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TRIO TALENT SEARCH

Director's Message

E-Newsletter

Larry Ramos, Program Director

As the school year begins to wind down and summer activities are being planned, it is usually a good time for students to contemplate how they will spend their summer months.

Some will dream of going to the pool or going on a long vacation. Others are looking forward to spending countless hours in front of the TV or their handheld devices.

Still, a select few will spend part of their summer honing their reading, math, science, and other skills. The latter group will likely be ahead of the game once school rolls around next fall.

The Talent Search staff encourages all students to spend at least an hour a day this summer reading and writing.

Students should join a reading club offered by the local library or attend summer school.

While summer is supposed to be fun, it can also lead students down a path of losing what was learned during the school year. As with anything, practice makes perfect. The same goes for reading, writing, math and other subjects.

The staff is planning an exciting and dynamic summer program geared for rising ninth grade students. The application will be available in early March. Students who want to become better students should consider the opportunities offered by TRIO Talent Search.

HAMILTON AT COWLEY CCC

Myron Richard, Program Educational Advisor

Talent Search would like to recognize and thank all the students at Hamilton Middle School who joined Program Educational Advisor Myron Richard and Tutor Halla Tucker on a successful campus visit to Cowley County Community College.

Twenty-nine (29) students participated along with Educational Principal Assistant Stephanie Stovall and MTSS Facilitator Connie Redic.

Cowley is committed to providing resources to assist students in and out of the classroom.



Cowley has 20 different support services, including free tutoring on every subject, and a TRIO program called IMPACT.

IMPACT assists students with scholarships, the transfer process, laptop rentals, and more.

Cowley also encourages high academic achievement through its Smart Pay program.

Smart Pay awards \$500 to cover housing expenses to any housing resident earning a 3.5 GPA or higher.

All the students agreed that Cowley County is a worthwhile campus visit.



UPCOMING EVENTS



March

- 9—K-State campus visit
- 10—ACT Prep Workshop; SAT test
- 11—Daylight Savings Time begins
- 17—St. Patrick's Day
- 19—SEP applications available
- 19-23—USD 259 Spring Recess (No school)

April

- 1—Easter
- 6—SAT registration deadline
- 9—ACT registration deadline
- 13—ACT test
- 16—USD 259 District In-service Day (No school)

May

- 5—ACT Prep Workshop; SAT test
 - 13—Mother's Day
 - 16—USD 259 last day of school
 - 17—Summer Enrichment Program Parent Meeting
 - 28—Memorial Day Holiday (No School)
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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: BRIANNA

Sara Baltazar, Program Educational Advisor



Brianna Cates is a junior at Southeast High School and a participant of AVID and TRIO Talent Search.

Brianna is currently taking honors classes and will take AP courses in her senior year.

Overcoming obstacles has been a life-long challenge. At age six, Brianna was diagnosed with dyslexia and dysgraphia which make simple learning tasks like reading and writing difficult.

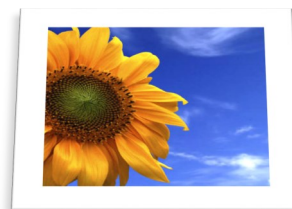
Yet, Brianna has persevered, achieving a 3.75 GPA and passing her classes with A's and B's.

Further proving to be an extraordinary student, Brianna has been recognized for her good deeds in community service, named student of the month, and selected to mentor incoming freshman.

Her other interests include singing and dancing. She recently auditioned for choir at Southeast and has been dancing since the age of three.

She is also a certified scuba diver and dreams of becoming a marine biologist. She would like to study marine life and help endangered species.

Despite her many struggles, she always fights to make sure that her dreams come true and that her future remains bright.



You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it.

-- Maya Angelou

Paying for College Through Rigorous High School Classes

Miguel Sabas, Program Educational Advisor



A shared concern first generation and low income college bound high school students have is how they will cover the expenses of a post-secondary education.

A common response to this inquiry is to look for scholarships, apply for the FAFSA, find campus jobs, and perhaps look towards student loans for any unmet need.

Another option is to earn college credits and industry certifications that could potentially save them time and money once they start their post-secondary education.

High school students are offered the opportunity to take college level courses for dual or concurrent credit. Dual credit courses allow students to earn credits that will fulfill high school and college credits.

Concurrent credits are only applicable to post-secondary education programs. High school students who accept the challenge of

participating in an International Baccalaureate program (IB) or take Advance Placement classes (AP) can reap several benefits according to collegeboard.org.

These benefits include: improved time management and discipline, notice from prestigious post-secondary institutions, standing out when applying for scholarship opportunities, and most importantly, graduating from college on time or early. This translates to saving students thousands of dollars (<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/college-costs/getting-college-credit-before-college>).

Kansas allows high school students to take classes for free through Senate Bill 155 with the primary purpose of increasing interest in industry specific education in order to meet future demands for a highly-technical and highly skilled workforce

(<http://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Career-Standards-and-Assessment-Services/CSAS-Home/Career-Technical-Education-CTE/Initiatives/Senate-Bill-155>).

In some instances, the student must have a 3.00 GPA in order to qualify to receive college credit from dual credit courses. Students must also check with the post-secondary institutions they are considering for their AP exam score requirements.

Students interested in taking advantage of these opportunities can follow up with their TRIO counselor or high school counselor to explore these options fully.



CAMPUS VISITS 2017-2018

Mani Souriya, Associate Director/Statistician



A campus visit can be one of the best ways for a student to learn more about what a college or university has to offer.

Fortunately, exposure to institutions of higher education is a permissible service that Talent Search students can take advantage of every year.

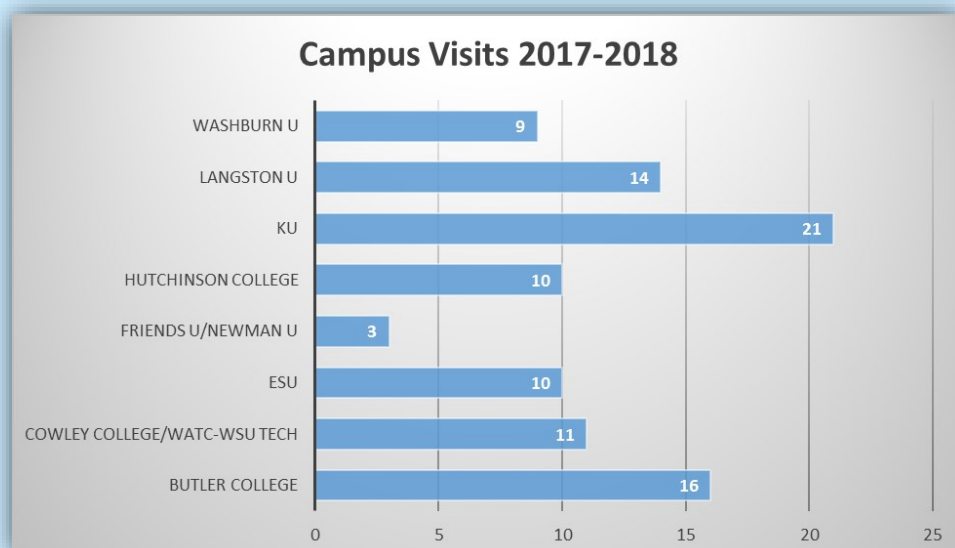
This year, there has been a total of 94 campus visit attendees with an average of 12 attendees per campus visit.

This year's campus visits included: Butler Community College, Cowley Community College, Emporia State University,

Friends University, Hutchinson County Community College, Langston University, Newman University, University of Kansas, Washburn University, and Wichita Area Technical College (WSU Tech).

Future visits include WSU on February 20, 2018 and Kansas State University on March 9, 2018. Twenty seats are available for each campus visit.

Below is a graph that illustrates the most current number of attendees who have participated in campus visits during 2017-2018.



SUMMER FOOD SERVICE

Sharon Robertson, Senior Administrative Assistant

Friends, Fun, and Food!

Summer meals are available to 2018 SEP participants at NO COST.

Where? Brennan Hall I

When? June 4-20, 2018

What Time? 7:45-8:15 a.m.

Sponsor Name: WSU TRIO Talent Search

Telephone: 316-978-3127

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Talent Search is proud of the middle school students who sacrifice their vacation time to participate in the six-week Summer Enrichment Program.

Each morning, Talent Search provides a balanced breakfast courtesy of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), funded by a partnership between TRIO Talent Search, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Kansas State Department of Education's Child

Nutrition and Wellness whose goal is to ensure no child goes hungry.

The summer program is a great opportunity to enrich the mind as well as the body. Meals are free for students and include either cereal or a muffin, fruit or juice, and white or chocolate milk.

Nutritional facts and physical activity tips are presented on fun posters and take-home pamphlets to encourage physical

activity, healthier lifestyles and the development of healthier eating habits.

Studies show that good nutrition is essential to learning, play, and growth both in and out of the classroom. It also lowers the risk of heart disease, diabetes, and childhood obesity.

Good nutrition also helps children to stay focused and boosts their energy levels. Apply early for the Summer Enrichment Program.

SEP Applications are available March 19 -May 5.

SUMMER FUN WITH TRIO

Stephanie Haynes, Middle School Director



Are you a middle school student, looking for something to do this summer? Come and be a part of TRIO Talent Search's Middle School Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) June 4 – July 25. Twenty-five students will be selected to strengthen proficiencies in English, math, computer science, and financial literacy/life skills.

In addition, participants will visit college campuses, hear from motivational speakers, perform in a talent show, receive awards and recognition, and go on a college road trip to Oklahoma City. Breakfast, snacks and lunch are served daily.

Participants must currently be in 8th grade, entering high school in the fall, and meet program eligibility guidelines. Applications will be available on the website March 19th at www.wichita.edu/talentsearch.

Space is limited. Please don't delay and miss an opportunity for fun and skill development.

To learn more, contact the Talent Search representative at your school or contact the main office at 316.978.3127 or stop by the office located at 1749 N. Yale, Brennan Hall, Building 1, Room 319.

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