Student Spotlight

Meet Darrel Millsap

Where are you from?
Waleska, Georgia

Tell us about your family…i.e. are you the oldest/youngest?
The first to go to school?
I am the oldest in my family and the first to pursue a 4 year college degree

What degree are you pursuing?
Associates of Science and eventually a Bachelors of Bio-engineering

If you are transferring, where?
I am most likely transferring to CSU-P

What do you hope to be doing in 5 years?
In five years I hope to be working for a biochemical engineering company in Colorado

What do you like best about OJC?
The relaxed environment and great staff who are always willing to help with anything

What are you involved in at OJC?
Trio, Gaming Club President, ASG

How has TRiO helped?
Allowed me access to scholarship assistance and tutoring I otherwise would have struggled with

What advice do you have for new students?
Don’t get discouraged if a class is difficult consult with your instructor to see what you can do better, never stop trying to improve yourself and keep studying.

October 2018

TRIO Student Support Services

Upcoming Events

10/2 Transfer Tour @ Adam State

10/18 Escape Room @ Colorado Springs

10/22 Spring Registration Begins

10/31 Halloween

TRIO Hours

Monday– Thursday
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Friday
7:30 AM—4:30 PM
Meet Maria Martin Del Campo
Student Spotlight

Where are you from?
I was born in California, but I was raised in Aurora, Colorado.

Tell us about your family…i.e. are you the oldest/youngest? The first to go to school?
I am a first generation college student and will be the first nurse of the family! I’m number 2 of 7 children, 5 girls (including me and 2 boys). In short words having that many siblings is crazy! Each day is NEVER the same. With so many different personalities in one house you can learn so much and be involved in so much because everyone has different interests and likes to do different things. We are all very close and supportive of one another. I would never choose to not have that many siblings, but the worst thing about it is that there’s really no sense of personal space, privacy or personal belongings. Things always get snatched or “barrowed” and investigating who took it? Well you have to ask 7 different people. If you buy a snack well you better have bought 6 other snacks too!

What degree are you pursuing?
I am working towards my associates of nursing. Currently in my last year of the nursing program.

If you are transferring, where?
I do plan on pursuing a BSN, but in a few years. After i’m done here i plan to move out of my house and work then go back to school later. I need a break!

What do you hope to be doing in 5 years?
In five years I hope to be traveling using my job. I want to be a missionary nurse and help undeveloped countries or areas in crisis.

What do you like best about OJC?
OJC is small and calm. Less people means your teachers can focus on you individually. Also the people i’ve met here are some of my best friends now!

What are you involved in at OJC?
As nursing student, I literally have no life. I am excluded from a lot of activities and clubs because of my schedule and I spend most of my time studying.

How has TRiO helped?
Trio has offered me a great support system. James Lopez, Christina Mackie and Alexa Cihura have are not only great advisors but great friends. I can be open with them about any struggles and they always have the best advice. What advice do you have for new students? Change is inevitable, don’t expect things to stay the same. You will lose friends, gain friends, find new interests, ditch old ones. If changes aren’t happening then you aren’t moving forward. It can be scary but just remember to enjoy the journey.
**Escape Room– October 18th**

**Escape the Place in Colorado Springs** is an interactive and immersive escape room experience that will challenge your team both physically and mentally. With the clock ticking, you and your team will work together to find clues, solve puzzles, and make a getaway before time runs out.

Weather your racing to deactivate a nuclear device or waking up trapped after a hard night partying, each room presents a unique story and exciting challenge.

Even MacGyver couldn’t take on an Escape the Place puzzle alone. It takes strength in numbers and keen communication skills to unravel the mystery and make your way out.

The adrenaline is cranked up by giving you just one hour to spare your team from inevitable doom. Find out how well you can think with the clock tick, tick, ticking.

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**Adam State Transfer Tour**

**October 2nd** James Lopez will be taking students to **Adam State University** to get a tour of the campus. There are still a couple of spaces available for this transfer tour, stop by and talk to James if you are interested in attending.

If you are looking to transfer but don’t know where, or maybe you are considering multiple different schools. Stop by and talk to James Lopez to schedule a Transfer Tour.

Don’t know what a Transfer Tour is? James takes students to Universities in Colorado so that students are able to get a tour of the campus allowing them to experience what the University has to offer. All expenses are on TRiO including transportation and meals. We are here to help your transition from a two year college to a four year University be as smooth as possible, so take advantage of this great opportunity!

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**TRiO**

TRiO is an extra support system intended to help students be successful throughout their college career. TRiO offers many services including;

- Academic Advising
- Tutoring
- Transfer Advisement
- Workshops
- Cultural Events
- Career Advising
- Financial Aid Advising
- Personal Counseling
- And More...

There are **three qualifications** that will allow you to be part of the TRiO program.

**First generation** (meaning your parents did NOT earn a 4 year degree)

**Pell Grant Eligible**

**Documented Physical or Learning Disabilities**

All of the services provided by TRiO are **FREE** to students. Stop by or contact us to see if you qualify, space is limited.
Spring Registration
(Early Registration)
October 22 @ 8:00AM
Classes fill up quickly, so meet with your advisor to get the classes you want at the times that fit your schedule best. See a TRiO advisor to get registered ASAP.

Reminder: Your bill must be at or below $200 in order to register for the spring semester. If you have questions about how to get your bill below $200 contact your TRiO advisor to go over the options that you have to pay for college.

Graduation Action Plan (GAP)

Every Semester each student needs to meet with a TRIO advisor to update your Graduation Action Plan. This is a very quick and easy process that only takes 5 minutes. What students will do during this time includes:

- Make a plan
- Set a goal
- Write it down
- Achieve it!

If you haven’t stopped by yet to complete your semester goal, please see your advisor before September 28th.

Foodie Friday

Did you know Foodie Friday happens every Friday in TRIO? Students and staff bring a dish to TRIO so that we can all enjoy a home cooked meal. All TRIO students are welcome to stop by, sign in, and grab a plate of food. Students can hang out and eat in the TRIO area or take their food with them to class. This is a great opportunity to try out that new recipe you found while learning how to cook, plan, be resourceful, and work with others to organize a meal for large groups. When students sign in, this event will count as a workshop. If you are interested in participating in Foodie Friday or have any questions please contact a TRIO advisor.
Cultural Events

Every year TRIO takes qualifying students on cultural event trips. Last year was a lot of fun and we want this year to be a lot of fun as well. Stop by soon to let us know where you would like to go this year.

So far this year...we have taken a trip to The Royal Gorge, had an Etiquette dinner at La Petit Chablis. Next, we are taking students to an Escape Room and an Etiquette Dinner at an Italian Restaurant.

*In school, you’re taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you’re given a test that teaches you a lesson.*

– Tom Bodett
Fall Sports
- Volleyball
- Rodeo
- Soccer
- Softball
- Baseball
- Golf

Talk to a TRiO advisor to find out dates and locations for sporting events.

Other Activities on Campus

1st Annual Resident Engagement Auction
October 1st @ 6:00 PM Rattler Den

IRO Lunch and Learn China
October 4 @ 12:00 PM Learning Commons

Discovery Days
October 11 @ 8:00 AM Ed Stafford Theater– HUM

Dodge, Landgren, Simpson OJC Student Act Exhibition
October 1-12 @ 6:00 PM Student Center OJC Gallery

Dodge, Landgren, Simpson OJC Student Act Exhibition Reception
October 5 @ 6:00 PM Student Center OJC Gallery

Contact TRiO

If you or a friend are interested in signing up for TRiO please stop by our office located in the Learning Commons or contact a TRiO advisor to see if you qualify.

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