



# TRIO Student Support Services

# Meet Our Team



Loretta Wahl  
Associate Dean/Director



Erika Gonzalez Orona  
Scholar Advisor



Taylor Montgomery  
Scholar Advisor

# Agenda

- Defining TRIO
- Our Program Model
- Theoretical Framework
- How We Get Results
- Program Model Outcome

# What is TRIO?

- Federally-funded programs established by the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase college access and graduation among limited income individuals.
- Referred to as TRIO Programs (initially just three programs).



# The TRIO Pipeline

- (1964) Upward Bound
  - (1965) Talent Search
  - (1968) Student Support Services
  - (1972) EOC and Veterans UB
  - (1976) TRIO Training
  - (1986) Ronald E. McNair
  - (1990) Upward Bound Math Science
- 
- *The legislative requirements for all Federal TRIO Programs can be found in the Higher Education Act of 1965, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 2*

# TRIO SSS at MSU Denver

---

We are a structured holistic student development program that supports students' academic, professional, and personal success through graduation and beyond.



# Who Do We Serve?

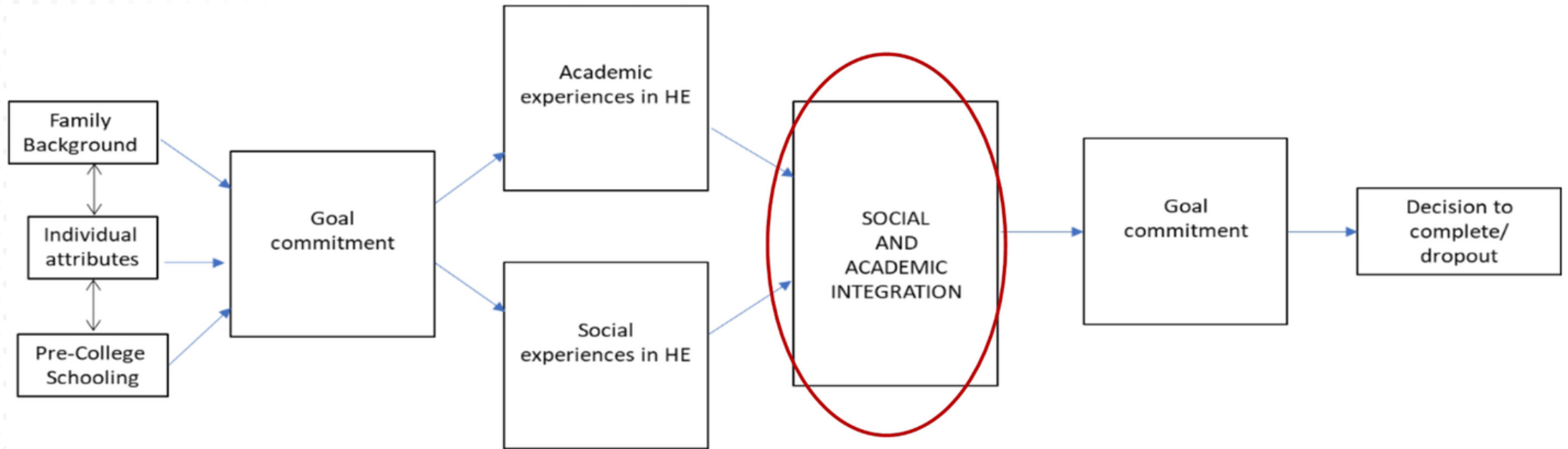
We serve students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents with an academic need and who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- neither parent graduated from a four-year college
- from limited income household (determined by Federal TRIO program income guidelines)
- have a documented disability on file with the Access Center

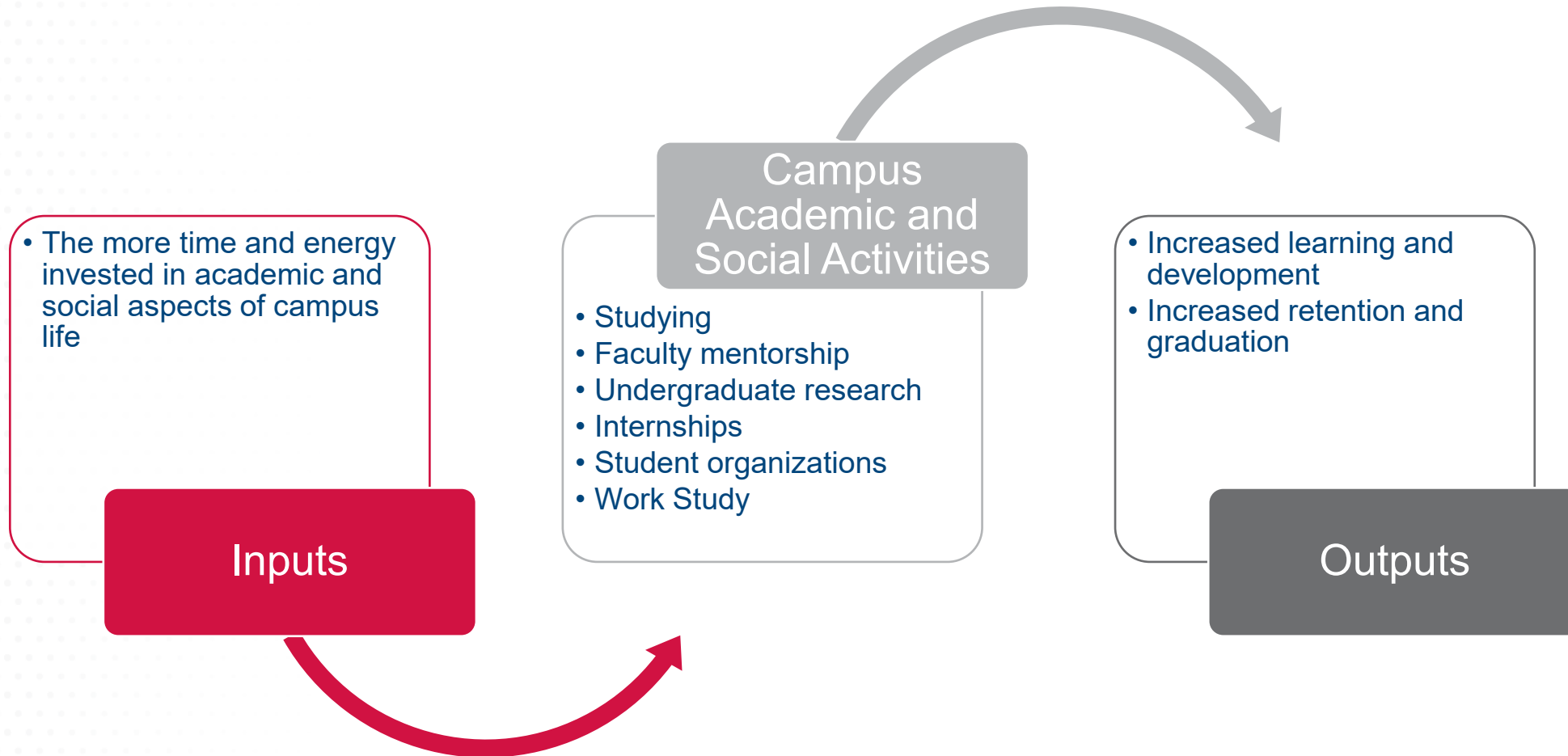
# *Theory to Practice*



# Tinto's Student Departure Theory



# Astin's Involvement Theory



# Schlossberg's Marginality & Mattering

Marginality - Feelings of marginality often occur when individuals are on the edge or periphery of a particular group, system, or social structures or take on new roles, especially when uncertain about what the new role entails

- A sense of not fitting in can lead to self-consciousness, irritability, and depression
- When individuals feel **marginalized**, they worry if they **matter** to anyone.

# Schlossberg's Marginality & Mattering

## Mattering

Our belief, whether right or wrong, that we matter to someone else

# Schlossberg's Marginality & Mattering

## Five Aspects of Mattering

- **Attention:** feeling noticed
- **Importance:** believing that one is cared about
- **Ego Extension:** feeling that someone will be proud of what one does or will sympathize with one's failure
- **Dependence:** feeling of being needed
- **Appreciation:** feeling that others appreciate one's efforts

# Rendon's Validation Theory

---

Rendon found that students from marginalized backgrounds often expressed concerns about their academic success

---

Validation is "an enabling, confirming and supportive process initiated by in- and ***out-of-class agents that foster academic and interpersonal development***"

# Yosso's Community Cultural Wealth Theory



# 7 Pillars of Our Program



Academic  
Development



Career and  
Graduate School  
readiness



Leadership  
Development



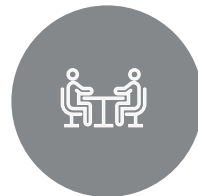
Financial  
Wellness



Community  
Engagement



Campus  
Connections



Individualized  
Support



# Benefits & Opportunities

## Academic Coaching, Advising and Support

- Every community member is paired with a TRIO SSS Advisor who provides supplemental academic advising.

## Peer Mentorship

- Students receive guidance and support from other SSS students on how to succeed at MSU Denver.

## Tutoring and Academic Skill Development

- Free individualized tutoring in math, writing, and college learning strategies.

# Benefits & Opportunities

## Financial Assistance, Planning, and Education

- Members receive assistance in navigating educational funding opportunities by offering support in completing the FAFSA, scholarships, financial planning, and financial literacy.

## In-Demand Career Skills and Graduate School Preparation

- We create pathways for a successful transition from college to a career or a graduate program by identifying and increasing individual strengths and skill sets.

# Benefits & Opportunities

## Connection to Campus Resources

- We bridge our members to students, faculty, and staff to increase their readiness to advance in a career or attend graduate school.

## Cultural Awareness, Understanding, and Appreciation

- We build a sense of community while engaging in cultural events that expand students' views about the difference.

## Computer Lab & Study Lounge

- We offer a comfortable space where our members can focus on their learning outside the classroom.

# #TRIOWorks

88% of our members are in good academic standing

91% Start and Stay at MSU Denver

63% of our members graduate within 6-years

Source: MSU Denver TRIO Student Support Services 2022-2023 Annual Performance Report

**Join Us**

**Fall 2024**

**APPLICATIONS OPEN  
July 15**

**Scan Here to Add Your  
Name to Our Application  
List**

