



## Jarrell David Elected Triton College Student Trustee

Jarrell David of Broadview, Illinois, is the new student trustee for Triton College's Board of Trustees for the 2025-2026 academic year. David, a



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high school student enrolled in Triton's Dual Degree Program, will serve as the official student representative, acting as a liaison between the student body and the college's governing board.

"Serving as the student trustee at Triton College is just a steppingstone," added David. "I want to have a future in politics and eventually become the president of the United States."

David is currently a student at Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy and a student in Triton's Early College Program, which allows students to earn both high school and college credit simultaneously. His commitment to civic engagement and education is already evident – he was appointed Chairman of the Young Democratic Party of Proviso by Illinois House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, lead-

ing to Maywood Mayor Nathaniel George Booker asking him to be his assistant.

"Jarrell is going to bring a new perspective and youth engagement to Triton College," said Village of Maywood President Nathaniel George Booker. "He's going to be intentional with bringing a sense of community to Triton. He's going to be motivated."

David said his desire to serve as student trustee stems from a passion for leadership and a belief in the power of education.

"Triton breaks down barriers and opens doors," said David. "At Triton, anybody can receive a great education. Education is the greatest equalizer to equity in this nation."

Born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, David moved to Broadview at age 2 with his mother, who sought a fresh start for their family. He has lived in the community ever since and credits his upbringing – and the support of his great-grandmother – with shaping his values and determination.

As student trustee, David wants to ensure students' voices are heard. "Students want somebody that's going to speak unapologetically and honestly for them," said David. "Now that I'm elected, my goal is to build student and community relations at Triton."

Following Triton, David plans to attend Morehouse College, a historically Black institution in Atlanta and alma mater of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He hopes to pursue a law degree and a long-term career in politics.

## Triton College Introduces New Cosmetology Certificate Program

Triton College is excited to announce the launch of a new Cosmetology Certificate Program, designed to provide students with a comprehensive education in both the art and science of cosmetology. Beginning this fall, the program will feature a curriculum that blends hands-on training with academic instruction and will work in tandem with the college's existing Barber Certificate Program.

"Triton's Cosmetology Certificate Program is both cost and time effective," said Donita Mitchell, Cosmetology faculty. "There are endless possibilities for success."

"Triton College is responding to the requests of our district high schools, as well as our surrounding communities," added Dr. Troy Moran, dean of Triton's Health Careers and Public Service Programs. There is strong demand for this program and community colleges strive to meet the needs of our residents, he said.

New learning facilities for the Cosmetology and Barber Program are set to be constructed in Triton College's M Building. The space will include salon chairs and grooming stations, along with an expanded reception area, manicure and pedicure stations – creating a real-world salon environment for student learning.

According to Dr. Moran, community residents will be able to make an appointment for a range of services.

"Our instructors will guide students and clients, teaching and supervising," said Dr. Moran. The certificate and learning facilities are great new additions for our campus community.

As for the program itself, Dr. Moran noted that students will gain knowledge on all aspects of cosmetology, including coloring, cutting, waxing, eyebrow services, weaves, wigs and esthetic, among other skills. Students will also learn about human anatomy and the nervous system, with a focus on the head, hands and feet. As the program grows, Dr. Moran hopes to add more class schedules that would cater to a wider variety of prospective students.

Students will learn about scalp diseases and disorders, anatomy of nails, hair relaxers, product knowledge, hair extension, skin care and much more.

The Cosmetology Certificate Program requires 50 credit hours, equivalent to 1,500 clock hours required by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Courses will follow an eight-week format, allowing students to focus intensively on fewer subjects at a time and to maintain a flexible schedule. Upon completion, students will be eligible to take the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation, Licensing Exam.

In addition to a high-quality education, Triton's Cosmetology Certificate Program is much more affordable than many larger cosmetology schools, where tuition can exceed \$22,000 per year, not including additional fees and costs.

Dr. Moran also emphasized the entrepreneurial spirit and skills students will gain, including inventory management and front desk operations.

"At Triton College, we want students to be empowered and create their own pathways of success and change," said Dr. Moran.

For more information on Triton College's Cosmetology Program, visit triton.edu/cosmetology.