TRIO students and advisors have been working all semester to reach our goal of 1,200 service hours by the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Service is one of seven Benedictine values that we follow here at the University of Mary. The TRIO Serves program was started to help encourage students to reach out and volunteer in the Bismarck-Mandan community.

The annual Day of Service in October helped to rack up our service hours. On December 11, students and advisors rang the Salvation Army donations bell outside of Scheels in the mall.

We encourage students to keep volunteering throughout the year to help reach our goal. Only 783.5 hours to go!

When students were asked: ‘Why is service important to you?’ We received some very touching responses. It is evident that President Monsignor Shea has really impacted students. See some of their responses:

- It is important to care for others, even when we don’t know them.
- It’s about showing kindness and being helpful to others.
- It reminds me of the importance of community. It’s a way to give back.
- It’s about doing something for someone else.
- It’s about helping others.
- It’s about making a difference in someone’s life.

We have reached 416.5 volunteer hours out of our total goal of 1,200! Keep up the hard work everyone!

Helping others by ringing the Salvation Army bell

Elizabeth Serr and Kristi Wanner
Johnny Tillman
Reegin Kehn and Mikayla Lindquist
TRIO is Thankful for you!
We are so grateful as TRIO staff to be able to work with all of you every day. You inspire us and make us proud all throughout the year. We are honored to put on the TRIO Friendsgiving event each year to show our gratitude for you and to share a meal together. This year was a really fun time filled with lots of food and fun games! Thanks again for making our jobs so rewarding and for celebrating with us.
Students not only had the opportunity to learn about different countries’ cultures and traditions, but sampled many foreign cuisines at the annual international fair held Mon., Nov. 11.

Samantha Yazzolino helped with the InterFaith booth at the Fair.

Claudia Diner and Odalys Montenegro Ramos helped attendees make Japanese sushi rolls.

Ashley Robledo shares interesting information about the country of Korea.

Left: Callista Gould was the presenter for the event. She is the author of the book, *The Exceptional Professional: What You Need to Know to Grow Your Career*, and Founder of the Culture and Manners Institute.

Several TRIO students were in attendance. Right: TRIO student Kateri Huebner posing with friends after the event.
If you didn’t get a chance to attend the *Christmas at Mary* event held Dec. 6, 7, and 8, you missed a wonderful Christmas presentation! Several TRIO students participated in the choir and instrumental ensembles. What a fantastic way to get into the Christmas Spirit!

TRIO students who participated were Trish Bartos, Hannah Cummings, Katie David, Mikayla Lindquist, Abigail Lynch, Ruth McCulloch, Laura Mitzel, John Cornwell, Nicholas Mortenson, Aaron Van Dorsten, Veronica Donato, Ariella Fogel, Kateri Huebner, Shayla Nelson, Emma Olson, Matthew Scott, and Odalys Montenegro Ramos.

**Upcoming January Workshops**

**Financial Literacy-Establishing Credit**
*Not knowing about credit can cost you money!*

**Mon., Jan. 13**
12-1:00 p.m. or 5:00-6 p.m.
Welder Library Room 141

**Resumes, Cover Letters & Linked In**
*Learn how to network in your field*

**Tues., Jan. 21**
11-11:30 a.m. or Noon-12:30 p.m.
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