Get Involved with The Special Olympics Club

TRIO student Brittany Davis has a passion for advocating and caring for individuals with differing abilities. She has spent the last 8 years working within the special needs community. Brittany says she adores the lessons she has learned through working to improve the quality of life for each child she has worked with.

This passion for helping children with special needs was the motivation for her to start The Special Olympics Club at the University of Mary. The club promotes inclusion and respect for all persons through providing community and sports on and off the UMary campus. Individuals range from middle school to post high school with disabilities within the wider Bismarck-Mandan Community. Brittany is excited for students at the University to experience the same joy she has found from sharing a community with all persons, people with disabilities or not.

On Oct. 28 at 4 p.m. in Chick’s Place, there will be an ice cream and pizza social where they will meet their athletes for the first time and welcome them.

In November, they are planning to attend a basketball game at UMary together with the club athletes. They will also meet as a club for general information and that date is to be determined. On Nov. 2-4, the club will be volunteering with the Special Olympics State Bowling Championship in Bismarck. They will be assisting in providing a fun time at the dance that will be held in addition to other tasks the state asks of them.

In addition to all of these events, they are in the process of planning a sensory Valentine’s Day Dance, a Christmas party, and a football clinic hosted by our very own UMary Athletics. They covet prayers as they navigate through new territory as a brand new club. If anyone has questions or would like to join the club, they can contact Brittany.

Co-Presidents Brittany Davis and Santana Schneider
Our goal is 1,000 hours of service time by Valentine’s Day. We’re excited to report we are halfway there!
King David Chavez and Queen Lisa Anderson

Homecoming King is TRIO student, David Chavez of Bowman, North Dakota. He is majoring in athletic training/pre-physical therapy. He is the son of Mirna and Juan Ruiz.

“I enjoy being in a closer community like UMary because I enjoy meeting and getting to know people and their backgrounds. In addition, I think that the UMary community is one of the most supporting, caring, and fun,” he says.

He lists among his greatest accomplishments being accepted into the athletic training program. “I have been blessed with the opportunity to meet, get to know, and work with over 500 student-athletes and help them recover and get stronger in order that they can achieve their dreams,” he says.

Among his funniest memories was in his freshman year, when he gave himself a black eye by hitting his head in the faucet in North Hall. He has on his bucket list skydiving in Queenstown, New Zealand.

Little-known facts about him: “My first name is Hector and I put barbecue sauce on my salads.”

Chris Riedman

TRIO student, Chris Riedman, Bismarck, was also one of the 2018 Homecoming Royalty candidates. Chris is the son of Michael and Karol Riedman, majoring in philosophy and Catholic Studies.

“I love being a student at the University of Mary because it is not merely a community, but a real family. In times of success, we all celebrate together. In times of grief or failure, we stand by one another. UMary is unlike any other university that I have ever encountered because of its emphasis on meeting students where they are at and helping them grow through support and prayer – together,” Chris says.

Come and enjoy some great Mexican food and make sugar skulls as Dora Cantu and Mary Montoya talk about the movie COCO and how it relates to their culture and personal life.

This all takes place at 7pm in Butler Hall on Tuesday October 30, 2018.

Food being served: Carne con papas y arroz!

Bring all your Amigos!
UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Spring/Summer Schedule of Courses are available online .................... Friday, Oct. 26
Meet with your Advisor to plan spring/summer classes ..................... Oct. 29-Nov. 2
TRIO students can register ................................................................. Nov. 5-9
Registration for Non-TRIO students begins ....................................... Nov. 12-15

*Early registration is a perk and privilege for TRIO students.*
*Schedule an appointment with your TRIO Advisor soon.*

Supplemental Grant Awards

Twelve TRIO students received supplemental grant monies totaling $17,500 dispersed. Pell eligible students had to complete an application that fulfilled specific criteria along with an essay telling us why they should be selected for this grant.

Congratulations to all who received an award!