's lost half-sister. Uncle Kimmie talks of the strange people Gramma danced with and played dominoes with. He reminds me that I was a person who never got to have fun as she did.

The other grandmother was ecumenical in nature, accepting of all faiths, but wasn't afraid to shove some Willie Lynch Catholicism down your throat with her funny accent and crooked pointer finger.

My roots were engrafted with 'You big dummy!' and 'Time to shine' with a splash of 'stop me if wrong' in which Mother never thought that she would ever be. The nauseous scents of gasoline and potpourri soothe my lactose intolerant tummy as dark green seaweeds oil my fingers while I make the sheets fold on my tongue into little stars.

I was caught red-handed in the Canon, on the walls, yet I didn't age one bit. How I blushed deep in my blood never wanting to be seen by that obsidian eye. I still have that same painting on my skin but this time, it's ready to face this world with maiko steps and a foolproof smile.



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College has now given you the power to make your very own decisions about funding your education and using large sums of money. You have been given thousands of dollars to finance your education and many of you have been introduced to borrowing for the first time. Listed below is my initial “installment” of three things you should know about credit, debt and borrowing.

1. What is your credit score?

Most credit scores range anywhere from 300 to 850. Your credit score is an indicator of how much of a credit risk you are to the lender. The higher the credit score, the better. How do you acquire a high credit score? A good credit score is acquired when you:

- Borrow within your ability,
- Minimize multiple credit cards, gas cards and student loan debt,
- Have a job and a systematic method to pay your bills each month (this is called a budget),
- Pay your bills ON TIME.

2. You have three credit scores because there are three major credit bureaus. Can you name them?

Each one maintains a separate credit or FICO score for each consumer in its database. As a result you have three separate scores and three separate credit reports. Special Note - The first 2 students to call-in (554-3492) and name correctly the three credit bureaus will win a prize.

3. Credit scores are not the same as a credit report.

Your credit score, also called a FICO score, is calculated from the information on your credit report. Your credit report shows your history of using credit/borrowing. This report includes EVERY open and closed account you have, your payment history (or lack there of), credit limits and balances owed. In other words, big brother knows EVERYTHING about your borrowing and spending history.

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Thats right. Jessica is a wonderful artist

Jessica Velasquez is the Picasso of Project Achieve. That's right Jessica is a wonderful artist who just finished a piece that is hanging in the Project Achieve Office. Give her a high five when you see her.....take a look:



Cake Walk

Check out the pictures from the 2nd Annual Cake Walk. Everyone walked away with Cake.....
Get it? Walked away with cake, cake walk.



It's All About Achievement!

Students Listed below made the Dean's and Chancellor's List

Dean's List

Alcantara, Martha
Atkins, Sara
Cooper, Olajide
Douglas, Max
Dubuc, Alicia
Duong, Kim
Duran, Yessenia
Four, Seven
Frogge, Rae Lynn
Guerra, Alexander
Guzman, Ursus
Kalina, Allison
Kline, Jaime

Mir, Abdul

Ortiz, Diana

Payne, Chavé

Queen, Jonathon

Ramdiet, Gat

Ramos, Melissa

Ramos, Alma

Rodriguez Rivera, Nora

Rodriguez Hernandez, Cassandra

Roundtree, Sandra

Saad, Ibrahim

Sanchez, Annette

Tran, Yen

Zekpa, Apoko

Chancellor's List

D'Souza, Edna

Givens-Dunn, Taylor

Lam, Linh

Munoz, Karla

Riesberg, Casey

Tschida, Laura

Vargas, Maria

Newcomers

The list below indicates outstanding students who are new to TRiO/Project Achieve this spring semester. Be sure to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome when you see them in the office or around campus.

Al-Saadi, Haifaa

Ali, Saynab

Atkins, Arturo

Bautista, Gloria

Conley, Eryk

Douglas, Kelli

Esquivel, Iris

Frailey, Mark

Gould, James

Howard, Bobbie

Kabore, Thierry

Lee, Dawn

Makame, Abdul

Martin, Neisa

Onate, William

Randall, Brian

Rodriguez, Arturo

Sandoval, Neida

Scott, Kim

Scott, Paris

Stewart, Renee

Velasquez, Jessica

Happy to Announce:

Katherine Esquivel was awarded citizenship at a ceremony in Omaha on February 13, 2015.

Sara Atkins will be studying abroad in France this summer.

Jacques Musavyimana will be studying abroad in London with his political science class this summer. He has also been accepted into an Air Force Intensive Language program to learn Swahili this summer.

Matthew McGruder, civil engineering major, will serve a summer internship with MCL Construction working on projects at UNMC.

Coming Events:

March 7	Habitat for Humanity Build Day
March 13	Last day for filing application for degree to be conferred in May 2015
March 21	Project Achieve/Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser: Project Achieve students who are members of the UNO Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity will partner with UNO Athletics to staff concessions for a Martial Arts Competition in the HPER building
March 22-29	Spring Break
March 24	Service Day at Benson Plant Rescue

Project Achieve/ UNO Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity Grows

New officers were installed at the February 11 meeting of the PA Habitat for Humanity chapter. Remaining as President, Vice President and Treasurer are **Katherine Esquivel**, **Abel Rodriguez** and **Ursus Guzman**, respectively.

New officers include: **Apoko Zekpa**, Secretary; **Dominique Riggs** and **Francisco Salazar**, Co-chairs of the Membership/Recruitment committee; **Lily Nyenga**, Co-chair of the Fundraising Committee; and **Nisha Tangirala** and **Matthew McGruder**, Co-chairs of the newly-created Public Relations Committee.

We are looking forward to a grand semester! Watch for more Habitat news around the campus and in future newsletters!

The first Habitat for Humanity build day was Friday, February



Former Project Achieve student **Charmadine Parchment** is pursuing her master's in education at Concordia University.



Former Project Achieve student **Ozzie Perez** has joined the international division of the Price-Waterhouse company in San Francisco.



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TRiO/PROJECT ACHIEVE NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2015



Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

You won't want to miss this!

TRiO/Project Achieve's 22nd Annual Honors Luncheon
Thursday, April 16 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Bring a guest and join us in celebrating the achievements of many of our Project Achieve students!

Contact skilleen-brown@unomaha.edu as soon as possible to see if seating is still available.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Introducing Our Outstanding May Graduates:

Martha Alcantara

Edna D'Souza

Alisha Floyd

Jodie Heitmann-Dadzie

Joseph Italia

Jamie Lam

Zach Maharaj

Shaista Mir

Datrell Morgan

Roman Panyathong

Yanira Paola Perez Flores

Jonathon Queen

Gatluak Ramdiet

Casey Riesberg

Ibrahim Saad

Yen Tran

Rita Washington

TRiO/Project Achieve Students Are Busy!

Melissa Ramos will study the Persian languages in San Diego this summer for ROTC.

Nazaneen Rahmanzai will study abroad in Turkey this summer.

Kim Duong recieved the Nene Fields Scholarship and will be studying in Switzerland this summer.

Diana Ortiz will be undertaking TWO study abroad excursions this summer, the first in Oman and the second in Eastern Europe.

Samantha Quitl will be serving her social work practicum with the Nebraska Family Collaborative in the upcoming fall semester.

Zhomontee Watson has joined the UNO Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity as Fundraising Co-Chair.

Special Note:

Tutoring will not be available for summer school 2015. Please consider using the summer resources listed below:

Summer Hours:

Project Achieve Office: 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Writing Center:

M/W 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

and T/TH 2:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Math/Science Resource Center:

Check website for summer hours

Library:

M-TH 7:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M.,

F 7:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.,

SA 12:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.,

SU 12:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.

Someone You Should Know

Haifaa Al-Saadi, who is new to UNO, is a proud member of TRiO/Project Achieve for 2015. Haifaa's family is from Iraq but she was born in Saudi Arabia. With family traditions and roots in the Middle East it would surprise you to know that Haifaa grew up in Dearborn Heights, Michigan and Erie Pennsylvania. Her loving family consists of her mother, two brothers and one sister. Haifaa and her family are U.S. citizens who have lived in Lincoln, NE for the past eight years. Haifaa loves to travel, she told me if she could travel any place in the world she would travel to Rome, Dubai, Hawaii and Canada.

Growing up in Lincoln, Haifaa was active in a variety of high school clubs. She enjoyed knitting, art and cooking classes. She was also a member of the Middle

Eastern Club and enjoyed learning Henna techniques. Other passions of hers are soccer and sports cars. If Haifaa could select any sports car as her very own, she would love to have a Maserati or a Bugatti. I did a little research and found a nice used 2006 Bugatti Veyron with 11,000 miles on it for a mere \$800,000. Haifaa has expensive taste in cars.

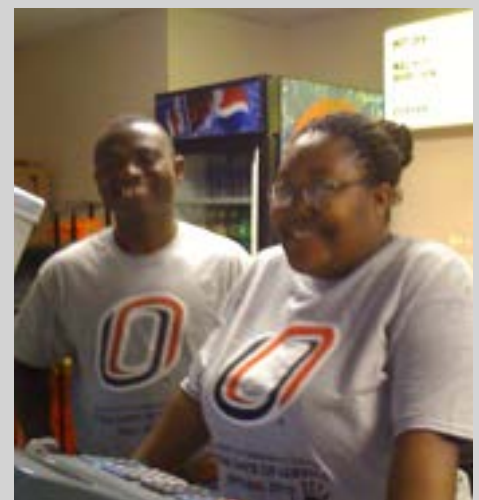
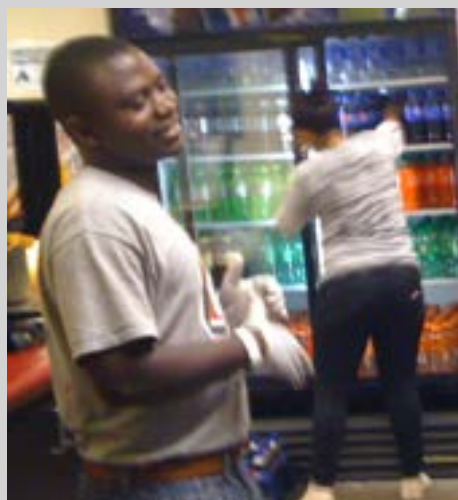
Haifaa is Muslim by faith; she dresses in a modest manner and wears a hijab (the traditional covering of the hair and neck worn by some Muslim women). In high school a few uninformed students tried to touch her hijab (which is most disrespectful). Haifaa understands this is not the behavior of most students – simply the behavior of a few uninformed individuals. In Haifaa's home she

was allowed to "question" her faith and to explore its rich principles. This "questioning" led her to accept the Muslim faith as her own and not just because her parents are Muslims. Haifaa told me that Ramadan is a very interesting and intriguing aspect of her faith. She enjoys this time of fasting, praying and self-reflection. She uses this time to reflect on the needs of the poor and others who are less fortunate.

Haifaa is a Psychology major who wants to "find a job after graduation." The last book she read for pleasure was, 'Lord of the Rings'. One thing she wants to accomplish before she dies is to "save a life". Fellow TRiO/Project Achieve students, Haifaa is someone you should know.

Project Achieve Student Habitat for Humanity Partners with UNO Athletics

The UNO Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, led by Project Achieve students, teamed with UNO Athletics to raise funds and awareness on March 21. Students worked concessions for a take of the profits at a day-long martial arts tournament. Those stepping up to help vend hot dogs, pizza and popcorn included: **Katherine Esquivel, Abel Rodriguez, Zhomontee Watson, Nisha Tangirala, Jacques Musavyimana, Dominique Riggs, Natalie Wilson, Diana Ortiz and Apoko Zekpa.**





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