



**TRIO- Student Support Services-** The TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) program is a federally funded initiative designed to assist first-generation, low-income, and disabled college students in achieving academic success. By offering comprehensive support services, TRIO-SSS plays a crucial role in increasing retention and graduation rates among disadvantaged students.

- Established at Northeast Community College in 2015
- Since, TRIO-SSS has served over 850 students
- Annually, up to 200 students are served by TRIO-SSS at Northeast Community College
- Each year, TRIO-SSS at Northeast Community College accepts about 75 students from over 200 applicants, leaving more than 100 on the waitlist.

TRIO-SSS aligns with bipartisan goals of increasing college completion rates, workforce development, economic growth, and reducing achievement gaps.

- Investing in TRIO-SSS is **not just a social good**, it's a **smart economic investment** that generates **long-term financial returns** for individuals, communities, and the nation. By increasing graduation rates, TRIO-SSS ensures **higher tax revenues, lower dependence on social services, and stronger economic growth**, making it a high-return investment for policymakers.

<u>TRIO-SSS Program Objectives</u>	<u>2023-2024 Annual Performance Report Outcomes</u>
Persistence (Fall to Fall)	97%
Good Academic Standing (2.0>)	98%
Graduation Rate	88% <i>**National graduation rate- 39%</i>
Graduate and Transfer Rate	26%

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<u>TRIO-SSS Program Objectives</u>	<u>TRIO-SSS Lifetime Program Average for APR Outcomes</u>
Persistence (Fall to Fall)	95%
Good Academic Standing (2.0>)	98%
Graduation Rate	72% <i>**National graduation rate – 35%</i>
Graduate and Transfer Rate	28%

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### **The Positive Impact of TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) on Students**

- One of the key benefits of TRIO-SSS is its **academic support system**. The program provides tutoring, study skills workshops, and academic advising, which help students navigate the challenges of higher education. These resources not only enhance students' academic performance but also build confidence in their ability to succeed. Additionally, TRIO-SSS offers mentoring and counseling, providing students with guidance on personal, financial, and career-related matters.
- Another major advantage of TRIO-SSS is its **financial literacy and assistance programs**. Many students face economic barriers that can hinder their academic progress. TRIO-SSS helps students access grants, scholarships, and financial aid while educating them on budgeting and responsible financial management. TRIO-SSS at Northeast also provides unlimited access to Certified Financial Planners to every TRIO-SSS participant.
- Furthermore, TRIO-SSS creates a **strong sense of community and belonging**. Many participants are first-generation students who may feel isolated in a college setting. Through peer mentoring, networking opportunities, and cultural/educational enrichment activities, TRIO-SSS fosters a supportive environment that enhances students' motivation and engagement. This sense of belonging is crucial in improving retention rates and encouraging students to persist through challenges.
- The impact of TRIO-SSS **extends beyond graduation**. The program equips students with the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to pursue graduate education or enter the workforce successfully. By empowering students to break cycles of poverty and achieve their full potential, TRIO-SSS serves as a vital bridge toward social and economic advancement. TRIO-SSS helps ensure that all students—regardless of background—have the opportunity to achieve their educational and career goals.

