I am 23 years old and a freshman at Ozarka College. I live in Ash Flat, just a few miles from the Ash Flat campus. Previously, I was self-employed as a sub-contractor and installed light fixtures in schools. Once I discovered that the traveling was costing me more than I was making, I hired on at the local hardware store/lumber company and carried boards in the lumber yard six days a week. It took me about a year to figure out that I wanted more freedom, since a six day a week job was more like a lifestyle than just a job. So, I enrolled in the first available classes (Summer 2008) and got out of that lumber yard just in time. That’s where I learned about TRiO SSS and since it was free, I decided to apply. I had no idea how important the program would be to my success. The support, advice, and reliability of the TRiO staff have helped me enormously. Not to mention, all the wonderful cultural events that are available that provide a useful break from the seemingly long semesters. I plan to continue to take advantage of the services, as long as I can, during my quest to become a veterinarian.

Ross is an active participant in TRiO SSS at Ozarka and has attended many transfer trips, cultural activities, workshops, seminars and sought academic, transfer and career advising.

The staff of Ozarka College TRiO SSS program is proud to nominate Ross Lunsford to the TRiO Hall of Fame and feels that he is exemplary of the success that their participants display.
Karin Brown
Academic Advising Coordinator

Friday
March 27, 2009
Little Rock

Cultural Trip

Clinton Library, State Capitol,
Old State House, & River Market.

Please arrive at 7:45am
Departure from Melbourne—8:00am
Arrival back in Melbourne—approx. 6:30pm
Wear comfortable walking shoes!
Sign up today! Limited Seats!
Contact information on back page.

Don't Forget
Spring Break is March 16—March 20th.
Have a relaxing Spring Break!!

Congratulations
Eric Darmstaedter
TRIO SSS
STUDENT OF THE SEMESTER
FALL 2008

My name is Eric Darmstaedter. I was born in Memphis, TN but have lived in Arkansas nearly my whole life. I graduated from Mountain View High School and have been living in Melbourne since. My father is a professional artist and I hope to follow in his steps. After graduating from Ozarka I plan on pursuing a career in art by transferring either to the University of Central Arkansas or to Lyon College. There I hope to get my Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in painting and possibly a concentration in Art Education.

I have been a tutor for TRiO for awhile and feel like I could be a teacher as well. I also have a strong interest in Concept Design for video games and film. The time I have spent at Ozarka has been a great experience and has helped me to gain a better idea of what I want from life and how to obtain it. I have made many friends and many memories. No matter where I go or what I do I know that I will be successful because of the strong foundation I obtained from Ozarka.

Eric
March Transfer Trips

ASU Mt Home
March 4

Lyon College
March 11

Williams Baptist College
March 31

Arkansas Tech
University April 3

University of Central Arkansas
April 15

Missouri State West Plains
April 8

ASU Jonesboro
April 24

To sign up, contact John at 368-2039 (jpetersen@ozarka.edu) or Shelia at 368-2036 (stitus@ozarka.edu)
The Student Conference held on Friday, February 27th was a BIG success!

Students attended sessions on -
- New Technologies, Tips and Tricks
- Kuder Portfolios
- Graphing Calculators
- Financial Planning
- Internet Research
- Online Job Searches
- My.Ozarka
- Home Buying Guide
- Cell Phone Tools
- Google Tools

Student comments on the seminar evaluation included the following.

"Great! Loved it!"
"It was great! Bring Blayne back for future seminars."
"I enjoyed it. Need more time."
"It was great. I learned a lot."
"Make it longer."
"It was a good seminar that I would again attend in the future."
"This was a great learning program."
"Let's of Fun."
"Good Food!!"
"Recommend this to all students."

Thanks to the presenters -
- Deltha Shell
- Blayne Stewart
- Jenny Miller
- John Petersen
- Bruce Hankins
- Scott Pinkston
- Karin Brown

Also, thanks to the support staff of Career Pathways, Student Success Center, TRIO, and Student Services for all their hard work to make this conference a success.
College Transfer Day on February 25th was a big success! Many recruiters from colleges and universities around the state were on the Melbourne campus to talk to students about their transfer needs.
On February 13th the TRiO Tutoring Lab held tutor training for all the peer tutors. We learned about styles of learning and how to handle different situations. This was one of the most productive training sessions that we have held.

We now have six peer tutors available to help our students succeed in their classes. On the Melbourne Campus we have: Eric (math, science, and English), Kim (RN, history), Angela (business technology), and Clint (math, science, English, and business classes). On the Ash Flat campus we have: Ellen (math & science), Alan (history, science, and computer classes).

Pizza was provided to the tutors after the training session.
**EVERY** TRiO students **MUST** meet with their TRiO advisor.

Please make an appointment today.

**HELP**

Available

Awards

Incentives

**Government Workshop**

**Sponsored by the Student Success Center**

**American Politics Made Easy**

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**Melbourne**

Wed March 11th
@ 11:00am
In the Success Center

**Ash Flat**

Wed March 11th
@ 1:00pm
In the Success Center

**Mt. View**

Thurs March 12th
@ 11:00am
In Room 105
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