STAR provides students opportunities for academic development, assists with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students towards the successful completion of their post-secondary education. The goal of STAR TRIO is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants and to facilitate the process of transition to the four-year university. STAR is funded with a $338,972 grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education.

**STAR TRIO STUDENTS WILL:**
- Understand college requirements
- Understand financial aid options
- Develop a Comprehensive Student Education Plan
- Establish college connections

**ELIGIBILITY:**
- Enrolled full time at San Diego Mesa College with academic need
- Meet Federal income guidelines
- First-generation college student and/or students with disabilities
- Educational goal of graduating and transferring to a 4-year institution

**SERVICES:**
- Peer tutoring and mentoring
- Academic, career, and transfer counseling
- Financial aid and scholarship assistance
- Study skills and time management
- Computer lab and printing privileges
- Equipment loans (graphing calculators, digital recorders, books)
- School supplies

**BENEFITS:**
- Access to the STAR Student Center
- Higher graduation and transfer rates
- A participant in the STAR TRIO program until you graduate and/or transfer