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**Message
from the
Executive
Director**

Calendar

March

- 04— Summer Enrichment Program Applications Available Online
- 05—Wichita State University Campus Visit
- 08-15 —No School
- 26—Southwestern College Campus Visit

April

- 04-06—TRIO Student Access and Success Conference at NCCU
- 09—Butler Community College Campus Visit
- 12-14—First-Generation Student Career Leadership Experience, Miami, FL
- 12-15 —No School
- 24—Pittsburg State University Campus Visit

May

- 23— Last Day of School
- 27—Memorial Day

Spring has sprung and the staff at TRIO Talent Search are super busy and having a lot of fun planning for upcoming student conferences, end of the school year celebrations, campus visits, and summer programming. But, before the attention shifts to these exciting events, the staff want to remind students to stay focused and continue working hard during the last weeks of school. After spring break, the year goes very fast. Don't wait to ask for help if grades aren't where they should be.

The program has tutors and an after-school tutoring program that is available Monday-Thursday. In-person and online sessions can be arranged. Students and/or parents can call the Talent Search office for more information.

Finally, congratulations to all the seniors who are on track to graduate in May or over the summer. Students should pat themselves on the back for a job well done. Graduating from high school is a huge milestone and should be celebrated! All the best!



Summer Fun

Stephanie Haynes, Middle School Director



Any plans for the summer? If the answer is no, then come and be a part of the TRIO Talent Search Summer Enrichment Program (SEP). The program is more than just a summer activity; it is an opportunity to experience new things.

Students will enhance math, computer science, language arts, and financial literacy/life skills. In addition, students will visit several colleges, participate in cultural arts projects, and listen to phenomenal motivational speakers. Breakfast and lunch will be offered each day.

The program begins on June 3rd and concludes on July 12th. The daily schedule is from 7:30 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. The cost to attend is FREE. Apply for the SEP online beginning March 11th (www.wichita.edu/talentsearch). For more details, contact stephanie.haynes@wichita.edu or call 316.978.6758. Don't miss out on this opportunity for a GREAT summer. Only 25 students will be selected so don't wait.

Educator Spotlight: Laura Quintana, Southeast High

Thip Phichith, Program Educational Advisor & ACT/SAT Coordinator

Southeast High School AVID Tutor Coordinator Laura Quintana graduated from Pittsburg State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Quintana is a very hardworking, kind, helpful, and fun-loving person. She is a team player who will go above and beyond to help anyone especially TRIO Talent Search and its students. As an AVID tutor coordinator at SEHS, she excels in communicating with staff and students making her a valuable asset to the TRIO Talent Search Program and the library squad. She keeps Program Educational Advisor Thip Phichith updated on important news not just with work but also with life in general. If students need help, she makes sure they are set up with the right tutors to experience more classroom success. She works diligently alongside AVID tutors and teachers to ensure the work is done properly and in a timely manner. Her favorite color is K-State purple and she collects elephants with only the trunk up to represent good luck and prosperity. She is also a huge Kansas City Chiefs fan. Yay, GO CHIEFS!!!



Student Spotlight: Kylei

Suresh Menon, Program Educational Advisor & Mentoring/Career Coordinator

Kylei is a TRIO Talent Search senior at West High School and will be graduating in May. She has currently set her sights on going to Fort Hays State University to major in a healthcare field of study.

Kylei is interested in pursuing a career in the medical profession. Currently, she is taking classes in phlebotomy and EKG at WSU Tech for free.

At West High, she is a member of the Pioneer Pals club, a club that makes crafts and helps students with special needs. Her two favorite classes at West are English and all classes offered by the JAG program in her school.

Kylei joined TRIO Talent Search at the first half of the school year and had the opportunity to go on campus tours to Fort Hays State, Kansas State, University of Kansas, and Garden City Community College. She has also signed up to visit Wichita State, Southwestern College, Butler Community College, and Pittsburg State in the spring.

Although she leans towards Fort Hays State, she is also keeping her options open by visiting other colleges to compare academic programs, tuition fees, housing, and scholarship availability.



Kylei is grateful for the TRIO program because it was through this program, she got to visit colleges, obtain scholarship information, and receive other support services from her advisor.



“If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you.” - Zig Ziglar

Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

Emily Roets-Estevez, Program Educational Advisor & Financial Literacy Coordinator



Congratulations to the upcoming class of 2024 graduates! While many scholarships are aimed towards high school seniors, there are several places to find scholarships as a college student. Ask the college's financial aid office if they have a scholarship portal. These portals have scholarships just for college students that are offered through the university or community organizations.

At Wichita State University, students can browse **ScholarshipUniverse** under the myFinances tab in their myWSU account. Students going to K-State can access the K-State Scholarship Network (KSN), and KU students can check out the University of Kansas Award & Scholarship Hub (UKASH). The benefit of these college scholarship portals is that many have students complete a survey and submit a single application to filter out the scholarships that they are eligible to apply to.



The department that the student is majoring in often has scholarships as well. Some might give funding for research, study abroad, or books. For example, Wichita State offers scholarships through the Colleges of Applied Studies, Engineering, Fine Arts, Health Professions, and more.

Similar to receiving sports scholarships, students can also earn scholarship money through performing with the college's music department. Other scholarship opportunities come with joining clubs and student organizations, such as Greek life, student government, or community service groups.

Remember, graduating seniors can still meet with a TRIO representative for letters of recommendation or résumé help. Graduating from high school does not end affiliation with TRIO. TRIO graduates are TRIO alumni making them eligible for TRIO scholarships. They will always be a part of the TRIO family. To continue to hear about TRIO news, events, and scholarships consider joining the National TRIO Alumni Network at this link:

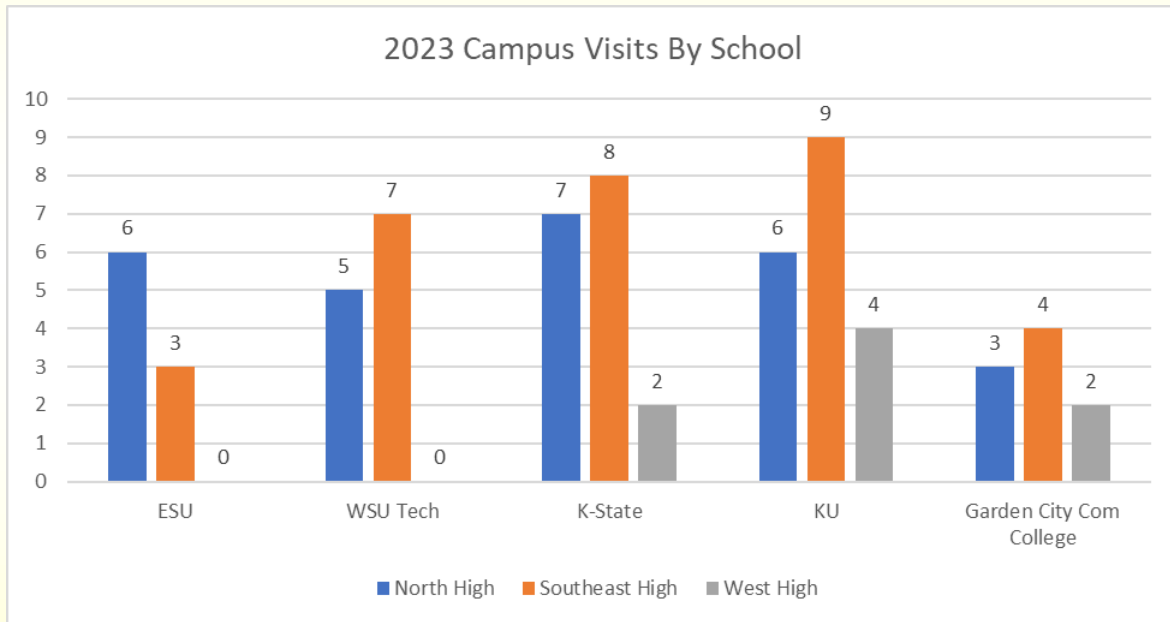
<https://trio-alumni.hivebrite.com/signup>

Campus Visit Data for 2023

Manivone Souriya, Associate Director/Statistician

Visiting a college campus can help students determine if it is the right fit for them. Talent Search offers several opportunities throughout the academic year for students to explore college campuses and establish which ones match their checklist. They get a first-hand look at housing options, campus costs, curriculum, campus involvement activities offered, and opportunities to meet with admissions and financial aid representatives, and as well as chances to ask questions of staff and current students.

In 2023, there were a total of 66 students who attended campus tours. These tours included Emporia State University, WSU Tech, Kansas State University, University of Kansas, and Garden City Community College. Students were provided with a buffet or grab n’ go breakfast and lunch. Below is a chart displaying the campuses that North, Southeast and West High School students have visited so far this year.



Upcoming Campus Visits for 2024:

College	Date	Breakfast	Departure
Wichita State University	Tuesday, March 5th	8:00AM	8:50AM
Southwestern College	Tuesday, March 26th	8:30AM	9:15AM
Butler Community College	Tuesday, April 9th	8:00AM	8:40AM
Pittsburg State University	Wednesday, April 24th	6:25AM	6:30AM



Interested in attending a campus tour? Transportation and meals are provided. Contact Mani Souriya at 316-978-6757 or scan the QR code to register. All campus visits start at Wichita State University, Brennan Hall, Building 1, second floor at 1749 N Yale.

National TRIO Day Activities

Sharon K. Robertson, Administrative Specialist



NATIONAL TRIO/GEAR UP DAY (Woolsey Hall)





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Mission Statement

The mission of the TRIO Talent Search Program is to identify, encourage, and assist low income and potential first-generation college students to complete a secondary education, enroll in post-secondary education, and complete a postsecondary program.



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