e TRIO and GEAR UP programs' TRIO Day celebration was a major success! anks to everyone who assisted with the celebration. Each TRIO and GEAR UP program made it possible to showcase its signi cance, share the importance of the students, and thank the community and university personnel.

During this special time, the accomplishments of the individuals who have worked to meet their goals, hopes and dreams, and who sacri ced short-term gains, were celebrated. e honorees may be: rst generation, limited income families, have a disability, in foster care, a returning adult student, or in the military. e programs are proud of their phenomenal accomplishments.

Major gratitude to each of the Building Bridges honorees for their excellent remarks about the programs, their successes and accomplishments. ey made the celebration and helped the sta members feel great about their commitments in what they do and how they do what they do. Program sta members continue to be pleased that the honorees graduated from the programs, went on to college, accomplished a successful career, and are happy about what life has produced for them. Special acknowledgement was made to three former TRIO participants for their participation in the Students Support Services program.

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