

# April 2022



**TRIO**  
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

## Newsletter



Reegin Kehn & Taylyn Kihle

## TRIO ELITE GRADUATE AWARDS

The University of Mary Leadership Awards Ceremony was held on Tuesday, April 5 in Founder's Hall.

Reegin Kehn and Taylyn Kihle received the TRIO Elite Graduate Awards. This award exemplifies all the attributes of a successful TRIO student by taking full advantage of the TRIO program, demonstrating outstanding leadership skills, exhibiting a positive attitude and achieving a GPA of 3.5 or greater.

Reegin will be receiving her Bachelor of Exercise Science Degree with minors in Wellness and Business Administration. Reegin

was also on the UMary soccer team and received the MSIC Myles Brand All-Academic Award of 2022. She is planning to continue her education at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Iowa the fall of '22.

Taylyn completed her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Marketing in December '21. Since graduating, she has been busy as an Administrative Assistant at Dick's Sporting Goods in Bismarck. She also continues her love for cheering as a cheer coach at Horizon Middle School.

### Director's Corner

#### Brenda Nottestad

As we near graduation in just a couple days, the apprehension over finals and excitement of being near the finish line is evident around campus. Graduation is my favorite day of the year at UMary! It is rewarding to see seniors who have worked so hard walk across the stage to obtain their degrees.

I have loved my time as Director of TRIO. It has been a privilege to work with such an amazing staff and wonderful students—everyone is like family to me. My professional life feels fulfilled! I can honestly say this position has been my favorite; but the time has come for me to retire.

I can also confidently tell you that the TRIO program will continue to be in good hands with your amazing advisors and the addition of a very qualified TRIO Director who is excited to begin working with you.



Brannon Flowers

Receiving the Presidential Student Leadership Award was Brannon Flowers who graduated as a TRIO student last spring and is currently in the Master of Education Program.



Abby Lynch

Abigail Lynch also received the Presidential Student Leadership Award. Abby will be graduating majoring in Music and Philosophy. She is also receiving Summa Cum Laude designation.



Michael Waddell

Michael was awarded the RD Koppenhaver Exam Scholarship. This award is based on academic achievement and for a student planning to take the CPA exam.



## END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

On Mon., April 11, TRIO students gathered to celebrate their accomplishments throughout the year. A delicious Italian dinner was served.

Several awards were given at the event: Outstanding Freshmen: Olivia Burmeister, Emily Morgel, John Kocon, Cami Hagen, Ana Salazar, Rachel Knopik. Overcomer Awards: Jillian Rossi, Katherine Book, Thomas Freas, Connor Murphy, Madelaine Heggstad. Outstanding Seniors: Elizabeth Serr, Kateri Huebner, Abigail Lynch, Casey Anderson, Dylan Smith, Olivia Flure,

Lynn Duong, Starlynn Costa, Rami Douri. Participant of the Year: Alexander Emrich, Rachel Mazourek, Audrey Dimmel. Rising Above: Nicole Eckhardt, Alli Hulst, Sarah Helmuth. Officer Hours Maximizer: Paul Quinn. Credit Mania Award: Ariella Fogel. GRIT Awards: Heidi Jacobson, Jason Rameriz-Corpus, Will Kranz, Odalys Ramos Montenegro, and Emily Montgomery.

Congratulations to all! Thank you for a great year! We look forward to seeing those who are returning in the fall and the best wishes to those who are graduating.





## SOCIAL WORK MACRO PROJECTS



Veronica Miller, Elizabeth Serr, Abigale Loel, & Kyra Schulz

TRIO Social Work Seniors have spent the semester working on macro community projects. Veronica Miller did a community mental health needs assessment for the seriously mentally ill. Elizabeth Serr worked on a personal hygiene drive for people experiencing homelessness in the Bis-Man community. Abigale Loel created a presentation on the importance of mental wellness and self care for young athletes. Kyra Schulz implemented a mentoring program between the UMary Black Student Union and Youth Works.

### Dates to Remember:

**April 30, 2:30 pm**  
**Bismarck Event Center:**  
Commencement



**May 9:** Summer Term  
Begins

**May 20:** Last day to  
Add/Drop with no record

**May 27:** Tuition/fees due

**May 30:** Memorial Day—No Classes

**June 27-July 1:** YRC Summer Break

**July 4:** Independence Day—No Classes

**July 15:** Last day to Drop with a W

**August 19:** Last day of main campus  
classes

**August 26:** Last day of online classes

## ABBY LYNCH 'S SENIOR PIANO RECITAL



Abby Lynch is a senior majoring in Music and Philosophy. On April 22, she presented her senior piano recital. After graduation, Abby will be working in music ministry through-out several different parishes.



Olivia Burmeister



Joseph Amidon



**Congratulations to the 2022-  
2023 TRIO Peer Mentors!**

**Olivia Burmeister and Joseph  
Amidon**