MISSION, GOALS, AND STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

The CMC TRIO Student Support Services is committed to increasing the rates of academic achievement, retention, and graduation among historically underrepresented students. We accomplish this by providing holistic support through individualized services and referrals to available resources within CMC campuses and their communities. Students must apply and meet eligibility requirements in order to receive services.

FUNDING SOURCE

The United States Department of Education funds Colorado Mountain College’s (CMC) TRIO-SSS programs at $3.13M for a five year grant cycle. The College is funded to serve 375 students at ten campuses.

2017-2018 ACHIEVEMENTS

- CMC successfully served 351 students during the 2017-2018 academic year.

46% FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION RATE

Four-year graduation rate is defined as the percentage of participants from the 2014-2015 cohort year who completed an Associates degree or certificate within 4 years of entering the SSS program.

31% GRADUATION PLUS TRANSFER RATE

Graduation plus transfer rate is defined as the percentage of participants from the 2014-2015 cohort year who completed an Associates degree or certificate within 4 years and transferred the following fall.

93% GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING

Good academic standing is defined as percentage of participants having a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

86% PERSISTENCE RATE

Persistence rate is defined as percentage of participants persisting from one academic year to the beginning of the next academic year or to those who have transferred.

$11,600 GRANT AID AWARDED TO 16 STUDENTS

SSS offers Supplemental Grant Aid to students who have unmet financial need in order to reduce or eliminate the need for student loans.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES PROVIDED IN 2017-2018

- 98% received guidance in course selection & academic planning
- 85% received information on applying for financial aid & scholarships
- 62% received counseling and education in financial literacy
- 41% received direct assistance in completing the FAFSA
- 50% received assistance in applying for admission to a 4-year college
- 21% received tutoring from SSS tutors
TRIO FACTS

TRIO is a set of federally-funded college–based educational opportunity outreach programs that motivate and support students from low-income backgrounds – including military veterans and students with disabilities. Currently serving more than 828,000 students from middle school through post-graduate study, TRIO provides academic tutoring, personal counseling, mentoring, financial guidance, and other supports necessary to promote college access, retention, and graduation. TRIO students come from families that earn less than $36,000 a year and/or in which neither parent have earned a college degree. TRIO programs include Upward Bound, Talent Search, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers, Veterans Upward Bound, and the McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program.