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## FALL 2007 SPOTLIGHT TRIO ACHIEVER SPOTLIGHT AWARD: ASHLEY WINEINGAR

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Meet the fall 2007 TRiO Achiever Spotlight, Ashley Wineingar. Her commitment to the TRiO Student Support Services program and belief in the TRiO mission. She is an active participant in the TRiO Student Advisory Board and an experienced member of our Peer Mentor Program.

A four-year TRiO participant, Ashley finds the Retention Advisors most helpful because you always have someone to talk to who can provide accurate, objective, non-biased information about campus resources and who can assist in making career decisions. She also appreciates the computer lab access, free printing, and the TRiO scholarship program. As a Peer Mentor, Ashley has developed excellent people skills, which allow her to grow as a person as well as be empowering to others. She feels she will be a better educator because of her mentoring and that she learns as much from her mentees as she guides and advises them. Her advice to other TRiO students is to listen to your Retention Advisors – they are all knowledge and offer excellent advice. She strongly recommends TRiO to other students because the support



and encouragement you get is beyond useful, whether it is looking over a paper or explaining how to best approach various academic situations.

Ashley, a Sioux Falls native, will graduate from SDSU in the spring semester with a degree in art education. Her forte is painting and sculpting using mixed media. Her talents were showcased at the Ritz Gallery Senior Exhibition November 5 – 16<sup>th</sup>. Ashley finds the successful professors on campus especially inspirational. Additionally, the SDSU Art Club has provided her with awesome travel experiences that were both fun and educational because she could see first-hand about the art you learn in textbooks. Ashley enjoys the Brookings community and hopes to secure a teaching position in the area after graduation. She has had a wonderful opportunity to teach summer art classes and volunteer in the gallery for the Brookings Art Council. Her future holds promise of attending graduate school in Fine Arts or Education.

Spending time with her boyfriend, family and friends, and her new puppy are all important to Ashley. They provide the support and encouragement to work hard and to stay positive and optimistic. In addition to being a full-time student, Ashley juggles a work schedule at Stoney Brook Assisted Living and helps in the

family restaurant in Sioux Falls on weekends. When she has free time she loves painting, watching *Grey's Anatomy* and creative cooking. Her signature dish is Cajun Shrimp Alfredo. Yum!

Please join the TRiO staff in congratulating Ashley Wineingar on all of her accomplishments at SDSU and wish her the best in the future.



### Special Points of Interest:

The TRiO Spring Scholarship Application Deadline is **Dec. 1st**. See your Retention Advisor for details.

Applications are available on the SSS website for new participant selection for Spring 2008.

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# MEET THE 2007-2008 TRiO RETENTION ADVISOR INTERNS

## LINDE MURRAY

Greetings to all fellow Jackrabbits! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Linde Murray and I am one of the Retention Advisor Interns for TRiO Student Support Services (SSS).

I am currently a graduate student at SDSU working on a Master's degree in Counseling and Human Resource Development with an emphasis in Student Affairs. I am planning on graduating in May of 2009.

I received my Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Northern Colorado in 2002. Between completing my undergraduate degree and attending graduate school, I worked here in Brookings for two years at ADVANCE and two years at

Mickelson Middle School in the Special Education department. I wasn't entirely certain about which direction I wanted to take, but with a little work experience I soon decided to attend graduate school and study counseling.

I am originally from Brookings. I graduated from Brookings High School and then moved to Colorado to attend college. After graduating from UNC, I returned to Brookings where I reconnected with my high school sweetheart, Joe. At that time, Joe was in the Air Force and was home on leave – he has been stationed all over the world! Joe and I were married in the summer of 2005. We have a beautiful daughter, Lily, who is 16 months old. Lily loves to play outside, swing, and sit on

Mom or Dad's lap to read books. She also enjoys running around the house chasing our dog, Kronc, and two cats, Jerry and Dinah. There's never a dull moment!

As a family, we enjoy camping, bike riding, going to Twins games, and spending time with our family and friends. My husband is also a student at SDSU. Joe is studying Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Geography; he is also working part-time, so we tend to have pretty busy schedules at our house.

I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with TRiO SSS. I have really enjoyed getting to know the students and I look forward to seeing their success this academic year!

## BILLY THOMAS

Greetings and welcome back to another fall semester at SDSU, and for many of you, I welcome you to your first fall semester with us! No matter how many fall semesters I experience here at SDSU, I feel that each one is more exhilarating than the previous one.

I am the newest Retention Advisor Intern with TRiO Student Support Services, and am very excited to be here. My family originates from Flandreau SD, and this is where I spent most of my childhood. I have what I think is a large family consisting of an older brother who is 29, an older sister 25, and 20 year old younger twin sisters. This makes me the middle child, which of course means, I have the stereotypical middle child complex!

During the middle of my 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, my family moved to Hill City SD, and this is where I graduated from high school in 2001. From there I came to SDSU and have been a

Jackrabbit ever since. Throughout my undergraduate years, I was very uncertain what I wanted my future to hold, but in the spring of 2006 I graduated with degrees in Political Science, and History.

Also, I had made the decision to continue my education and pursue a Masters degree in Counseling and Human Resources, emphasizing Student Personnel. After finishing my Masters I hope to continue working with college students in the university setting helping students achieve their full potential and helping students realize what kind of

options college provides.

Finally, I have to introduce the newest member of my family, my wife Sheena. We dated for the past three years, and of course I met her while I was an undergraduate student at SDSU. We were married in Brookings on November 10.



*TRiO Retention Advisor Interns Billy Thomas and Linde Murray*

**“There is nothing wrong with change, if it is in the right direction.” -Winston Churchill**

## CHANGE IS EVERYWHERE!

BY **KAYTE HAGGERTY,**  
RETENTION ADVISOR

Change is everywhere we look. No, not change from your pockets; the kind of change that many people try to avoid. Each and every day brings new and different experiences to even the most ordinary life. For example: Even if you walk the exact same route to school or class every day, you always experience change in the traffic, the people you pass, and the weather. Change happens, whether you want it to or not. The key is to always be ready for it!

Why do many people resist change? Because we are afraid of the unknown! Change is never easy, especially when it means that we must change the way we're used to living our

lives. Leaving our comfort zone, no matter how much we dislike it, requires bravery, determination, and information in that area.

How can we better handle change? Given that change is natural and inevitable, you have two choices in terms of how you handle it: you can embrace change, or you can reject it. Rejecting it won't get you very far and will only make the situation worse for you. Embracing change and thinking of it as a new opportunity will help make the transition easier for everyone. As many people say, "If you're not riding the wave of change, you'll find yourself beneath it."

Join TRiO SSS, as we make our change of location this semester, and embrace the opportunities that come with change!

**“Know what’s weird? Day by day, nothing seems to change, but pretty soon... everything’s different.”**  
- Calvin from Calvin and Hobbes

**“Change is inevitable - except from a vending machine.”**

**-Robert C. Gallagher**

**“If you’re in a bad situation, don’t worry - it’ll change. If you’re in a good situation, don’t worry - it’ll change.”** -John A. Simone, Sr.

## TRiO SSS AND UPWARD BOUND HAVE MOVED TO NEW OFFICES!

The newly re-modeled Wintrode Student Success Center, located at the corner of 8th Street and 11th Avenue, features the TRiO Student Support Services, TRiO Upward Bound, Wintrode Tutoring Program, the Writing Center, and the Office of Disability Services as a combined effort to better support students. The Wintrode Student Success Center offers tutoring, group study, and computer access thirteen hours a day!

The Wintrode Student Success Center is an extension of the efforts of Virgil and Josephine Wintrode, who began a scholarship program in 1988 aimed at helping students who showed promise but whose high school grades did not merit consideration for traditional scholarships.

One of the center's goals is to continue to help students overcome obstacles and gain the skills they need to move forward with confidence.

Give us a call anytime at 688-6653 or stop by and we'll be glad to give you a tour of our new offices.

# TRiO STUDENTS' CHOICE AWARD RECOGNIZES ADDIE WOLCOTT

BY LAURIE K. JOHNSON,  
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The TRiO Student Support Services has created the Students' Choice Award to recognize the exceptional efforts that our faculty and staff put forth so our students can succeed. This semester the award goes to Ms. Addie Wolcott. Her nominating student writes: "She is always full of energy and has an infectious smile. Not to mention, she gives great criticism that never cuts you down, but just shows how you

could do things better. I have never seen her in a bad mood and she relates to college students really well. I always look forward to her class."

As a second year graduate assistant in the Speech Department, Addie instructs three sections of Speech 101. Her teaching motto is: "We're all in this together." She enjoys getting to know her students and their stories, as well as learns reciprocally from them on a daily basis. The most enjoyable part of teaching for Addie is watching hesitant

nervous students, attending nobody's favorite general education class, and seeing the fear melt away as they learn to have fun and be creative in public speaking, to build confidence in themselves and let their unique personalities come out!

Ms. Walcott received a B.A. in Speech Communication at SDSU in 2006 and is currently working on her M.S. degree in Communication Studies, planning to graduate in May. Her advice to college students who want to succeed is: "Take it all in. Don't take any class or experience for granted.

You'll never know how useful and valuable each experience becomes in discovering your career interests or in realizing where your knowledge and skills will lead you." Following her own advice, Addie has found her passion in teaching and eventually plans to attain a Ph.D. and teach at the university level.

Please congratulate Ms. Addie Walcott on receiving the Fall 2007 TRiO Students' Choice Award!

