

# SPRING NEWSLETTER

Graduation Edition

*Class of 2025*



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# NOTE FROM THE TRIO TEAM

Dear TRIO SSS Graduating Seniors,

As you prepare to walk across the stage and into the next chapter of your lives, let us pause to give thanks — to God first, who has guided you with a steady hand through these years, and to you, for the dedication, perseverance, and faith you have shown along the way.

At the University of Mary, rooted in our Benedictine tradition, we cherish the values of hospitality, service, community, and prayerful reflection. Each of you has been a living witness to these values. You have developed friendships, sought Truth, served others, and remained steadfast even when the path was difficult.

As a graduate and TRIO alum, you are now called to be leaders who bring light into every place you go — to be a voice for those who are marginalized, to be a ray of hope for the tired, and to seek God's light in all people and all situations. You will always have a home in TRIO and at the University of Mary. We are proud of you, and we are grateful for the privilege of walking alongside you.

*From the words from Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Trust in this promise from the prophet Jeremiah that the same God who led you to UMary and TRIO will continue to guide your steps. Always be rooted in prayer, nourish your soul with Scripture and community, and continue to seek God's will with humility and joy.

Go forth with our blessing, our love, and our prayers.

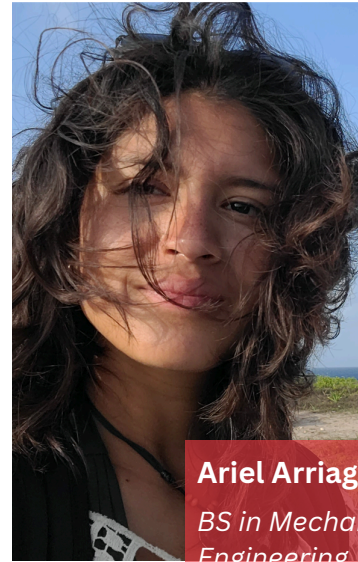
In Christ, Nadine Butts, Kristi Wanner, Stephanie Huber, and Jennifer Barry  
TRIO Student Support Services



**Muhammad Amiri**  
*BS in Nursing*



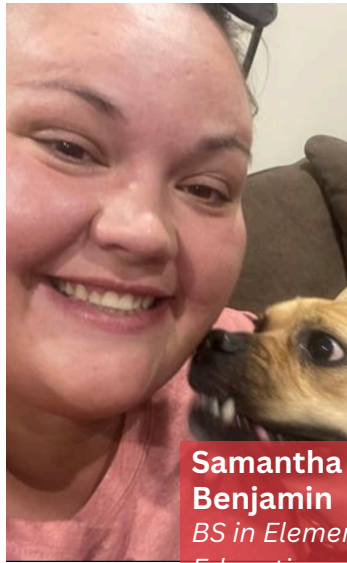
**Jiselle Archila**  
*BS in Psychology*



**Ariel Arriaga**  
*BS in Mechanical Engineering*



**Patience Baker**  
*BS in Human Support Services*



**Samantha Benjamin**  
*BS in Elementary Education*



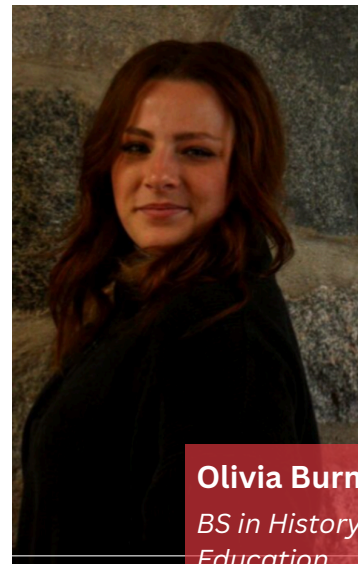
**Kaylee Berger**  
*BS in Child Development Studies*



**Elly Bjork**  
*BS in Elementary Education*



**Gracia Brindley**  
*BS in Psychology*



**Olivia Burmeister**  
*BS in History Education*



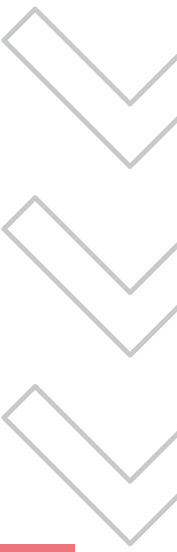
**Lydia Christian**  
*BS in Marketing*



**Nicole Eckhardt**  
*BS in Sport and  
Leisure Management*



**Madee Fernandez**  
*BS in Psychology*



**Kyah Feyereisen**  
*BS in Child  
Development Studies*



**Sarah Godfrey**  
*BS in Nursing*



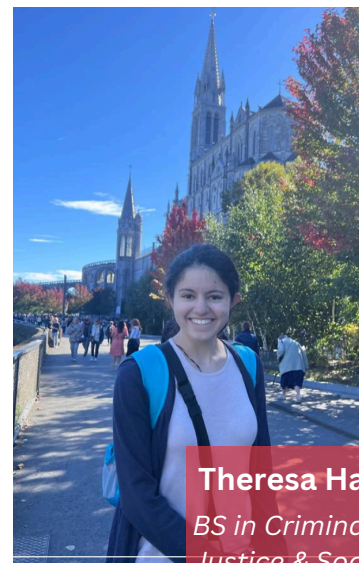
**Camille-Joy  
Hagen**  
*BA in English &  
Catholic Studies*



**Kaitrin Haley**  
*BS in Psychology*



**Angelina Hanft**  
*BS in Nursing*

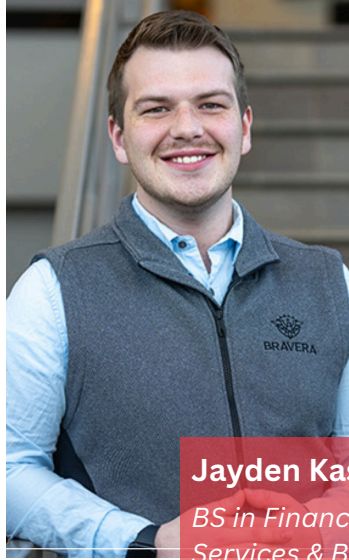


**Theresa Hays**  
*BS in Criminal  
Justice & Social Work*

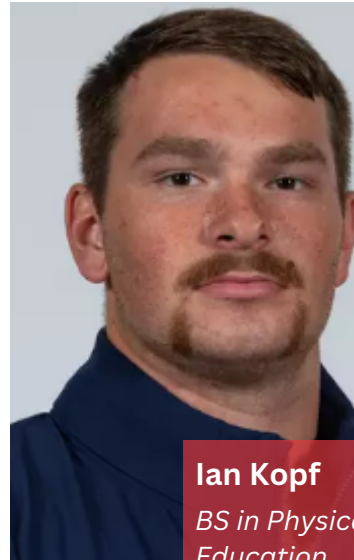




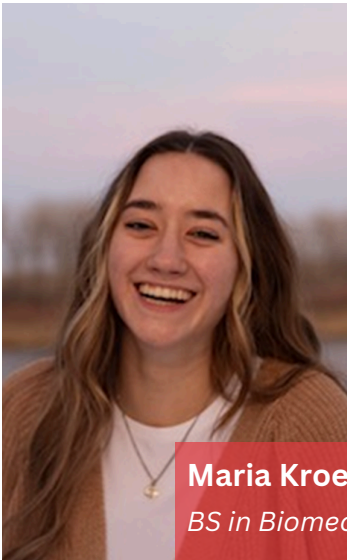
**Sarah Helmuth**  
*BS in Elementary  
Education*



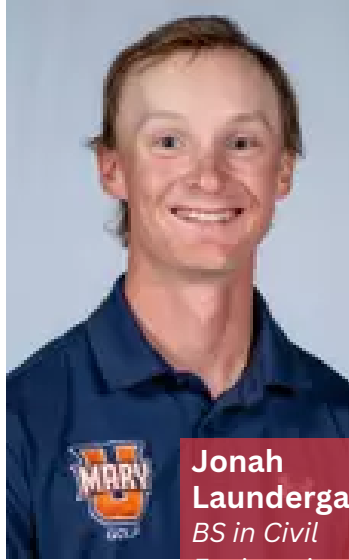
**Jayden Kass**  
*BS in Financial  
Services & Banking*



**Ian Kopf**  
*BS in Physical  
Education*



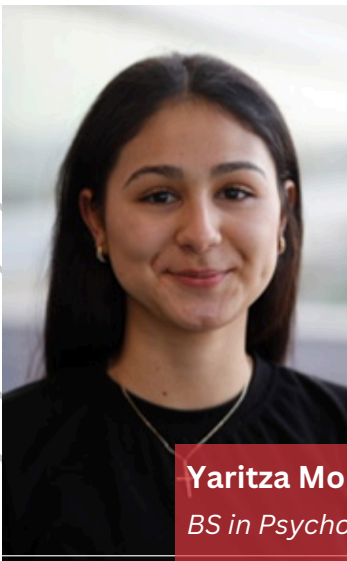
**Maria Kroening**  
*BS in Biomechanics*



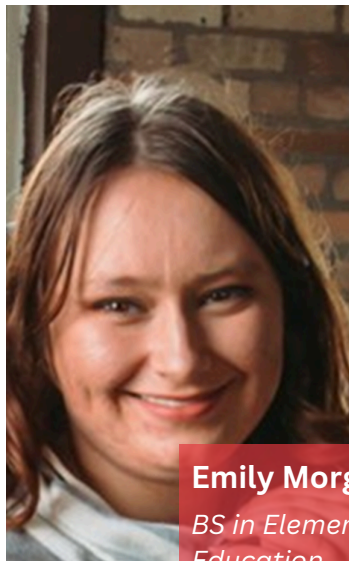
**Jonah  
Laundergan**  
*BS in Civil  
Engineering*



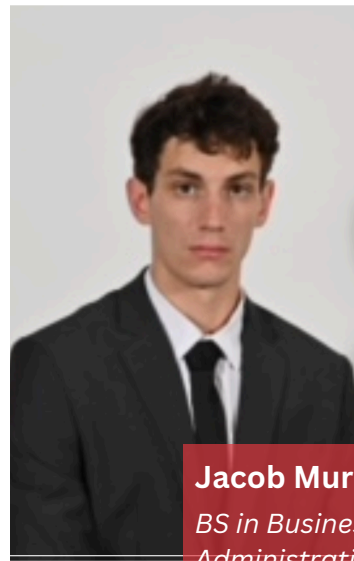
**Rachel Mazourek**  
*BS in Nursing*



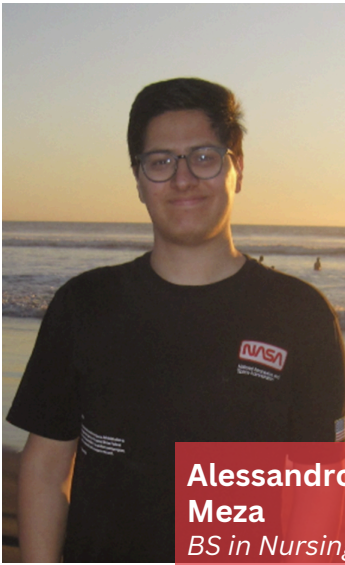
**Yaritza Molina**  
*BS in Psychology*



**Emily Morgel**  
*BS in Elementary  
Education*



**Jacob Murray**  
*BS in Business  
Administration*



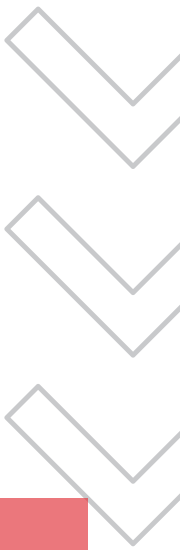
**Alessandro Narez Meza**  
*BS in Nursing*



**Paul Quinn**  
*BS in Psychology*



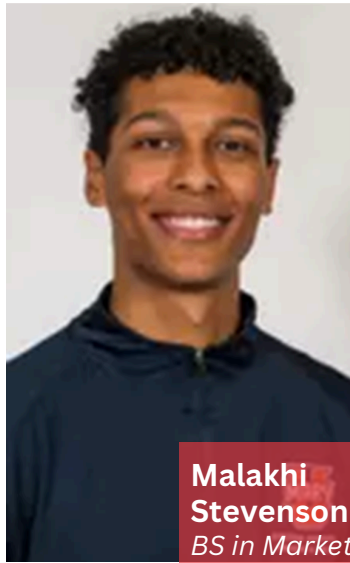
**Mia Riley**  
*BS in Criminal Justice*



**Maria Rodriguez Brannon**  
*BA in History & Catholic Studies*



**Ana Salazar**  
*BA in Philosophy & Catholic Studies*



**Malakhi Stevenson**  
*BS in Marketing*



**Dakota Sweeney**  
*BS in Exercise Science*



**Ava Vizenor**  
*BS in Nursing*



**Cru Walker**  
*BS in Biomechanics*



**Ellie Wilson**  
*BS in Strategic Communication*



# TRIO AWARD WINNERS

We honored the following students at our annual TRIO End of the Year Banquet.

## Peer Mentors

*Olivia Burmeister, Ariel Arriaga, Patience Baker, and Mya Tena*

## TRIO Elite Graduate 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.

*Muhammad Amiri and Cami Hagen*



## Outstanding Seniors

*Olivia Burmeister, Angelina Hanft, Kyah Feyereisen, and Maria Rodriguez Brannon*

## Outstanding Freshmen

*Jayleen Rojas, Maria Welter, Patrick Chauvin, Mara Krzmarzick, and Tia Masset*

## The Overcomer

Made it through some major obstacles to be where they are.

*Marzia Salahshor, Mia Riley, and Amelie Faa*

## TRIO Participators of the Year

*Justin Taylor, Jamies Lemer, and Grant Peddycord*

## Rising Above

Students who have exhibited visible growth this year and are thriving.

*Jennifer Luhman, Matther Haas, and Savannah Watterud*

## GRIT Award

A noticeable tough work ethic that stands out to those around them. They sacrifice comforts in exchange for perseverance and tough work.

*Rose Kelly, Malia Franks, Patience Baker, and Breydi Lopez*

## Shining Star Award

Students who are standouts in their major, in their student/community involvement, and in their commitment to thrive.

*Yaritza Molina, Jonathan Rice, Jaydan Kass, Mya Tena, and Ava Vizenor*

## Mission Award

Their positive contribution enriches the mission of the University of Mary.

*Jacinta Kallenbach, Kaylee Berger, Jenna Lansing, and Faith Bartholmy*



*TRIO Seniors at the banquet.*

# LOOKING AHEAD

## Important Summer Dates

- May 5 - Summer Term Begins \*16 week & D/O
- May 5 - June 20 - Block A Courses
- May 16 - Last Day to Add/Drop w/ no record \*16w
- May 23 - Tuition/Fees Due
- May 26 - Memorial Day. No Classes; Offices Closed
- June 23 - August 15 - Block B Courses
- June 30 - July 4 - Summer Break
- July 4 - Independence Day. No Classes; Offices Closed
- July 11 - Last Day to Drop with a W \*16w
- August 1 - Last Day to Drop w/ a WP/WF \*16w

## Become a Peer Mentor

TRIO SSS is now hiring a Peer Mentor! If you're passionate about helping fellow TRIO students succeed and want to build your leadership skills, this is the perfect opportunity for you. This is a paid position with 4-7 hours per week of work. If interested, contact TRIO Director Nadine Butts at [nrbutts@umary.edu](mailto:nrbutts@umary.edu).

## Become a TRIO Leader

TRIO Leaders voluntarily support TRIO by helping at events and mentoring students. TRIO Leaders display a commitment to TRIO and have a desire to develop as leaders. If you are interested in becoming a TRIO Leader, please reach out to your TRIO advisor or Nadine Butts at [nrbutts@umary.edu](mailto:nrbutts@umary.edu).

Thank you to this year's TRIO Leadership Team:

*Faith Bartholomy, Mia Riley, Reyna Isenbart, Theresa Hays, Carissa Colbert, Yaritza Molina, Faith Peddychord, Grant Peddychord, Zahrah Amiri, Jamie Lemer, Jayden Cass, and Josh Kubarii.*

# SUMMER SERVICES

## TRIO Lounge

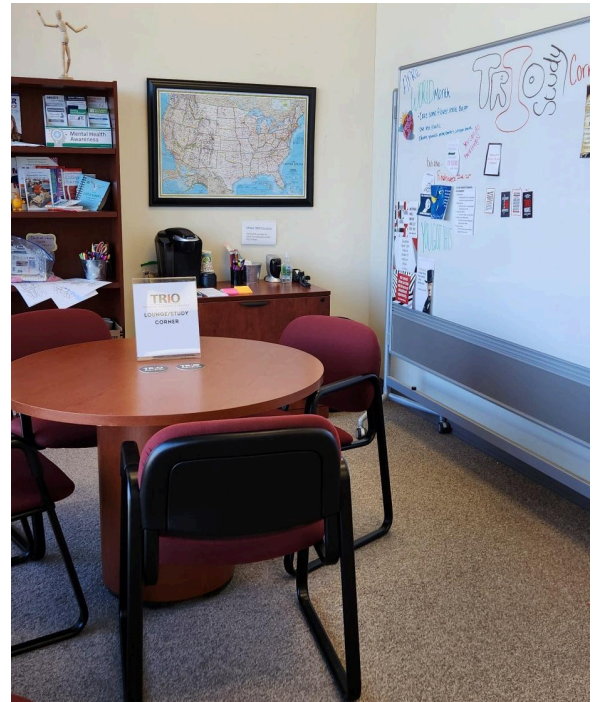
The TRIO Lounge will be available throughout the summer. The hours will be the same as the library. Stop in for a quiet and quaint place to study and unwind.

## Staff Availability

TRIO offices will be open during the summer to provide support and assistance to students. If you have any specific questions or need assistance with anything related to TRIO services, feel free to ask!

## Tutoring Services

TRIO SSS students enrolled in summer classes have access to free tutoring through Tutor.com! If you find you need additional tutoring support beyond what is available online, please reach out to TRIO Director Nadine Butts at [nrbutts@umary.edu](mailto:nrbutts@umary.edu) for further assistance.



# A SPECIAL THANK YOU

## In Gratitude for my Years in TRIO with Jennifer Barry

Jennifer Barry has been a ray of light for many in TRIO at the University of Mary. Her demeanor is at once someone who is incredibly smart and competent with an undeniable work ethic, but also truly kind and generous. She makes her coworkers feel valued and bakes them protein muffins and homemade apple fritters – regularly. To her students, Jennifer is attentive, patient, and endlessly encouraging. For those that are looking for both warmth of welcome and inspiration, Jennifer is that person, as an advisor, a colleague, a fellow academic, and a friend. Her sphere of influence far exceeds the walls of her office, and for that reason we selflessly celebrate her transition to Director of the Butler Center for Early Learning in downtown Bismarck. She is perfectly poised to take on this role and guide the efforts to bring the youngest of our learners under the wing of the University of Mary. Jennifer, I am grateful for you and for the time I was blessed to work with you in TRIO! Godspeed my friend!

Stephanie Huber  
Fellow TRIO Advisor

It has been such a pleasure to have Jennifer Barry be a part of the TRIO staff over the last three years. Her kind and calm demeanor has tremendously uplifted the staff and students. She brought a generosity and deep faith to everything she did in TRIO and she will be greatly missed. Good luck on all your next adventures Jenn. We are proud of you!!

Kristi Wanner  
Fellow TRIO Advisor



It is my honor to offer a gigantic heartfelt thank you to Jennifer Barry for her years of service as a TRIO SSS advisor here at the University of Mary. Jennifer is a true TRIO HERO as she has been a steady source of wisdom, encouragement, and grace for our students and our TRIO team. Her work ethic, perseverance, and deep faith will leave a lasting mark on all. Whether she was offering thoughtful guidance, a listening ear, or one of her amazing homemade treats, Jennifer brought kindness and joy into the heart of our office each day. While we are sad to see her leave TRIO SSS, we celebrate her as the Director of the Butler Center for Early Learning here at the University of Mary. We know she will continue to bless many others with the same spirit of service, joy, and excellence that she so generously shared with TRIO.

Your friend in Christ, Nadine Butts  
TRIO Director