

October 2023

Meet the Staff

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**Wanda Wood
Student Services Specialists**

**Tina Clapper,
Admin Asst/Data Manager**

**MaryAnn Sharp,
Data Specialist**

**Warrington
Campus**

**Obi Kalu,
Student Services Specialists**

**Tashara Cooper,
Admin Asst.**

**Milton
Campus**

**Robin Giacin,
Student Services Specialist**

**Susan Williams,
Admin Asst.**



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The TRIO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) closed out FY 2022 on August 31, 2023. The program had a slow start with achieving our Grant Funded to Serve Numbers and meeting Grant Objectives. Nevertheless, thanks to the hard-working staff members of the EOC, the Fiscal Year concluded with a tremendous finish! The EOC staff worked tirelessly with assisting students with admissions and financial aid applications (FAFSA). Staff continued to reach out to the community by attending outreach events to get the word out about services provided by the Educational Opportunity Center. The EOC Specialists, along with support staff, continued outreach efforts via email, phone call and in person visits.

EOC PROJECT OBJECTIVES FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2022/2023

<u>Objective</u>	<u>Goal to Meet</u>	<u>Finish</u>
Funded to Serve	1,456	101% (exceeded)
Eligibility Criteria	65%	66% (exceeded)
Secondary School Diploma	70%	99% (exceeded)
Financial Aid Applications	85%	94% (exceeded)

Grant Funding Awarded for FY 2023/2024!

CONGRATULATIONS, EOC!

Job Well Done!

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

I hope everyone who is currently enrolled in classes has had a fantastic start to their fall semester and for anyone who is looking to pursue a post-secondary education but is not sure where to start we can help! I am immensely proud and grateful for this team. I am excited to share that we concluded the second year of this project strongly by exceeding the required numbers for our objectives. This was a team effort to include a lot of hard work, dedication, and creativity. With the help of Pensacola State College's marketing director, Sheila Nichols, we created a strategic marketing plan that helped us reach further within the community to gain potential clients.

We are also extremely grateful to the many community partners and PSC (Pensacola State College) departments for your daily referrals. We are going into the third year of this grant with the same momentum. Be on the lookout for upcoming announcements regarding workshops our specialists will be providing. You will not want to miss the valuable information they will be sharing!

Best,
Tanya Brashers

DID YOU KNOW?



TRIO EOC AT PSC

Can assist in finding the career
path that is right for you

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Milton Campus – 850.484.4455

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SERVING ALL COLLEGES/TECHNICAL CENTERS

Financial Aid • Admissions • Educational & Career Guidance

WANDA WOOD



By Tina Clapper

Wanda is a Student Services Specialist with the TRIO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) based on the Pensacola Campus. She started working for the EOC in May 2012. Wanda holds a Baccalaureate Degree and Master of Arts Degree in Communication Arts with a concentration in Interpersonal Communication.

Wanda grew up in Northwest Florida, and has four siblings, two sisters and two brothers; she is the second in line. Her family roots go back for many generations in Florida; one of her great, great grandfathers was a county judge. Her mother is a retired elementary school teacher, and her dad (now deceased) worked for the government and played a role in secret missile testing during the Cold War. He was also a school board member in the county she grew up in. Wanda graduated high school as a Florida Regent Scholar and National Beta Scholar. Her parents married at 17 and 18 years of age. Her mom returned to school after having 5 kids, completed adult high school and 4 years of college. As a result, all 5 of her children received a baccalaureate degree, three of them received a master's and one received a Ph.D. Wanda states, "I am a strong advocate for education." Wanda's most rewarding part of her job, "is the feeling that I can make a positive difference in the lives of other people through the opportunities that the EOC provides for me."

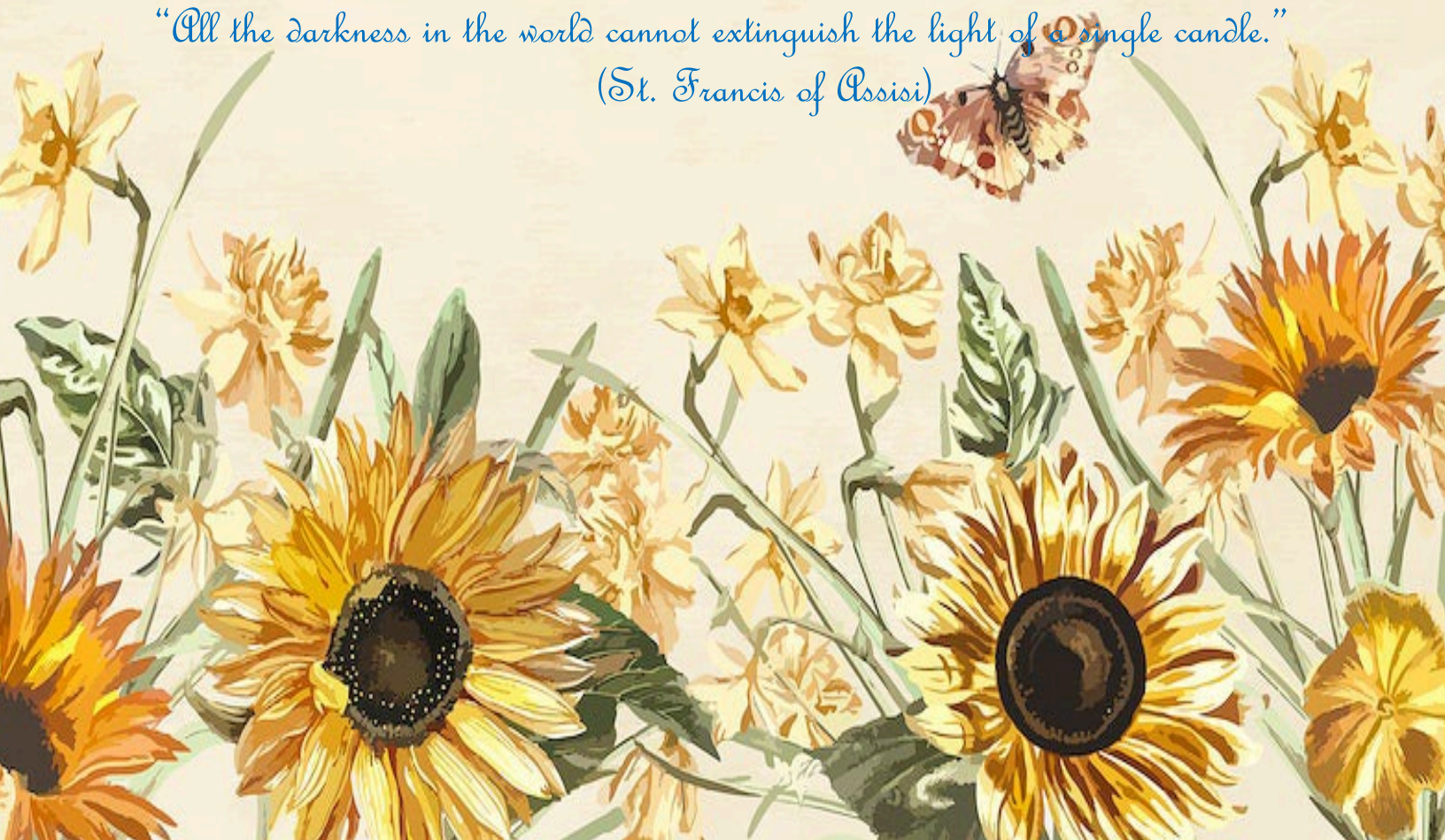
During Wanda's tenure with the EOC, she has built many relationships with students. These students come back to the office just to share their successes with Wanda or even just to say hi and see how she is doing. When I asked Wanda if there were one or two students that she would like to share something about, she shared the following:

Robert C. is a former student whose lifelong dream had been to attend the University of Florida and play Gator football. However, life circumstances initially got in the way of his dream. During his two years at PSC, I worked with him and then assisted him with applying to UF. Not only was he accepted to UF, he tried out for Gator football as a walk-on and was accepted as a member of the team. He returned to Pensacola after his UF graduation, and we still stay in touch regularly.

Ravon C. is another remarkable PSC graduate. At first, she had planned to join the military instead of attending college but changed her mind and enrolled. Ravon worked very hard and made excellent grades at PSC. Upon graduation, she was accepted at Howard University in Washington, D. C., where she also excelled. She has recently moved back to Pensacola and is in the process of enrolling in the Graduate School of Psychology at UWF. She hopes to eventually receive a Ph.D. in clinical counseling after earning her master's degree.

"I believe that everyone has a purpose for "being," and I believe that purpose is tied in to serving humanity in some way or another. I believe my purpose is to inspire people and to give them hope. I am grateful for the opportunity my position in the EOC affords me to fulfill that purpose because there are so many talented people who just need some encouragement and someone to believe in them in order to go out and do great things." Wanda Wood

*"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."
(St. Francis of Assisi)*



Pensacola EOC




By Tina Clapper



Tanya Brashers is busy with outreach activities to keep our Veterans informed on how the EOC can assist them with their college endeavors.

PACT ACT VA Veteran's Resource Fair at the Joint Ambulatory Care Clinic VA Pensacola. 

Coffee with a Vet outreach event held at the Coffee Guy. 

Annual GCVAC Homeless Veteran Stand Down. 

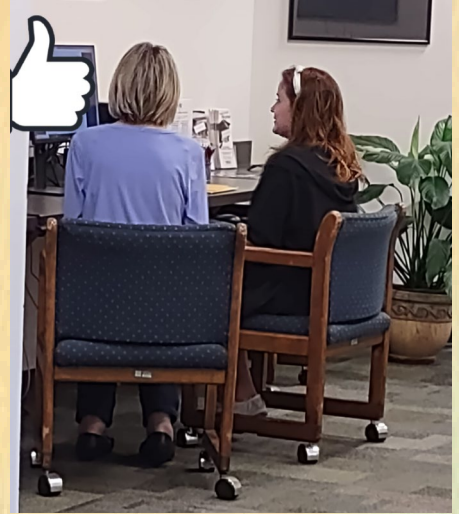




EOC Specialists, Wanda Wood and Angela Anderson, represented the EOC well at the Pensacola State College "College Fair 2023". Lots of takeaways for this year's participants.



Wanda Wood assisting an EOC client with setting up her Workday portal and applying for scholarships.



Angela Anderson representing the TRIO EOC at the Real Change Escambia hosted by the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Pensacola to focus on opioid addiction education and resources available in the community.



Milton EOC

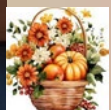
By Susan Williams



The Milton EOC Office has been busy with outreach events. We participated at the Milton Campus Open House, Milton Campus College Fair and the Escarosa Employment Fair. Robin was invited to speak at the Santa Rosa County Take Stock in Children Event and at the Jay High School Senior Parent Night.



The Milton EOC Office has been busy promoting the work study program. Here are a couple of our students!



PTK is collecting various items for the Homeless Veterans! There are collection boxes on all campuses! The Milton EOC Office has a collection box and it is overflowing with items!

Items Needed:

Hats, scarves, gloves,
afghans, socks,
blankets, lapghans,
health items,
Handwarmers,
games, and puzzles

Christmas Cards:

Always need loads of these! Please send a greeting to a veteran, but do not seal the envelopes!

Pensacola State College Sponsors and Drop Off Locations:

<p>Milton Campus:</p> <p>Campus Veterans Office (4200)</p> <p>Campus Library (4400)</p> <p>Campus Gym (4000)</p> <p>Trio Office (4200)</p>	<p>Pensacola Campus:</p> <p>Veterans Student Success Ctr. Bldg. 6-Room 659</p> <p>Edward M. Chadbourne Library</p>
<p>Warrington Campus:</p> <p>Warrington Library/Computer Lab</p>	<p>Santa Rosa Campus:</p> <p>Student Lounge</p>





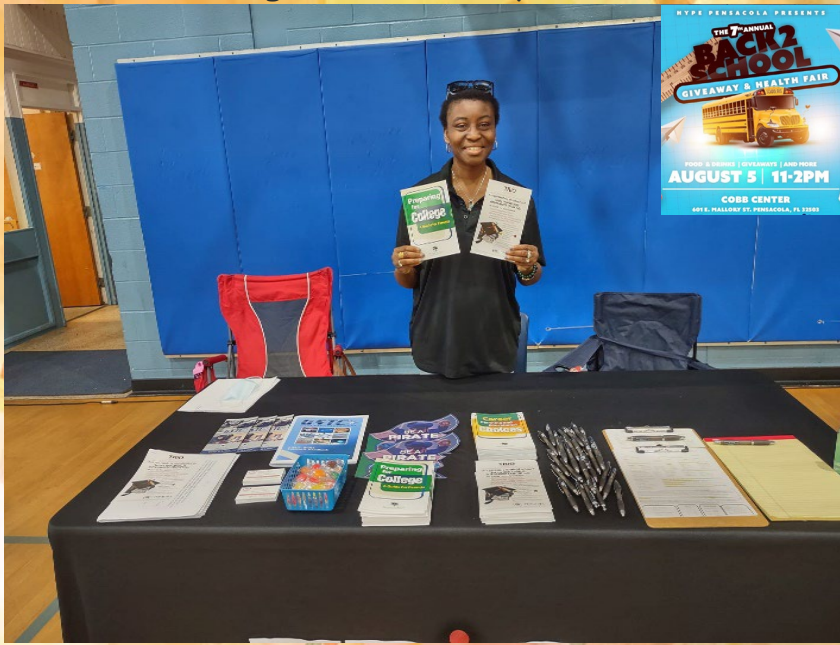
Warrington EOC



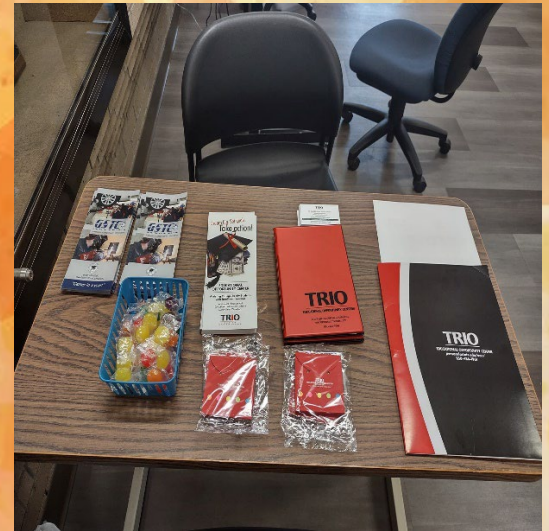
By Tashara Cooper



The EOC Warrington office supports and participates with local, community, and on campus events, organizations, schools, other college outreach, and military and veteran related events. Here is what Warrington EOC has been up to recently with some pictures and we have been able to help students decided on a college to attend and get them ready for success.



Great event and turn out! Over 600 school bags to give away and over 10 resource tables with education and health information. Over 50 adults/parents expressed interest in educational info and/or GED.



Pirate Path at PSC-Warrington Campus today! Admissions, Advising, and resources tables available. EOC at Warrington provided on the spot services and info to those in attendance that needed it.

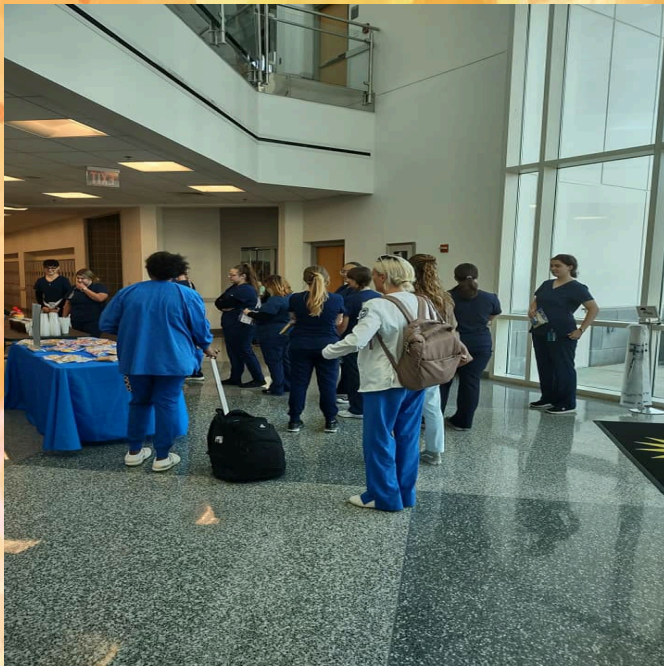


Starting off this new month with some outreach at George Stone Technical College.





Sharing information to over 40 individuals about our FREE services and educational information with the PSC Charter Academy at Warrington! Awesome group!



Welcome back week coffee and snacks on the Warrington Campus! EOC enjoyed helping with this event and gathering students to visit the area.



Finding the EOC at the PSC-Warrington Campus at 5555 US-98, Pensacola Florida, 32507 should be easier now! Look for the red and black feather flag outside building 3600/Student Center.



Happy 75th birthday Pensacola State College! The Educational Opportunity Center (TRIO)-Pensacola is SO proud of all the great programs available, accomplishments, and continued progress. Some celebratory pics!

FAFSA CHANGES!

The 2024/25 FAFSA has some changes coming.

The opening date will be in December and NOT October like before.



A large pink ribbon is tied in a loop on the left side of the image. The background is white with large, textured pink brushstrokes that sweep across the top and right sides.

OCTOBER Breast CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**susan g.
komen.** 

<https://www.komen.org>

1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. That's one person every 2 minutes in the U.S.

The two most common risk factors of breast cancer are **being born female** and **getting older**.

In 2022, it is estimated that nearly 44,000 people in the U.S. will **die from breast cancer**.

The future
belongs to
those who
believe in
the beauty
of their
dreams.

**DON'T LET
YESTERDAY**

TAKE UP TOO MUCH OF

TODAY



WHEN YOU
CAN'T FIND THE
SUNSHINE,
BE THE
SUNSHINE



THE SECRET TO
SUCCESS IS TO
KNOW THAT
YOU'RE NOT
DONE
LEARNING

**NEVER STOP
LEARNING,
BECAUSE LIFE
NEVER STOPS
TEACHING.**

**Dream
big, work
hard, and
make it
happen.**

Success is
not for the
chosen few;
it's for those
who are
willing to
work for it.

**SUCCESS IS THE
SUM OF SMALL
EFFORTS,
REPEATED DAY IN
AND DAY OUT.**

Trust your
effort, you
are opening
a door that
you still do
not see