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TRiO Peer Mentors

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Matt Connot

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Tuesday 11:30a - 12:30p; 3p - 5p

Thursday 11:30a - 12:30p

Friday 2p - 4:30p

My name is Matthew Connot and this is my third year at Columbia College. This will be my first year as a mentor for TRiO and cannot wait to meet everyone in the program! My plan is to major in geography with an emphasis in economics and development after I transfer. I love learning new things and broadening my horizons. Hopefully through my mentoring I can spread this enthusiasm towards learning!

Areas of expertise:

- Time management
- Financial Aid
- Clarke /Hamilton classes
- Transfer Readiness

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Monday 12:30p - 4:30p

Wednesday 1p - 4:30p

Thursday 2p - 4:30p

I could be the oldest student on campus. I didn't attend High School. What I did when I was younger was to travel. I've been fortunate enough to experience many different countries and cultures during my lifetime. I have also witnessed many of the profound changes that have taken place in our own culture here in America. I have a wealth of life experience to draw on. I first attended Columbia College in 2010, essentially to take a class in creative writing. Since then I have completed my 'general-education' requirements and I expect to transfer to a California State University in the fall of 2014.

Areas of expertise:

I have completed my transfer requirements in English so I am confident in my skills. I can proof read and I have used both APA and MLA formats. My Math requirement is also complete. I am not a science major so I don't know calculus or statistics but I can help anyone with problems in basic math and algebra. I've taken some classes from Professor Hamilton so I'm familiar with the Socratic method of teaching. As a communications major I also have skills in public speaking and critical thinking. I'm ready to help in any way I can.

Jessica Fulton

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Monday 8:30a- 9:30a

Tuesday 1p - 2p

Wednesday 11:30a - 1:00p

Thursday 1p - 2p

Hello all, my name is Jessica Fulton. I have traveled many avenues in life and have experienced numerous things. My academic adventure has been rough. From difficult pregnancies to illness, I have had to overcome many road blocks. I have two small children and work three jobs, all while juggling school; if you need help prioritizing, organizing, or figuring out how to manage your difficult schedule, come see me, I can help.

Areas of expertise:

- Organization
- Time management
- Prioritizing
- Anatomy
- Math (through algebra 2)



Lindsay Macon

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Monday 9a - 2p

Tuesday 4:30p - 5:30p

Wednesday 8a - 2p

Hi There! My name is Lindsay Macon and I have already been a Trio mentor for two semesters now. My educational goals are to get an allied health degree at Columbia, and then transfer to a university to become a Physical Therapist Assistant or a Dental Hygienist. This is my third year at Columbia College and I am so joyful to be given the opportunity to learn. My parents are considered to have a low income, and we were worried about how we could afford the cost of schooling. During my senior year of high school, I was determined to find help with funding my college expenses. I applied to about 40 scholarship foundations,

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and left high school with \$3,000 in scholarship money. In addition, I also received help from Financial Aid getting the BOG Fee Waiver. In my opinion, if a person is motivated enough to seek help, use their public/college resources and to persevere in achieving their goals, anyone can have a positive, affordable community college experience.

I was enabled to continue my education, and therefore chose to take charge of my responsibilities and focus on correlating Columbia College classes with my prerequisites for my profession. I personally gathered the information that I needed on classes, scholarships, and the general expectations of universities for incoming students before I even went to a counselor to discuss the topic further. I have visited my counselor twice every semester to make sure that I am still headed in the correct direction of my three year educational plan. I have organized my time wisely, taken advantage of resources on campus, learned to be efficient and productive, acquired self-determination and have proven to myself that I CAN do anything that I set my mind to.

Areas of expertise:

- Relaxation Techniques
- Organization
- Gaining Self Respect
- Taking the next step
- Being Patient



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Tuesday 8:30a - 11:30p

Thursday 8:30p - 11:30p

Friday 9a - 2p

Hi, fellow students,

My name is Mattie Milani. I am mother and full time student. I am creating academic history in my family and I have faced many obstacles during my academic journey here at Columbia both on campus and off. I am proud to say that I have persevered! I was a hot mess, two years ago when I turned thirty and decided that it was time to re-enter the Big Bad College

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world. I was so scared and intimidated. After, my first semester here at Columbia I knew I was at home. I let down my walls and opened my mind and embraced my new found love for academia. I am majoring in both Language Arts and Communication. I joined the Trio program last year and developed a positive relationship with a peer mentor. The Trio program is working for me and has supported me through my crazy academic journey. I am so thankful for the Trio program that I want to give back. I am honored to have reached a point in my life where I have become successful enough to become a peer mentor and work for the TRiO program. I am looking forward to helping many students like myself.

Areas of expertise:

- Prioritizing
- Developing positive study habits at home
- Language Arts, sentence structure and essay format