

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

A Federally Funded Trio Program at Arkansas Tech University

Check out our stats

**78% capacity in
Teacher Prep SSS;
aim to meet 100% in
fall 2021**

**44% on Dean's List
20% earned a 4.0 GPA.**

*Includes regular and Teacher Prep SSS programs

**96% Retention and
74% Graduation Rate**

*Includes regular SSS program only; data not yet available for Teacher Prep SSS program.

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Surpassing Goals for Teacher Prep SSS

Building a new program from the ground-up during a global pandemic presents major challenges. With the addition of two new staff members last fall, we hit the ground running in January to establish relationships with College of Education faculty. The faculty welcomed us into their virtual classrooms openly and were a great support in encouraging students to apply to our Teacher Prep program.

New TRIO programs must meet seventy-five percent of their participant objective in the first year. As we crossed the one-year mark, we met 78% (109 out of 140 students admitted). Recruiting students in a virtual environment is challenging, but we're surpassing goals!



Let's Go Higher

When our students persist to reach their goal of attaining a bachelor's degree, we know we've done our work; but our students are reaching higher and making headlines. **Christi Butte** was recognized as the Top Health Information Management student. **Carmen Quain** has been named a Tech Tradition Keeper. **Allicen Fight** and **Lesly Mendez** were elected to the Student Government Association executive board. Several of our participants were honored by the Black Faculty & Staff Organization for academic excellence, including: **Kylee Augustine**, **Tashalla Gomillion**, **Kalon Palmer**, **Jaley Miller**, **Leah Profit**, **Da'Shayla Tabron**, and **Zariya Williams**. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Hospitality Administration awarded **Cannon Cobb** as one of its best and brightest. Our students continue to beat the odds against them toward college success.

Growing Demand for Resources

Although many classes were offered online and physical gatherings were limited, our computer lab and study rooms remained occupied by students this spring semester. Demand for our physical resources has skyrocketed with the growth of our TPSSS program. We continue to add new technology and study materials to our office to ensure students always have access to great tools and resources. We are preparing for increased demand with the upcoming return to campus full-time this fall.

