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VSU AWARDED STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES GRANT

TRIO Program will receive \$1.3 million from the U.S. Department of Education.

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY, VA- Virginia State University has been awarded a five-year Student Support Services (SSS) grant for \$1.3 million to provide needed services to a special population of students. In each of the next five years, the federally funded SSS Grant will fund services through the VSU TRIO Program for 140 students who are low-income, first generation college students, and/or have disabilities.

All SSS projects funded by the grant must provide specifically defined services to include: academic tutoring, assistance in postsecondary course selection, career services, assistance with securing financial aid/scholarships, financial/economic literacy, and graduate and professional programs. In addition, the funds can be used to expose students to cultural events and academic programs not usually available to economically disadvantaged students.

The Federal TRIO Programs (TRIO) are outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes eight programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs. “We are grateful for these funds which will further enhance our work and extend our outreach,” says Ms. Regina Barnett Tyler, Interim Associate Vice President of Student Success and Engagement/ Director, VSU TRiO Programs. “This grant will provide an invaluable resource as we continue providing transformative educational experiences and opportunities to our students and members of our underserved population,” The grant will begin September 1, 2020 and will end Aug. 31, 2025

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