

# TRIO

## MAGAZINE

### Important Dates

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**Feb 4-** Last day to withdraw from first half classes

**Feb 7-** Class schedule available for summer 2022

**Feb 21-** President's Day

**Feb 25-** Last day to reverse CR/ NC option (first half)

**Feb 28-** First half classes end



Feb 2022

## SPRING ADVISING

This semester Luis will be in office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. and remote on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Donna will be in office on Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays. Remote on Mondays and Wednesdays.



## TutorMe

TRIO offers free tutoring through the TutorMe app. Each of you should have already received a link that you can use to get access to TutorMe. If you did not receive it, or need help using TutorMe, please reach out to us.

# A MESSAGE FROM LUIS

Dear TRIO family,

Words will never express how truly grateful I am to have you all in my life. I often refer to folx I work with as students, staff, faculty and campus partners, but really y'all are my brothers, sisters, siblings, cousins, homies, tios, tias, and OG's. Like the family we are, y'all looked out for me, supported me, cared for me unconditionally and I will never forget that. As a first-gen student with limited resources that made it through college, I just wanted to give back. However seeing y'all go hard every day inspired me to return to school and complete a master's degree. Before I knew it I graduated and made a career out of advocating for students like us.

This is why it's especially difficult for me to transition from TRIO. However, the time has come for me to venture out onto a new path and clear the way for others. My dedication to equity in education and access won't stop, and I will continue to build on what TRIO has taught me in my new role as Associate Director of First Ascent Scholars Program. First Ascent serves students in the Eccles School of Business with significant financial need and helps them connect with local and global communities while becoming engaged citizens. Although I am excited to assume this role, I am nervous about being away from the family I've come to know. I will miss you all very much. As of February 14th, I will be in SFEBB 3120G. I hope you'll swing by to visit and best believe I will come back to TRIO often.

And remember, you may be the first but you won't be the last. So don't let up, keep going, and clear the path for those that follow.

Con muchisimo amor,

Luis

# A LETTER TO A LOVED ONE

**This month we celebrate our loved ones, use the space below to write to someone that you think could use a reminder of how important they are to you. It can be a friend, professor, or a family member!**



# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

This month we are celebrating our students Katsumi Ito, Jesus Bernal, Catherina Fisher, David Harrington, Isabel Guiza, Isiah Cambridge, Dylanne Becker, Jorge Martinez, Tamara Chavez, Jordan Garcia, Melissa Aguilar Padilla, Alexia Ortiz, and our Academic Advisor Donna!







**HAPPY  
BIRTH  
DAY!**



# MAXIMIZE YOUR INCOME WITH THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT



## CONNECT TO COLLECT PROGRAM INCREASING FAMILY INCOME

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) helps low- and moderate-income workers and families get a refundable tax credit. The credit depends on your earned income, marital status, and family size.

### EITC Eligibility

- Have earned income
- Have a valid Social Security Number



To see if you qualify for the EITC scan the QR code above or click on the link below.

C2C Hotline (385)465-5172

<https://bit.ly/EITCsurveyc2c>

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# MAXIMICE SUS INGRESOS CON EL CRÉDITO TRIBUTARIO POR INGRESO DEL TRABAJO



## CONNECT TO COLLECT PROGRAM AUMENTAR LOS INGRESOS FAMILIARES

El Crédito Tributario por Ingreso del Trabajo (EITC) ayuda a los trabajadores y familias de ingresos bajos y moderados a obtener un crédito tributario reembolsable. El crédito depende de sus ingresos laborales, estado civil y tamaño de la familia.

### Elegibilidad para EITC

- Tener ingresos ganados
- Tener un número de seguro social válido



Para ver si califica para el EITC, escanee el código QR de arriba o haga clic en el enlace a continuación. Línea directa C2C  
(385)465-5172

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## English Newsletter

### ***Connect to Collect – Helping Individuals and Families Get Access to the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)***

The Connect to Collect (C2C) program is focused on increasing low-income Utahans' receipt of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) by educating individuals about this federal program and linking them to high quality, free tax preparation. Nationally, it is estimated 20% of eligible households do not claim the EITC. Utah participation ranks among the lowest in the country, with 25% of eligible families failing to claim it. This means that many low-income Utah families are missing out on a significant refundable credit. For example, a single parent with 2 dependent children who made \$30,000 in 2021 could claim up to \$3,779 in EITC benefits.

C2C partners with trusted community organizations, such as churches, schools, and health care clinics, on its outreach efforts. C2C has developed an online EITC eligibility tool where individuals can learn how much their EITC benefit might be and where they can get information about how to make an appointment for free tax assistance, via IRS's VITA program. The eligibility screener, available in both English and Spanish) can be found at <https://bit.ly/EITCsurveyc2c>. C2C also supports a hotline (385-465-5172) that trusted community organizations can refer people to if they have questions about the EITC and/or where they can get assistance filing their taxes. If your organization would be interested in sharing C2C electronic or paper flyers with your constituents, please email the C2C program manager, Viridiana Najera ([viridiana.najera@utah.edu](mailto:viridiana.najera@utah.edu)).

Funding for C2C's outreach activities come from the Noorda Foundation and Schmidt Futures' American Dream Challenge. The project is housed in the College of Social and Behavioral Science at the University of Utah. For further information, contact Professors Lori Kowaleski-Jones (email: [lori.kowaleski-jones@fcs.utah.edu](mailto:lori.kowaleski-jones@fcs.utah.edu)) or Norman Waitzman ([waitzman@economics.utah.edu](mailto:waitzman@economics.utah.edu)).

## Spanish Newsletter

### **Connect to Collect: ayuda a las personas y las familias a obtener acceso al Crédito Tributario por Ingreso del Trabajo (EITC)**

El programa Connect to Collect (C2C) se centra en aumentar la recepción del Crédito Tributario por Ingreso del Trabajo (EITC) por parte de los habitantes de Utah de bajos ingresos al educar a las personas sobre este programa federal y vincularlas con una preparación de impuestos gratuita y de alta calidad. A nivel nacional, se estima que el 20% de los hogares elegibles no reclaman el EITC. La participación de Utah se encuentra entre las más bajas del país, con el 25% de las familias elegibles que no la reclaman. Esto significa que muchas familias de Utah de bajos ingresos están perdiendo un crédito reembolsable significativo. Por ejemplo, un padre soltero con 2 hijos dependientes que ganó \$ 30,000 en 2021 podría reclamar hasta \$ 3,779 en beneficios EITC.

C2C se asocia con organizaciones comunitarias confiables, como iglesias, escuelas y clínicas de atención médica, en sus esfuerzos de divulgación. C2C ha desarrollado una herramienta de elegibilidad del EITC en línea donde las personas pueden saber cuánto podría ser su beneficio del EITC y dónde pueden obtener información sobre cómo programar una cita para recibir asistencia tributaria gratuita, a través del programa VITA del IRS. El evaluador de



elegibilidad, disponible tanto en inglés como en español) se puede encontrar en: <https://bit.ly/EITCsurveyc2c> . C2C también admite una línea directa (385-465-5172) a la que las organizaciones comunitarias de confianza pueden referir a las personas si tienen preguntas sobre el EITC y / o dónde pueden obtener ayuda para presentar sus impuestos. Si su organización estaría interesada en compartir volantes electrónicos o impresos de C2C con sus electores, envíe un correo electrónico a la gerente del programa C2C, Viridiana Najera ([viridiana.najera@utah.edu](mailto:viridiana.najera@utah.edu)).

Los fondos para las actividades de divulgación de C2C provienen de la Fundación Noorda y el Desafío del Sueño Americano de Schmidt Futures. El proyecto se encuentra en la Facultad de Ciencias Sociales y del Comportamiento de la Universidad de Utah. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con los profesores Lori Kowaleski-Jones (correo electrónico: [lori.kowaleski-jones@fcs.utah.edu](mailto:lori.kowaleski-jones@fcs.utah.edu)) o Norman Waitzman ([waitzman@economics.utah.edu](mailto:waitzman@economics.utah.edu)).





# Visiting us

We are located in the Union Building. The entrance to our space is on the basement level directly across from the Student Services Building. In order to reduce risk for Covid 19 spread, please pay special attention to university updates. We will be open 8am to 5pm, M-F.

*University of Utah TRIO Programs  
A. Ray Olpin Student Union  
200 S. Central Campus Drive, Room 60  
Salt Lake City, UT 84112*

[TRIO Office Map](#)

We recognize that there are times when students need additional help outside of TRIO. Below are many of our campus community partners that provide wonderful services.

[Center for Student Wellness](#)

[LGBT Resource Center](#)

[Office of Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Title IX](#)

[National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255](#)

[Student Food Pantry](#)

[Student Health Center](#)

[Student Success Advocates](#)

[University Counseling Center](#)

[Women's Resource Center](#)

[UNI Crisis Line: 801-587-3000 \(24/7 help\)](#)



TRIO OFFICE: (801)-581-7188

<https://trio.utah.edu/>