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Triton College's TRIUMPH Summit Inspires Men of Color

*WE TRIUMPH: Men of Color Empowerment Summit
Featured Speakers and Discussions*

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College's TRIUMPH (Transforming and Impacting Undergraduate Men Pursuing High Education) Program aimed to inspire men of color at the WE TRIUMPH: Men of Color Empowerment Summit on Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Student Center Cafeteria (B Building).

Students from Kennedy-King College, Elgin Community College and Waubensee Community College were also in attendance.

The summit featured keynote speaker Julian Green, senior vice president of Communications and Community Affairs for the Chicago Cubs, as well as breakout sessions and a panel discussion.

The event began with welcome remarks from Robert N. Isaac, the student success advisor for the TRIUMPH Program.

"As members of TRIUMPH, we are determined," Isaac said. "We are victors, not victims. We are the authors of our own story."

Keynote speaker Julian Green explained to the young men how important it is for them to use their time wisely, plan for success and respect their competition.

"Time is very important in life," Green told the crowd. "We cannot buy or rent more time. We must live in the present towards health, happiness and success."

The remainder of the summit included a speech via Zoom from presenter Dr. Paul Ortiz, professor of History and director of the Samuel Proctor Oral History

Program at the University of Florida. The event concluded with a panel discussion from men in professions ranging from community leaders to musicians.

Everyone in attendance received swag bags with a copy of Dr. Ortiz's book, *An African American and LatinX History of the United States* included.

Isaac felt the summit was a great opportunity for young men of color to hear how inspirational leaders achieved their levels of success.

"Hard work, networking and dedication pays off," explained Isaac. "I want these young men to know that they can do anything, despite where they come from. There is nothing between us besides air and opportunities."

The TRIUMPH Program was created to support and inspire men of color on their path to achieving academic and personal success. TRIUMPH was designed to increase the number of minority males graduating from Triton College, as well as its expansion campuses, Elgin Community College, Kennedy-King College and Waubensee Community College, through academic support and services.

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Triton College is a two-year college dedicated to helping members of the 25 Western Cook County communities in our district and beyond to achieve educational, professional and personal success. Located in River Grove, Ill., Triton offers more than 120 degree and certificate programs

on its 110-acre campus, featuring a comfortable, friendly and diverse atmosphere. Triton also holds classes at satellite locations and offers online learning opportunities. Triton's dedicated faculty and staff work to provide high quality, convenient and affordable educational opportunities to more than 14,000 students each year. Triton College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Learn more at www.triton.edu.