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Dear PA TRIO Colleagues:

We are pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 PA TRIO Achiever. We hope you will take the time to recognize and honor the tremendous achievements of our distinguished TRIO graduates.

To be considered as a PA TRIO Achiever, a nominee:

- Must be a former TRIO project participant who enrolled in and successfully completed a TRIO Program in Pennsylvania.
- Must have enrolled in and successfully completed a postsecondary program of study resulting in a baccalaureate or terminal degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
- Must be a person of high stature within his/her profession or a person who has received recognition for academic achievement.
- Should be employed above the entry level designation for his/her profession, enrolled in a program for a degree above the baccalaureate degree, have done one or both of the previous items, or have retired.
- Should have made significant civic, community, or professional contributions.

In addition, the nominee's participation in the PA TRIO project must have had a significant impact upon the candidate's ability to achieve his/her educational and/or professional objectives. ***Finally, the representing organization of the nominator must be a current PA TRIO member, unless the program is no longer in existence.*** Please note that your nominee does not have to currently reside in Pennsylvania.

To nominate someone for consideration for this year's PA TRIO Achiever, please submit the following:

- Attached Nomination Form
- Letter of nomination from the nominator stating why the nominee should be selected as the PA TRIO Achiever, addressing each selection criteria (*500 words maximum*)
- Nominee's Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Letter from the candidate outlining the impact participation in the TRIO program had on his/her educational and/or professional achievements (*500 words maximum*)

All nomination materials must be submitted electronically to Anne Heinzeroth at ahinzeroth@francis.edu by ***Friday, February 19th***. A PA TRIO Achiever will be selected by the Membership Committee; both the nominator and TRIO Achiever will be notified by Friday, March 4th. The award presentation will take place on Tuesday, April 19th during the 40th annual MEAEOPP annual conference at the Wyndham Gettysburg in historic Gettysburg, PA. The PA TRIO Executive Board encourages the PA TRIO Achiever to be present to accept his/her plaque and give a brief acceptance speech. A stipend of up to \$450 is awarded to defray the Achiever's travel expenses.

Thank you for taking the time to nominate your alumni for this honor!

Sincerely,

PA TRIO Membership Committee