



TRIO TALENT SEARCH E-NEWSLETTER



Director's Message

With the end of another school year, comes the joys of summer vacation. Hopefully, it was a good year for TRIO Talent Search students.

Students should look to relax and enjoy all the free time they have on their hands. Students also have time to volunteer, go to the library, workout, and cultivate relationships with people who love and support them.

Sending a note to favorite teachers, thanking them for all they've done, has many benefits as well.

Students often don't realize how much time and energy teachers pour into lesson plans that will, hopefully, prepare students for the future.

Yes, while summer is meant to be a great time, it is also a time to reflect on what was good and positive about school. Often, students only think about the negative things that happened during the year. Commit to having a better time in school for the 2017-2018 academic year. It's never too early to begin planning for the next step in your growth as a person.

If any TRIO Talent Search student would like to talk about anything related to school or otherwise, please take the time to visit with your program advisor this summer. The Talent Search office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Have a Great Summer!

Important Dates

June

- 12 Summer Enrichment Program begins
- 14 Hutchinson CCC campus visit
- 16 Guest speaker: Judge Jennifer Jones
- 21 KOCH tour
- 23 Guest speaker: TS alumnus Billy Dempsey
- 28 WSU campus visit
- 30 Guest speaker DS Director Grady Landrum

July

- 4 Independence Day (No SEP)
- 5 Community service at the Lord's Diner
- 12 ESU campus visit
- 14 Guest speaker: Financial Bootcamp (Meritrust)
- 18 Awards and Recognition /Talent Showcase
- 19-21 ... SEP KC College Road Trip
- 28 SAT registration deadline

August

- 4 ACT registration deadline
- 23 First Day of School
- 26 SAT test

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Student Spotlight: Arianna

Stephanie Haynes, Middle School Director



TRIO Talent Search is proud of Arianna for her achievements while attending Brooks Center for STEM and the Arts Magnet Middle School. Arianna joined Talent Search in 2013 and continues to remain an active participant in the program.

Arianna has remained on the honor roll throughout her years at Brooks and was named Panther Pride valedictorian during her 8th grade graduation ceremony.

She has received many awards including: Excellence in Behavior, Excellence in Technology, Excellence in Academics, All Star Student, Great Stewardship of the Purple Rule and the Good Citizenship Award. Last year, she was honored for being the only student at her local Boys and Girls Club to maintain a GPA of 4.0.

It is not all about academics for Arianna. Her hobbies include basketball, reading, and dance.

She is a member of the dance team, gives back to the community through her involvement in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program, and cheers for the Boys and Girls Club.

Talent Search looks forward to having Arianna in the Summer Enrichment Program this year as she continues to build on the skills needed to succeed in high school.

WAY To Go Arianna!

College Fly-In Programs

Miguel Sabas, Program Educational Advisor



Counselors are able to find several opportunities that apply to specific students based on career interest (i.e. STEM), academic achievement, or ethnicity.

In order to stay engaged with students, TRIO programs have to rely on many different tools that bring innovation to the services provided to the students. Students are eager to learn about different opportunities they can engage in. One opportunity that TRIO programs can promote without limiting their budgets or needing additional funding is the College Fly-In Program.

Many campuses across the nation offer opportunities specific to students who meet TRIO program participation criteria: first generation, limited income, or other under-represented populations. Being informed about these types of opportunities brings benefits to both the program and the students.

The majority of these College Fly-In programs provide the opportunity for students to qualify for travel assistance scholarships, allowing students to explore higher education options while preserving TRIO program funds.

College Fly-In programs sometime provide another avenue for counselors to connect with students by requiring students to be nominated or provide reference letters from the community or school personnel.

Students benefit greatly from these programs in many aspects. Most obvious is that these programs allow students to explore opportunities outside of Kansas. For many TRIO students, this is the only way to expose them to travel outside Kansas.

Students selected to participate in these Fly-In programs are then able to interact and connect with other students from different places that have similar aspirations, which can be inspiring.

Through the process of applying for these Fly-In programs, a great dress-rehearsal for postsecondary scholarship applications, counselors teach students the importance of respecting deadlines, looking for reference letters, and writing essays.

Participating colleges usually open applications for their Fly-In programs during the summer months. Towards the end of summer, colleges process the applications and notify the students who have been selected.

Fly-In dates are usually mid-October to mid-November or in the spring. Here are two great resources for information on Fly-In programs:

<http://blog.collegegreenlight.com/blog/college-fly-in-diversity-programs/>

<http://getmetocollege.org/what-colleges-look-for/2017-fall-diversity-visit-programs>

Career and Mentoring Workshops

Myron Richard, Program Educational Advisor



TRIO Talent Search would like to congratulate all its participants for working so hard and completing this past academic year.

Also, a great big thank you to Andrew Curtis, Gabe Padilla, Laura Gossage, and Jason Fair, for allowing Program Educational Advisor Myron Richard the time to conduct career and mentoring workshops during the academic year.

These workshops were designed to be very interactive, motivating, and fun. Applying the skills students learned will help them to pursue post-secondary education.

The career and mentoring workshops include the following three sections:

My Goals — Helped students to begin evaluating talents, interests, and values.

My Resources — Assisted students to identify and develop the resources needed to reach their goals.

Communicating Your Value — Emphasized morals, ethics, positivity, flexibility and teamwork.



*Keep up the good work,
Talent Search Students!*

Campus Visits

Mani Souriya, Associate Director

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.

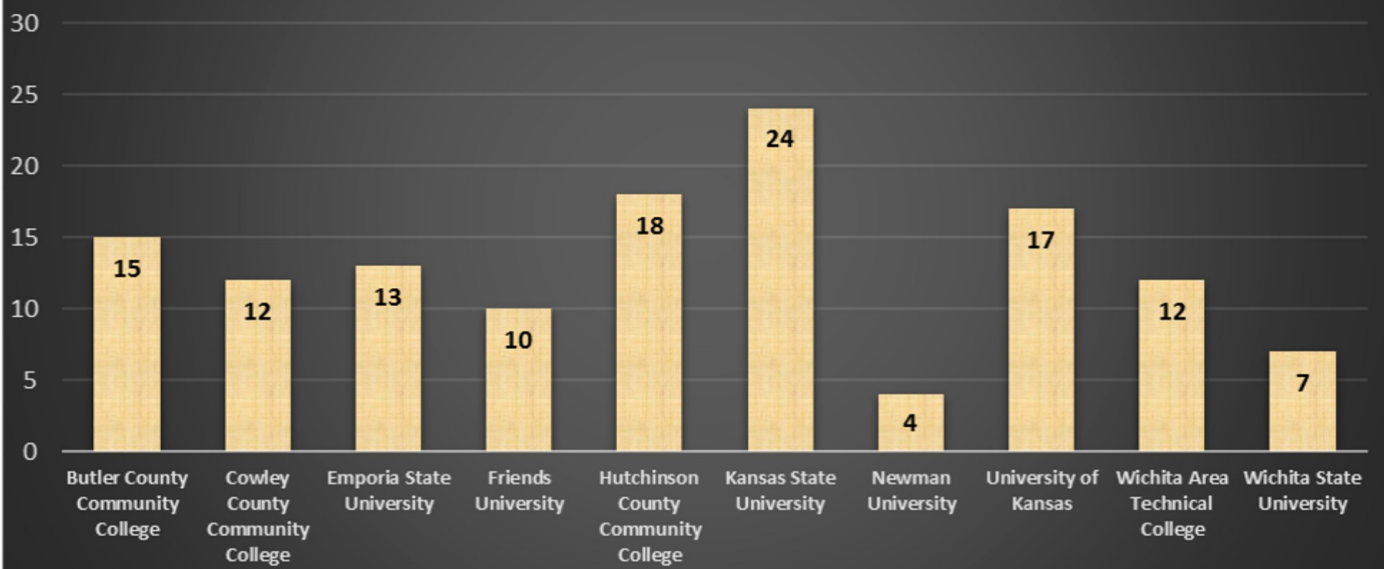
Fortunately, one of Talent Search's permissible services is exposure to institutions of higher education, which program participants have the opportunity to take advantage of every year.

Campus visit attendance for this academic year totaled 132. Students visited Butler County Community College, Cowley County Community College, Emporia State University, Friends University, Hutchinson County Community College, Kansas State University, Newman University, University of Kansas, Wichita Area Technical College, and Wichita State University.

Below is a graph that illustrates the number of attendees who participated in campus visits during the 2016-2017 school year.



Campus Visits Academic Year 2016-2017



Free ACT Prep Resources for Summer Time

Tahmina Rahman, Program Educational Advisor

*Success is the sum of small efforts
repeated day in and day out.*

—R. Collier



Summer is right around the corner and while it is a great time to relax and go on vacation, it is also a great time to start preparing for the ACT. The deadline to register for the June ACT test has already passed; however, there will be an ACT test available in September. Summer is a good time to prepare for the September ACT test.

There are a variety of ways to prepare for the ACT including practice tests, workshops, video lectures, and online courses. However, these may come with a cost. But fear not! There are several FREE online resources available that students can use to increase their score.

One such resource is Number2.com. This website allows students to study in many ways. For instance, students can create flashcards, answer practice questions, and even view tutorials. Additionally, Number2.com keeps track of what the students have studied, how well they are doing, and their skill level.

Number2.com also provides feedback for questions that are answered incorrectly. That way students are able to learn from their mistakes. There are a plethora of other helpful features on the Number2.com website, including a vocabulary builder. To visit the website click on the following link: <https://www.number2.com>.

Another free resource is FreeTestPrep.com. Just like Number2.com, this website offers a myriad of resources. Users on FreeTestPrep.com can answer practice questions, access study guides, watch video explanations, and create flashcards. They can also take subject based quizzes. For example, there are separate quizzes for English, Math, etc. The quizzes come with an answer key so students can check their work. To visit the website click on the following link: <http://www.freetestprep.com>

Additionally, Kaplan has recently created a free online resource for students taking the ACT and SAT. Access to the free Kaplan test prep website can be gained by registering for the ACT or SAT— be sure to select the Kaplan test prep option before completing registration. Utilizing this resource will enable students to gain valuable insight into the ACT or SAT. To visit the website click on the following link: <http://www.kaptest.com>.

Other free test prep websites include: PrepFactory at <http://www.prepfactory.com>, SparkNotes at <http://www.sparknotes.com/testprep/>, and the ACT website at <http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/>.

*The above information was obtained from the College Raptor website.

Summer Food Service Program

Sharon Robertson, Senior Administrative Assistant



AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

El Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA) y el Departamento de Justicia (DOJ) están trabajando juntos para garantizar que todos los niños tengan acceso a una alimentación nutritiva y saludable durante el verano. Este programa ofrece comidas saludables y nutritivas a los niños de familias de bajos ingresos durante los meses de junio y julio.

Las personas discapacitadas que necesitan medidas alternativas para acceder a este programa de alimentación deben contactar al personal de asistencia de la oficina de atención al cliente de la USDA. Para obtener más información, visite www.usda.gov/andjusticeforall.

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Special thanks to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Kansas State Department of Education's Child Nutrition and Wellness for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) which provides free breakfasts for participants of the Middle School Summer Enrichment Program during the months of June and July.

The USDA Summer Food Service Program's goal is to provide nutritious meals and snacks at no cost for children 18 and younger in low-income areas to ensure no child goes hungry during break periods when school is not in session.

Good nutrition is essential to a child's learning, play and growth both in and out of school. Low income families sometimes go without food or eat less nutritious food because they cannot afford better or lack access to federal resources that can help. For this reason, TRIO Talent Search sponsors the SFSP during the summer months to help provide meals to children in the Wichita community. TRIO works to feed the children!



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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 postsecondary education, and complete a postsecondary program.

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