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# THE HOT SHEET TOP NEWS



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## Transfer Trips!

We are planning several transfer trips this semester, so be sure to read the Hot Sheets, check the TRiO Web-site, or come by any TRiO office for more information.

If you are interested in going on a Transfer Trip, please contact Bryan at 368-2039, [bjeffery@ozarka.edu](mailto:bjeffery@ozarka.edu), or Shelia at 368-2036, [stitus@ozarka.edu](mailto:stitus@ozarka.edu) or come by any TRiO office.

UCA March 13th



Lyon College March 17



Williams Baptist March 20

ASU Mnt Home April 2

Arkansas State University-Mountain Home

ATU April 10



ASU Jonesboro April 17



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## Transfer Fair!

Interested in Transferring?

The Transfer Fair will be held on March 9, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the New Student Services Building on the Melbourne Campus. Representatives from several area 4-year colleges and universities will be available to answer your questions.

For more information, please contact Bryan at 368-2039, [bjeffery@ozarka.edu](mailto:bjeffery@ozarka.edu), or Shelia at 368-2036, [stitus@ozarka.edu](mailto:stitus@ozarka.edu) or come by any TRiO office.

## Mid-Term Grades

Midterm Grades are due on March 9th.

After grades are posted, please contact your TRiO advisor.





## 2015 TRiO Hall of Fame

### Casey Townsend

Casey Townsend has been selected as the 2015 TRiO SSS Hall of Fame recipient. Casey was an active participant in TRiO SSS at Ozarka and also served as a TRiO tutor. She graduated with an AAS in Registered Nursing and since has taken classes toward a BSN degree. The Ozarka TRiO SSS staff was proud to nominate Casey to the 2015 TRiO Hall of Fame. Ronda McLelland said, “Casey was one of the most dedicated and caring tutors that has ever worked for TRiO. She went above and beyond to help those students who were struggling in courses. It was my pleasure and honor to nominate Casey to the 2015 TRiO Hall of Fame.”

My name is Casey Townsend. I have lived in Arkansas my whole life. I grew up on a farm with my family. I have two wonderful parents, a hardworking farmer and loving father and a mother who ‘has a heart of gold.’ My mother is a nurse and she has been a huge inspiration for me. Her patients love her and always ask for her by name. She has a reputation of being the kindest, most hardworking, and most caring nurse at her hospital. Growing up with her as a mother was wonderful. I saw her and what she did every day and knew that that was what I wanted to do. I knew I wanted to be a nurse. Both of my parents encouraged my decision and made sure I was well supported on my journey. In 2008, I started attending Ozarka College. At first, I started taking general classes, just in case I wanted to switch majors. My major didn’t change because my heart was still on nursing. Three years ago, I graduated with my LPN, and my ‘bigger than life’ inspiration, my mom, got to pin me. In 2013, my mother got to pin me again, this time for my RN. Now, I work at Baxter Regional Medical Center in Mountain Home, Arkansas on the Med/Surg floor. I am confident, well trained, and willing. I have Ozarka College to thank for a lot of my accomplishments. Without Ozarka College, I would never be where I am today. Ozarka had many great attributes in it and provided me many great opportunities. My personal favorite attribute Ozarka provided for me, was TRiO. TRiO is a wonderful program. I remember my first Ozarka College orientation, I remember the very enthusiastic TRiO speaker explaining the program and all its advantages. I remember being so excited about it. When I was accepted into the program, I was so happy. TRiO staff had a reputation of being an outstanding program and it did not disappoint. TRiO provided me the technology I needed, tutors, and the chance to tutor people myself. TRiO provided its students transportation for school trips and transfer days, which was always so much fun. I got to see things I thought I would never have the chance to see. All of TRiO was great, but my favorite part was the staff. The staff was above and beyond my expectations. They worked with me, they were patient with me, and they always supported me. I knew I could go to them about anything and they would find a way to help me. I am so thankful for this program and all the opportunities it provided me.

**The TRiO Staff would like to congratulate Casey on her achievements.**