

TSS NEWS

**Back
To
School**



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to school!
It's an exciting time for students. Whether starting a new grade or entering the senior year, students are sure to have a lot to adjust to at the beginning of the school year.

All the staff at Talent Search-South want the very best for the students and encourages students to sign up for the program as early as possible so that they may take advantage of all the cool activities the program offers.

TS-South also welcomes its newest staff member, Kathy Nguyen, who is anxiously awaiting the opportunity to assist students with their educational goals. Read more about her in this newsletter as well as all the fun activities held during the Middle School Summer Enrichment Program (SEP).

Congratulations to all the students who successfully completed the SEP!



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"The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you."

- B.B. King

SEP SPECIAL PROJECTS SHOWCASE

- *Vivian Pham, Assistant Director / Statistician*

Vivian Pham, assistant director/statistician collaborated with Stephanie Haynes, middle school director of Talent Search to coordinate the Middle School Summer Enrichment Program (SEP). During the last two summers, they had students showcase special talents during the talent show. This summer, the coordinators wanted to try something different. Each grade level had its own special project. Students in the 6th grade and below were assigned to program and code a robot to travel a maze that they designed. The 7th grade students researched a career they were interested in pursuing. The 8th grade students focused on and researched a college they were interested in attending. Both the 7th and 8th grade students created an informational poster board to present. Overall, the students worked hard to create and present their projects to make a successful showcase concluding the SEP.



Students
presenting
Special Projects
during the SEP

- Vivian Pham, Assistant Director / Statistician

The Highlights



MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (SEP) 2024



Pratt Community College



Paradigm Shift



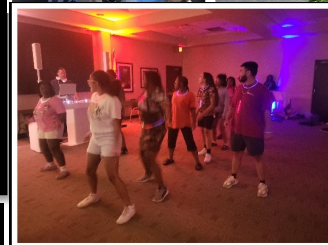
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Haskell Indian Nations University



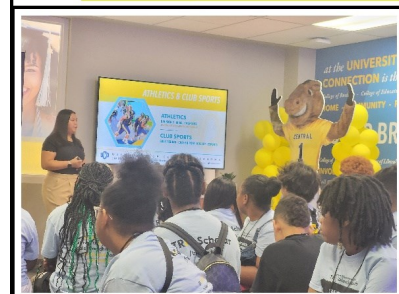
Frontier City, OKC



Glow Party



University of Central Oklahoma



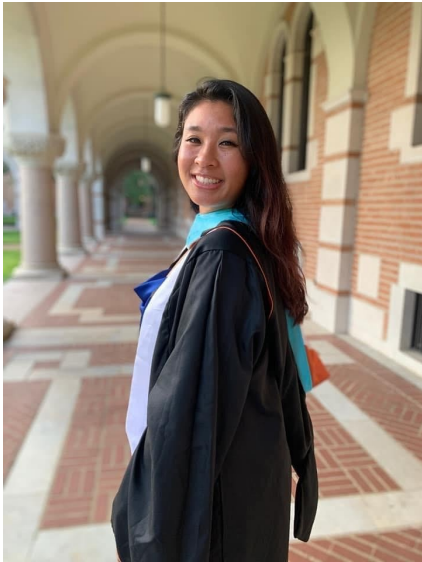
All Star Sports Adventures East



Heskett Center Fun Day



The Highlights



WELCOME THE NEW PEA - *Kathy Nguyen, Program Educational Advisor*

Kathy Nguyen holds a bachelor's degree in teaching and learning and a master's degree in educational leadership and policy studies. She is an enthusiastic educator dedicated to shaping young minds. Her journey started as a 2nd and 4th grade math and science teacher before transitioning to become a primary math specialist in Houston, Texas. Her educational path led her to Wichita, KS where she taught 7th grade math for USD 259. Currently, she is the program educational advisor for TRIO Talent Search-South, serving Truesdell Middle School and South High School.

*“College inspired me to think differently.
It’s like no other time in your life.” - Larisa Oley*



COLLEGE JUMP START

Monday, September 18th, 6 p.m.

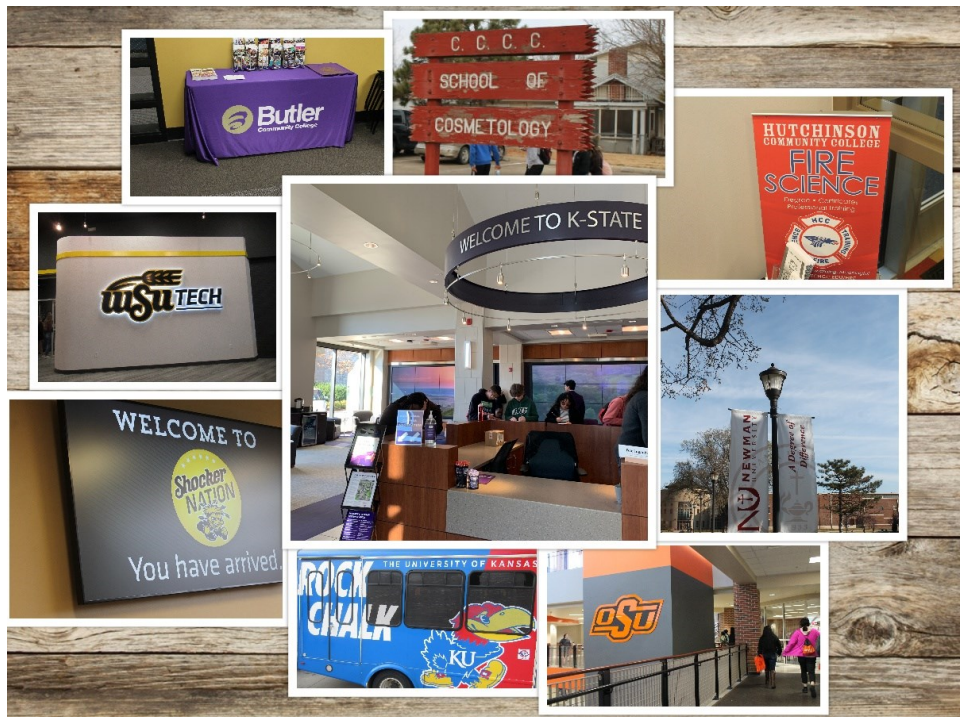
Woolsey Hall Auditorium

WSU Main Campus

- *Sharon K. Robertson, Administrative Specialist*



TRIO Talent Search-South will host this event in collaboration with the Talent Search Program. Its purpose is to help participants learn important factors to consider when choosing a postsecondary school, including admissions requirements, fee waivers, the real cost of higher education, high school graduation requirements, and how ACT and GPA scores influence college admission. Presenters delve into each of these topics and share how the program can assist with career exploration, campus tours, ACT prep, mentoring, and dispelling financial aid myths. Not only is the event informational, it is an opportunity for students to connect with their peers and learn more about what the Talent Search-South program can do to aid in the success of its students.



CAMPUS VISITS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

- Vivian Pham, Assistant Director / Statistician

Be sure to check the TSS website and Facebook page for updates on the campus visit schedule. Talent Search-South offers current high school participants opportunities throughout the school year to participate in in-person campus visits to various colleges and universities across the region. Virtual tours, college catalogs, and brochures provide a limited view of college campuses. In-person visits provide an opportunity to get a feel for the campus culture, interact with current students and faculty, ask questions, and learn more about class sizes, admissions requirements, housing, and financial aid options. It also allows students to gain insight on clubs and organizations for campus involvement. Remember, spots are limited for each trip. Please check the website at www.wichita.edu/tss for updates. The required permission form must be completed and can be found on the website or provided by program staff. For more information, contact vivian.pham@wichita.edu or 316-978-3561.



To sign up for a campus tour, complete the Campus Visit Permission and Consent Form for 2024-2025 online at www.wichita.edu/tss.

*CAMPUS VISITS 2024-2025:

BUTLER
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COWLEY COLLEGE

HUTCHINSON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

KANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY

NEWMAN
UNIVERSITY

OKLAHOMA STATE
UNIVERSITY (OSU)

UNIVERSITY OF
KANSAS (KU)

WICHITA STATE
UNIVERSITY (WSU)

WSU TECH
(NCAT & SOUTH)

*Campus visits are subject to change. For additional information, contact Vivian.pham@wichita.edu or call her at 316-978-3561.



CALENDAR EVENTS

Sept 2-3 Labor Day, No School
 Sept 14 ACT Test
 Sept 18 College Jump Start
 Sept 20 ACT & SAT
 Registration Deadline



Oct 5 SAT Test
 Oct 18 SAT Registration Deadline
 Oct 17-21 No School
 Oct 31 Halloween



Nov 2 SAT Test
 Nov 8 ACT Registration Deadline
 Nov 11 Veteran's Day, No School
 Nov 22 SAT Registration Deadline
 Nov 27-29 No School, Fall Recess
 Nov 28 Thanksgiving



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The mission of the TRIO Talent Search-South 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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