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## 2017-2018 Highlights

- 1,165 student served
- 99% of students persisted and advanced to the next grade level
- 45% of seniors received assistance completing the fafsa and enrolled in postsecondary
- 96% of seniors graduated with regular and/or rigorous curriculum diploma
- 112 students received tutoring during the grant year

**S**ince 1977, students attending targeted schools in USD 259 have experienced exceptional services provided by the TRIO Talent Search Program hosted by Wichita State. The program provides academic services to middle school and high school students to aid in their retention, graduation, enrollment in postsecondary institutions, and completion of college educational programs.

Program staff selected 1,165 low income and potential first-generation college students for program participation and provided information to students on college admissions, financial literacy, scholarships, ACT/SAT test preparation, and assistance with completing the FAFSA. Also, campus visits to colleges and universities were held throughout the year.

The summer enrichment program provided a unique experience for 25 rising ninth grade students. Instruction for math, computer science, language arts, financial literacy/life skills, and theater arts was part of a well-rounded program. Visits to area businesses, presentations from career professionals, and constant encouragement motivated students to envision their future by formulating ideas for life after high school. The summer program culminated with a talent show and academic awards ceremony.

Target schools included Brooks Magnet, Curtis, Hamilton, Jardine Magnet, Mayberry Magnet, Truesdell, and Pleasant Valley middle schools. Target high schools included North, Southeast, and West. Walk-in students were also served.

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