Homecoming Winners!

The REACH/TRiO office and the Counseling Department joined forces to participate in various homecoming activities. We were declared the winners of the Office Decorating Contest and participated in the Homecoming Community Parade.

Two of our students, Lirio Orozco and Daniel Valdez, were crowned Homecoming Queen and King!

Participation Patty

Each time a student attends one of our events, he or she is awarded a “Patty Point.” Other opportunities to earn extra points included questions on our Facebook page or via email. Throughout the semester, students with the most points are awarded prizes, such as Phoenix College gear, smart phone accessories, and wireless mice. Our most active member was Cynthia Terrazas, who won the grand prize of a one terabyte Porsche External Drive. Congratulations, Cynthia!
TEAM TRiO

Meet our New Program Advisor Dolores Bartlett

Dolores was a first generation college student when she attended ASU. She is looking forward to assisting students to “REACH” their goals as part of Team TRiO.

Dolores earned her bachelor’s degree from Arizona State University, with a major in secondary education (Content Area - Business). She has worked at Phoenix College for the past two years in the Counseling Department. Before coming to Phoenix College, Dolores was the coordinator for the Salt River Junior ACE Program at Scottsdale Community College. Her prior experience also includes working with ACE high school students and teaching business subjects to high school students and adults.

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“If you want something you’ve never had, then you’ve got to do something you’ve never done.”

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Student Highlights
Celebrating some our students’ accomplishments

Martin is one of 40 under 40 Honorees
Brenda Martin was named as one of the 2014 40 Hispanic Leaders under 40 by the non-profit organization Valle del Sol.

She was recognized for her dedication to being a voice for the voiceless. She consistently leverages available resources in creative ways to reach out and serve her community, campus, and church.

Brenda is an active member and vice president of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She was also selected to attend the prestigious LeaderShape Institute.

Relitz wins All-Arizona Scholarship
Natalie Relitz was selected as one of two students at Phoenix College for the All-Arizona Academic Team. Each recipient receives four semesters of tuition waivers to one of the three state universities with varying cash stipends (amounts to be determined) for placement on the Arizona teams.

Natalie is majoring in accountancy and will transfer to the Northern Arizona University W.A. Franke College of Business. She plans to receive her Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certificate and prepare taxes. She is a member of Theta Kappa Honor Society and a recipient of a Dougherty Scholarship. Natalie has been active with our program and the PC Business Department Canned Food drive.

Students featured on billboard
Two of our students are featured in a Phoenix College billboard. Sarah Hernández, salutatorian, and Samantha Price, valedictorian, both also delivered speeches at the 2014 Commencement.

Student Scholarship Winners
We are so proud of our students! This fall, 52 students were awarded scholarships totaling $105,567. These include not only our own Grant Aid, but also named scholarships, community scholarships, and tribal scholarships.
Ted comes to REACH/TRiO from Academic Advisement. He has been with the District for seven years, and possesses a wealth of knowledge on the different programs and career directions both Phoenix College and the District offers. Ted enjoys working with students, and helping them successfully navigate their college and career goals.

Ted hails from Western New York. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Hotel & Restaurant Management from Niagara University, followed by a Master of Science in College Student Personnel Administration from Canisius College. In 2013 Ted completed certification as a Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF).

In his spare time, Ted enjoys backcountry camping and hiking, canyoneering and playing Ultimate Frisbee with his friends. Have you ever visited unique places like Yosemite, Yellowstone or the Grand Canyon? Do you want to some day? Chat with Ted--it's one of his favorite topics!

On Friday, November 21st, nine students and three staff paid a visit to MidFirst Bank in downtown Phoenix. Phoenix College alum Brenda Lucio led the discussion, talking about her experience at Phoenix College and working at MidFirst Bank as Customer Care Coordinator.

Arizona State University alum Stephen Cervantes also discussed earning his bachelor degree, working at MidFirst as Assistant Manager of that branch, and his future plans.

Regional Vice President Brian Zetting described the various positions for hire at MidFirst Bank, and how the bank seeks out employees from a variety of backgrounds, not strictly business. Much of the discussion focused on the variety of positions at MidFirst Bank--not solely in finance, accounting or sales--but throughout all areas of business and customer service. Afterward the group got treated to a tasty lunch at Chipotle!

—Ted Bland