



Florida TRIO 2023-2025 Board of Directors Nominees

Election Period:
February 13-24, 2023

A portrait of Melissa Rosa-Alvarez, a woman with dark curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark blazer over a patterned top. The background is a solid grey.

VOTE FOR

MELISSA ROSA- ALVAREZ

Treasurer

Melissa Rosa-Alvarez serves as the Project Manager of TRiO Connections for Central Florida. Melissa earned her master's degree in Mental Health Counseling from Nova Southeastern University and has worked in higher education for over 15 years serving in various capacities in Student Services. Melissa began her tenure at Seminole State in 2017, working as the Educational Planner/Outreach Coordinator on the TRiO grant; in 2019, she was promoted to the Project Manager for the grant. Under her leadership, the grant exceeded the U.S. Department of Education's objectives and targets. As a result of her team's performance, the grant was renewed for a second five-year term. The current grant project focuses on adult learners. Melissa completed the Emerging Leadership Institution training in November 2022. As well as represents Florida in regional and national TRiO conferences.

Melissa has developed partnerships with Seminole & Orange County Public School, Orange & Volusia Adult Literacy, Latinos in Action, H.O.P.E. CommUnity Center, the Vet Center, Take Stock in Children in three counties, the Westside Boys & Girls Club, Seminole State's First Generation and Wayne Densch Scholarship Programs, Young Men/Women of Excellences, Adult Education department, and Seminole County Sheriff's department to enhance the academic success of the grant participants; and serves on the FL TRiO as a member of the planning committee.



VOTE FOR

WELMON SPEED

Member-at-Large Central

Welmon retired from NASA after nearly 40 years of service in 2017. He has extensive experience in the engineering and project management arenas. For the next four years he provided math tutoring services part-time for SSS at Eastern Florida State College (EFSC) and the general tutor team at Valencia College (East Campus). He recently was promoted to Assistant Director of the SSS Program at EFSC.

He is committed to providing exemplary leadership with an extremely positive mindset; and attribute his success to God and the role models who inspired and encouraged him by sharing their wisdom and life experiences. He also believes in empowering and motivating others to reach their full potential.

Welmon has been married for 33 years to Jerinae and have two adult children and four grandchildren.

In his spare time, Welmon enjoys scuba diving and traveling with his wife.



VOTE FOR

TYRRI MCCLOUD

Vice-President

Mr. Tyrri McCloud, M.Ed., serves as the Program Grant Director for TRIO Student Support Services at Broward College's North Campus. With a wealth of experience in bureaucratic management and a demonstrated history of working in people management, he possesses a robust acuity for creating, analyzing, and evaluating operational efficacies within educational and non-profit programs. Tyrri is result-driven and enthusiastic, with a keen eye for detail, especially regarding service.

Mr. McCloud, a proud native of Pompano Beach, Florida and graduate of The Blanche Ely High School. Matriculating to attend and graduate from The Illustrious, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science with a Minor in Law. Additionally, earning a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University and a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace Certificate from the University of South Florida – Muma College of Business.

Tyrri is devoted to his career, with over ten years of leadership in pedagogy. His knack for service began over 15 years ago. As a young teenager, Mr. McCloud expressed the need for the Zeta Chi Chapter – Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to have a male mentorship program to service Broward County. As a youth, he persistently voiced and challenged his uncle, Brother Dorsey Miller III, who served as the Basileus of the chapter at that time. Brother Miller III became convinced that the chapter, and the Broward County Community, would be better suited by having an Omega Psi Phi male mentorship program. The Zeta Chi Chapter initiated a Lamplighter Male Mentorship Program in the month and year of January 2008. Tyrri McCloud eventually became a member of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated and served as the chairman of the mentoring program for five years. Other accomplishments include: Being awarded as one of South Florida's 40 Under 40 Black Leaders of Today and Tomorrow by Legacy Magazine, serving as Treasure for The Urban League of Broward County – Young Professionals Network, Florida TRIO Emerging Leaders, 2019 Emerging Leaders for the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 5,000 Role Models of Excellence Charter Member for C. Robert Markham Elementary, and a Former Chairman of Scholarship & Recruitment for The Florida A&M University National Alumni Association – Broward County. Mr. McCloud stands on the shoulders of dynamic TRIO leaders, and peers into a promising future of shifting the paradigm of Florida TRIO as your prospective, servant, Vice-President.