

TSS NEWS

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TRIO Talent Search-South Newsletter

Congrats Grads!



Director's Message

The end of high school surely brings out a host of emotions for both students and their families. For most, a great sense of pride is experienced because something important has been accomplished. Hard work does, indeed, pay off. On the other hand, high school graduation brings on a certain type of sadness as well. It is a transitional period, marking the end of childhood and the beginning of adulthood. It can also mean the end of some friendships as graduates go their separate ways. It is an emotional period, so no matter what emotions students experience, know that it is normal to feel that way.

Students are advised to take a moment and reflect on how they spent the last four years. Was it time well-spent or was it time spent otherwise? Then, consider the next chapter. Talent Search-South counselors are available throughout the summer to help students navigate the next chapter of their lives. See the last page of this newsletter for contact information when ready to make a plan. TSS is here to assist!

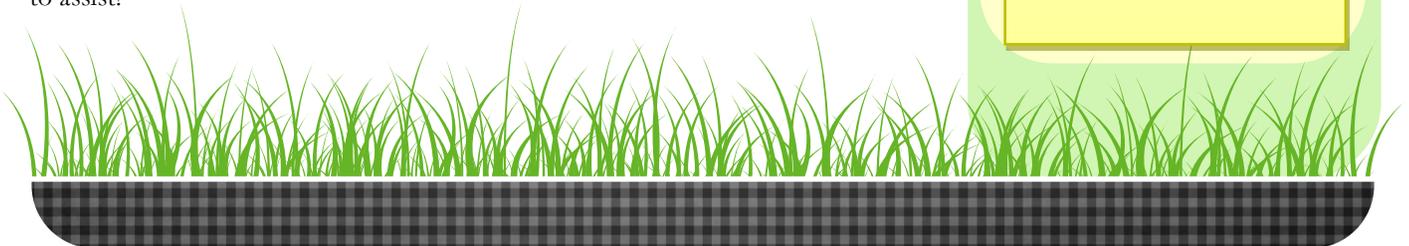


Calendar

- 06/03 SAT test
- 06/05 Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) begins
- 06/07 SEP Campus visit
- 06/10 ACT test
- 06/14 SEP Campus visit
- 06/16 ACT registration deadline
- 06/21 SEP Campus visit
- 06/28 SEP Campus visit
- 07/04 Independence Day; No SEP
- 07/05 SEP Campus visit
- 07/07 SEP Talent Showcase & Academic Recognition
- 07/10 KC road trip
- 07/11-12 Branson, MO college road trip; SEP Ends
- 07/15 ACT test
- 08/04 ACT Registration Deadline
- 08/15 First Day of USD259 School

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Student Spotlight

By Vivian Pham, Assistant Director/Statistician

Ayden



Ayden is a graduating senior at South High School. He joined Talent Search as an eighth grade participant in the Middle School Summer Enrichment Program (SEP). His favorite memory from SEP was the college road trip to St. Louis. He also benefited from the financial literacy/life skills class and campus visits to K-State and KU.

Ayden highly recommends any eligible middle school student to participate in SEP and become Talent Search-South students.

In school, Ayden enjoyed playing trumpet for the jazz band and French horn for the concert band. He played baseball and was involved in track and field as a shot put and discus thrower.

One of his favorite memories at South High was a cookout with students and staff in the courtyard. Though Ayden will miss his time at South High, he is excited about being accepted into Butler Community College with a partial scholarship to cover tuition and books. He plans to pursue a degree in business.

- Way to go Ayden!

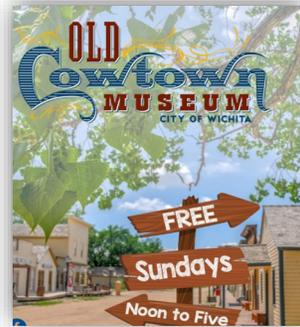
Ways to Stay Active During Summer

By Mary Greenwood, Program Educational Advisor



Summer is a great time to unwind and de-stress from school. However, it is easy to fall into the trap of staying inside all day. Being active during the summer keeps students busy and their minds sharp. Here are some fun and free ways to stay active during the summer:

- Take a walk to the local library: all local libraries offer free library cards to students. This will allow you to exercise your body and mind!
- Create a scavenger hunt at the park: make a list of common items you would find at your local park; then, walk around the park and find those items.
- Visit free museums: Wichita offers free admission to the Old Cowtown Museum and the Wichita Art Museum on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Find splash pads: all splash pads in the local area are free to use!



These are just some of the ways to stay active and have a fun and safe summer.

CONGRATULATIONS!



“Take pride in how far you’ve come. Have faith in how far you can go, but don’t forget to enjoy the journey.”

—Michael Josephson

Welcome to Alumni Status!

**By Sharon K. Robertson,
Administrative Specialist**



Graduating seniors, TRIO Talent Search-South is proud of all that has been accomplished! Thanks for allowing this staff to be a part of the journey. Don’t forget to give the TRIO advisor the most up-to-date contact information so that program staff can keep in touch and track post-graduation progress.

Post-graduation plans may include technical/vocational school or a two-year or four-year college. Stay connected with TRIO by checking to see if college-level TRIO programs, such as Student Support Services or McNair, are offered at the selected college or university. College-level TRIO programs can help with career advice, course selection, financial aid options, tutoring services, and success skills development.

All high school graduates of the TRIO Talent Search-South Program can become official members of the National TRIO Alumni Association (NTAA). The alumni network provides support, resources, TRIO news, events, and valuable opportunities for networking with peers in the work industry who share similar interests. Learn more about it at <https://trio-alumni.hivebrite.com/>. Also, graduates are encouraged to join the tri-state TRIO alumni group (see below). Talent Search-South graduates are the lamp light of the future and the testament that TRIO works!

CALLING MO-KAN-NE TRIO ALUMNI!



Complete the MO-KAN-NE Alumni Directory Info form. by scanning the QR Code or by going to bit.ly/3iDNpor

Encourage other TRIO Alumni from a Missouri, Kansas, or Nebraska TRIO program to complete the form.



Contact Edén Tullis (etullis@emporia.edu) or Angela Zarybnicky (angelaz@nwmissouri.edu) with any questions.

TRIO ALUMNI DIRECTORY

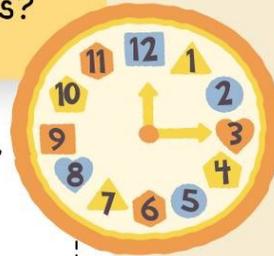
Membership Benefits



- TRIO alumni initiatives and a periodic newsletter
- Discounted/free registration for TRIO state & regional events
- Opportunity to be featured via alumni networks
- Opportunity to be selected for TRIO state & regional awards
- Participate in academic/professional development webinars
- Become a mentor to current TRIO students
- Become an advocacy ambassador for TRIO

How often? What purposes?

- Seek to reach out to alumni once a month
- Alumni can connect through MO-KAN-NE social groups, i.e. LinkedIn, Facebook
- Access to alumni information
 - MO-KAN-NE leaders & alumni committee members
 - Regional & state officers & directors
 - National TRIO Alumni Association



Info Collected



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| • First and Last Name | • Current City/State | • Company and Job Title |
| • Personal Email | • TRIO Alumni Institution(s) & Program | • Recommended Alumni Referral |
| • Phone Number | • Affiliation(s) | |

Year At A Glance





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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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