

Philosophy & Goals

RIT TRiO Student Support Services

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In the RIT TRiO Student Support Services, we believe that the whole person needs to make a commitment to their education. We further believe that the purpose of this education is to give each person the chance to grow and discover their unique potential. To this end, the members of the TRiO Student Support Services (staff and students) have committed themselves to the following goals.

- To provide a supportive atmosphere for the students in TRiO Student Support Services, with the end result that they become fully integrated into the educational system in order to accomplish their goals.
- To encourage and promote academic excellence by teaching students how to learn.
- To encourage each other to tap our creative energies and discover hidden talents.
- To foster a sense of self-sufficiency and pride.
- To do our best in each task undertaken.
- To encourage a sense of community.
- To work to find a balance between our work and personal lives and to live these dimensions in an integrated fashion.
- To acknowledge and recognize the fortitude, perseverance and courage demonstrated to define and meet goals.
- To grow in the realization that the dynamics of self-actualization are both mutual and reciprocal.
- To acknowledge that each person and his or her efforts are special.
- To acquire and keep peace of mind.
- To keep perspective on priorities and not let any force destroy my goals or dreams.

Set your goals clearly and firmly. Know what you want to achieve and own those goals as your own.

Understand all the steps involved in achieving those goals. If the goal is important enough to you, take the time to plan well.

Capture the dream and hold on to it. Don't let your activity become meaningless; stay excited.

Crystallize your thinking. Keep your thoughts fresh and focused.

Expect excellence from yourself in all that you do.

Stand firm in the face of discouragement or failure.

See your role in the "bigger picture."