



TRiO Dining For \$uccess

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Who We Are

The TRiO Scholars Program, also federally known as TRiO Student Support Services (SSS), serves a total of 160 UC Davis undergraduate students who identify as either first generation (FG); low income (LI); and/or have a student disability. Vast majority of our TRiO Scholars are students of color and over 2/3 are both FGLI students.

Our aim is to increase FGLI and disability students' retention and graduation rates at UC Davis by promoting **academic excellence, financial empowerment, and community building**. We create a community of scholars that utilize their personal strengths while leveraging program resources to achieve success at UC Davis and beyond.



DID YOU KNOW?

TRiO Funding

We are federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education and we are awarded a 5-year grant.



Student Support Model

A framework for all we do!



Academic Excellence

- Priority registration for 4 quarters
- Holistic advising
- Peer mentorship
- Tutoring resources and referrals
- Quarterly study jams
- Academic success workshops



Financial Empowerment

- Financial and economic literacy workshops
 - Dining For Success, Budgeting 101, Credit Scores, etc.
- FAFSA assistance and referrals
- FREE UCD testing supplies (Scantrons and Blue Books)
- FREE 50% OFF GRE Fee Waivers for graduate school
- Basic Needs workshops



Community Building

- TRiO Talks (Peer-led)
- Mondavi cultural concerts
- Socials
- Networking events
- Spring End of the Year Celebration

Dining For Success (DFS)

Economic literacy annual event in partnership with the TRiO Scholars Program (SSS) and Center for the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

Students are guided through a three-course meal using a step-through-step model, starting with table placement.

DFS supports our program student support model and enhances retention efforts for our FGLI and disability student populations by enhancing:

- Professional and networking skills
- Subverting impostor syndrome by increasing confidence in potential work environments *to increase employability and successfulness.*

Event Logistics



- TRiO = Covers room reservation and guest speaker, Tina
 - Room and equipment (\$475) + Guest Speaker (\$1,200)
- EOP = Covers the food, vendor, dining supplies
 - \$3,000
- Both = Each program communicates with their program participants for RSVP and dietary restrictions. Each program has a cap of 25 attendees, which includes program staff.



Guest Speaker, Tina Hayes



Website: etiquetteschool.us



Tina Hayes is the founder and owner of **The School of Etiquette and Decorum** in Northern CA (Antioch). She collaborate with colleges, K-12 schools and corporations to deliver impactful dining etiquette workshops that **enrich students' personal growth and employability**.

Why learn dining etiquette from Tina?

Tina Hayes promotes the awareness that social presentation and behaviors are important to be successful in today's society. She's renowned for her vibrant personality and brings a high-level of energy to each presentation. She enjoys her journey of equipping others in an area where she once felt insecure.

Our scholars learn how to enhance their networking skills from someone who comes from a similar background and has ample experience navigating corporate and professional settings.



Student Feedback



Why did you decide to attend this event?

"I went to a dinner over spring break for work and I did not know how to dine properly. I was just copying the business lady that was sitting next to me"

"I wanted to learn proper etiquette before I step into the real world"

"Practical life skills"

"To learn how to present myself professionally in professional events"

"I thought it would be a very unique experience and a chance to learn proper etiquette with good food"

"To become more knowledgeable in how to dine as I navigate professional spaces"

"It sounds like a great networking and hands-on learning experience"

Data pulled using the following:
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Student Feedback

88% of students gave the event a 5/5 rating in 2023



What did you like about this event?

"Everything"

"Being able to meet others there was a nice touch because I was able to make more acquaintances"

"The food and education was high quality!"

"I liked how it went over different styles and carefully showed the steps"

"I liked the instructors' energy and the friendly atmosphere"

"I liked how interactive the presentation was"

"The instructor was very nice which made the experience even better!"

"Tina is a great teacher. She has many easy to remember tips and tools. The food was also delicious"

"I liked the humor"

"Tina was great in being engaging and informative!"



"The time of the event, and the etiquette teacher is the kindest/most down to earth"

"I loved the food and the speaker!"

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