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Triton College SEED Program Provides Students with Alternative Learning Opportunities



The SEED graduates included (from left to right) Tavarion Mc Cregg, Tyrike Jenkins, Alexander Cabrera Ramos, Rachel Gaskill, Crystal Whitehead, Sebastian Cooper, Abigail Solorio and Christopher Solano. (Not pictured) Xavier Stephenson, Emma Ahern, Perla Ojeda and Isabella Garcia.

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College’s Center for Access and Accommodative Services (CAAS) is positively impacting students’ lives by providing diverse learning opportunities. The Skill Enhancement and Employee Development (SEED) Program graduation, held earlier this month, honored 12 students who successfully completed the program.

Graduate Crystal Whitehead of Northlake, Ill., said she was able to overcome many obstacles throughout her journey, especially learning how to take the bus to campus by herself.

“This program really helped her get out of her shell,” said Whitehead’s mother, Cynthia Lorenca. “She was able to prepare for school on her own, as well as take public transportation and attend classes.”

Whitehead hopes to pursue a career in graphic design and encourages others to follow their dreams.

“It feels really bittersweet to graduate,” she said. “Work hard and it will pay off.”

“The SEED Program provides encouragement in a welcoming environment,” added Dominique Dial, director of CAAS. “Our program imparts exposure to a college campus, as well as college courses. Their work skills develop immensely.”

The SEED Program allows greater face-to-face instruction, according to Dial, and provides employment skills such as professionalism, financial management, social communication, coping skills, job expectations and resume writing. Students have classroom instructions with lectures and hands-on, practical activities. Dial feels the longer campus employment experience better prepares the students for their community employment.

CAAS provides tools for all Triton students, including the Otter software. Otter records lectures that provide a transcript to help students study.

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Triton College is a two-year college dedicated to helping members of the 25 Western Cook County communities in our district and beyond to achieve educational, professional and personal success. Located in River Grove, Ill., Triton offers more than 120 degree and certificate programs on its 110-acre campus, featuring a comfortable, friendly and diverse atmosphere. Triton also holds classes at satellite locations and offers online learning opportunities. Triton’s dedicated faculty and staff work to provide high quality, convenient and affordable educational opportunities to more than 14,000 students each year. Triton College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more at <http://www.triton.edu/>.