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LCC STUDENTS AWARDED OVER \$34,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

(Lamar, Colorado; February 15, 2010) Lamar Community College and the college's Learning Support Services team hosted 35 TRiO students and their families for a scholarship award ceremony on February 10th. The event recognized students for their academic achievements, progress in achieving their degrees, and their participation and utilization of campus TRiO services. Each TRiO student received a \$970.00 grant for the spring semester.

Under the umbrella of Learning Support Services, the LCC TRiO program is a federally-funded student support services program that has been in place at the college since 1984. TRiO's mission is to be the primary academic and personal support system for first-generation, low income, and disabled students. Each year, the team identifies 160 students to participate in the program. Its students have an opportunity to receive academic advising, tutoring, and workshops (study skills, note taking, test anxiety, resume writing) that will assist them as they pursue their education and ultimately enrich their professional and personal lives. In addition to these academic support opportunities, every TRiO student can attend exciting cultural/enrichment activities throughout Colorado free of charge. Activities include trips to concerts, plays, and museums.

TRiO programs are funded by the US Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education through competitive grant processes and authorized in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. LCC's current grant was funded for approximately \$243,000 per year for four years. With revised legislation in place, all new TRiO grants will be funded for five years. LCC submitted a proposal for continued funding this fall and expects confirmation this spring.

The LCC Learning Support Services/TRiO team includes Robert Vazquez, tutor coordinator; Berna Griego, transfer coordinator; Joshua Quick, resource counselor; Maggie O'Neal, administrative assistant; and Kett Winsor, director.

LSS team members are available to assist any LCC student or those considering entering college. Learning Support Services is centrally located on campus in the lower level of the Bowman Building. For more information, please contact Kett Winsor at 719.336.1537 or learning.support@lamarcc.edu.

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