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Kylie Upole, a Pre-Physical Therapy Assistant student in the Pathways for Success program, was presented with the Dr. Anne Crum Student Leadership Award and Scholarship during the West Virginia TRiO Association’s Student Leadership Conference held in Flatwoods, WV, in March 2022. The Crum Student Leadership Award and Scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate incredible potential and promise. Kylie enrolled in the college’s Pathways for Success TRiO program in 2021. She is a Peer Mentor in the Pathways for Success program helping new students get acclimated to college. “Kylie is one of those students who leads by example in a quiet, humble way. She does not command attention, but earns it by building trust with those around her” says Director of Pathways for Success, Tara DeVore.

The TRIO/Pathways for Success Office welcomed two NEW Learning Specialists in the 2021-2022 academic year. Mariah Pritts works with students in Biological Sciences and Medical Terminology. She is a graduate student at Frostburg State University. Katie Davis is our new STEM tutor working with students in the Physical Sciences, BIO 101, Statistics and developmental math. Katie is a graduate of Frostburg State University. The Pathways office continues to offer tutoring in all levels of math, science, writing, English, Speech, and the social sciences.