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Local programs for high school students host National TRIO Day event

Three TRIO Upward Bound Programs in San Antonio will celebrate National TRIO Day on Feb. 25 from 8:30 a.m. - noon by hosting a collaborative event at Café College. Upward Bound participants and their parents will receive free resources to prepare their 2011 taxes, complete financial aid forms, and attend college readiness workshops.

As participants in the TRIO Upward Bound Programs at San Antonio College and Palo Alto College and the TRIO Upward Bound Math-Science Program from San Antonio College, students and parents will have access to workshops with such topics as Career Exploration, Financial Aid 101, and Preparing for College, as well as free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) support services.

The private event is open to TRIO Upward Bound participants. The event coincides with Student Aid Saturdays held at Café College, a public event that provides free services to any student who needs to complete a FAFSA form for financial assistance.

National TRIO Day was established by the U.S. Congress in 1986 to focus the nation's attention on the needs of disadvantaged young people. The Federal TRIO Programs provide resources to disadvantaged individuals that support academic achievement to increase retention rates that will ultimately lead to graduation or transfer to a four-year educational institution. TRIO Upward Bound, one of eight TRIO programs, provides fundamental support for students preparing for college entrance and provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. The program serves low-income students and students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree.

Palo Alto College and San Antonio College are two of the Alamo Colleges. They award associate degrees and short-term certificates and offer non-credit continuing education classes. For more information, visit alamo.edu.

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