



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

Whereas, TRIO, a collection of federally funded programs designated to prepare low-income and first-generation students (students from families whose parents do not have a four-year college degree) for college success, was founded in 1964; and

Whereas, TRIO refers to the first three programs of this nature that fell under the Higher Education Amendments of 1968, Upward Bound, Talent Search, and a program now known as Student Support Services; and

Whereas, the TRIO programs, with the help of students, staff, and community members, has grown to eight programs that help students seek higher education; and

Whereas, the TRIO programs provide opportunities and access to services to assist students of all academic journeys by adding a second TRIO grant to better serve the STEM student population of Colorado Mesa University. Both programs, TRIO STEM and TRIO Regular, provide resources pertinent to academic success; and

Whereas, the TRIO Student Support Services Programs at Colorado Mesa University served more than 195 students in the 2020-2021 school year with 86% returning to continue their education; and

Whereas, National TRIO Day is a day to celebrate its positive impact on local communities and the nation, to reflect on the importance of education, and a time to act to protect further access to higher education.

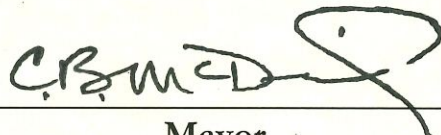
NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.B. McDaniel, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim February 27, 2022 as

"National TRIO Day"

in the City of Grand Junction and urge all the citizens of the City to turn their attention to and increase awareness of the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 16th day of February 2022.





Mayor