MONTGOMERY COLLEGE TRIO- EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

Building Your Foundation to Success Through Education

WHAT IS THE TRIO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

- Funded by the US Department of Education under Title IV of the Higher Education Act.
- **▶**1972 Initial funding of EOC
- >2002 Funding of EOC program at Montgomery College



WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

The purpose of EOC is to increase the number of low-income and/or first generation adults enrolling in postsecondary institutions.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Montgomery County Residents

Who are interested in Postsecondary education

- >Adults (19 and older)
- Youth (high school seniors and dropouts)
- >US Citizens/Permanent residents
- ➤ Non—citizens eligible for Federal Student Aid
- ➤ Granted refugee or asylum status with documents.



HOW DO WE HELP?

We provide one-on-one and group assistance in the following areas in English and Spanish:

- > Admissions Counseling
- Financial Aid Counseling and FAFSA Application assistance
- **▶** Scholarship search assistance
- > Free GED Practice test and GED Counseling



Services are offered virtually or in person

MORE WAYS WE HELP

EOC also provides one-on-one and group assistance in the following areas in English and Spanish:

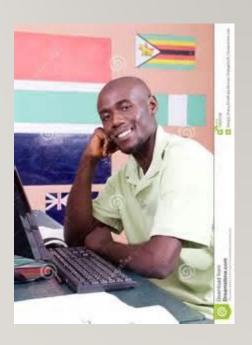
- >Academic Advising
- **▶** Career Counseling
- > Financial Literacy and advising

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ADMISSIONS COUNSELING

- Postsecondary options
- Postsecondary degree information
- College and university choices
- Admissions criteria
- Admissions process
- Application fee waivers (must be low-income)



FINANCIAL AID COUNSELING

- Understanding financial aid, it's purpose and process
- Assisting with financial aid applications- federal, state and institutional
- Identifying sources of aid
- Scholarship search and application completion assistance
- Counseling on how to resolve financial aid issues

SECONDARY EDUCATION

- **▶** Official Practice GED Test
- **▶GED** Preparation referrals
- >GED test fee waivers
- ► MCPL Career Online High School



ACADEMIC ADVISING

- Provide general guidance about degree requirements and course selection.
- ▶Inform and educate on postsecondary term
- ▶ Choosing a major



CAREER ADVISING

- **➤**Offer career inventory assessments
- > Resume review assistance
- >Interview preparation assistance
- Choosing a training/education program



FINANCIAL LITERACY

Provide information-

- Postsecondary loan defaults counseling
- Loan forgiveness/cancelling counseling
- Consumer credit concerns
- > Referral to free income tax assistance
- Referral to free budgeting and money management programs





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