

## Message from Executive Director Larry Ramos



# Welcome back to school students!

As another year begins, the Talent Search (TS) staff want to encourage all students to sign up early for program services. It is expected that campus visits will fill up quickly, so it is important that students, especially seniors, begin working with their school counselor or college and career coordinator on post-graduation plans. Many colleges have deadlines as early as October. If students need to take the ACT, now is the time to register for that test.

Finally, students should connect with their Talent Search advisor to find out about all the cool things happening with TS. Tell a friend about TS so that they can also benefit from the program. The TS advisors are eager and cannot wait to see and hear about all the wonderful things that the students are doing. Best wishes on a productive and successful school year!

To access the program application, please scan this QR code. →



## Upcoming Events

### September

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

### October

- 5 SAT Test
- 7-9 Kansas Apply Free Days
- 17 Newman University Campus Visit
- 18 SAT Registration Deadline
- 17-21 No School
- 31 Halloween

### November

- 2 SAT Test
- 5 KSU Campus Visit
- 8 ACT Registration Deadline
- 11 Veteran's Day, No School
- 13 KU Campus Visit
- 22 SAT Registration Deadline
- 27-29 No School, Fall Recess
- 28 Thanksgiving



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## Student Spotlight: Araya

Emily Roets-Estevez, PEA/Financial Literacy



TRIO Talent Search (TS) is excited to feature North High School senior Arayah for the Fall 2024 Student Spotlight! Arayah will begin her second year with TS with over 30 hours of academic and college-preparation services. She started the year strong by attending the annual TS College Jumpstart event with her family, learning about all the opportunities the program has to offer. To prepare for college, Arayah has utilized TS tutoring and ACT preparation services. She also attended four campus visits last year, including Emporia State University, Garden City Community College, Kansas State University, and WSU Tech.

Arayah would like to attend either Wichita State University or the University of Kansas after graduation. She is interested in studying government and public relations or social work. She enjoys working with

people and would like a career that allows her to help others. Her favorite memory with TS is going on the November 2023 campus visit to K-State, where her sister and fellow TS participants got to spend the day exploring the Manhattan campus together. Outside of class, Arayah enjoys reading, watching movies, and baking. Her other extracurricular activities involve being a manager for North High sports teams and singing with the choir. She was also a Junior Princess Candidate for 2023 Fall Homecoming and will be the 2024-2025 STUCO Class President. The Talent Search team is excited to go on more campus visits with Arayah and look forward to all the awesome things she will do in her senior year!



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## Internal Control All Star

### Manivone Souriya, Associate Director/Statistician

On June 20, 2024, Mani Souriya earned the WSU Internal Control All-Star Badge. To earn this digital credential, Souriya had to score 90 percent or better on a 70-question Qualtrics survey about the 10-part series “Your Role in Internal Control,” which explains the origins and components of internal control systems. Proudly, Souriya received a perfect score on the exam. She is one of 239 All-Stars at WSU recognized, seven of which are also from TRIO programs. After watching the episodes and completing the exam, Souriya understands her role is a vital contribution to the university’s internal control system. Congratulations Mani!



#### Your Role in Internal Control Episodes:

- ◆ Building Upon Your Good Work
- ◆ Defining Internal Control
- ◆ Five Interrelated Components
- ◆ Control Environment
- ◆ Risk Assessment
- ◆ Control Activities
- ◆ Information and Communication
- ◆ Monitoring
- ◆ This Case Shows Why a Sound Control Environment is Essential
- ◆ Are You an Internal Control All-Star?



Five Stars image credit: iStock/Anna Semenchenko

## Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) Recap

### Stephanie Haynes, Middle School Director

Twenty-five students from USD259 school district and surrounding areas participated in the TRIO Talent Search Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) from June 3 through July 17. Students enhanced their skills in math, science robotics, English, life skills and financial literacy over the course of six weeks. Students also enjoyed catered meals, cultural activities, college campus visits to Pratt Community College and Haskell Indian Nations University, swimming, volleyball, and Frontier City. The eighth graders that are transitioning to high school went on a college road trip to Oklahoma. During the trip, students explored the University of Central Oklahoma, Rose State College, Bricktown Water Taxi Rides, the historic Black Wall Street, and more. Talent Search strives to introduce students to new experiences and visits to postsecondary and other cultural/educational sites across the region. Middle school students who were not a part of the SEP this year, don't miss out next year!



## Middle School Summer Enrichment Program (SEP)







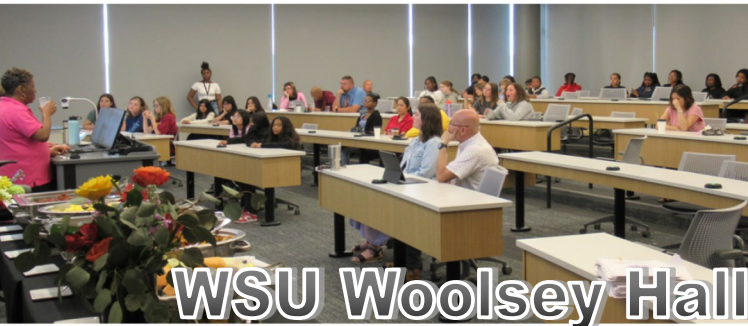
All Star Sports Adventures



# Oklahoma College Road Trip



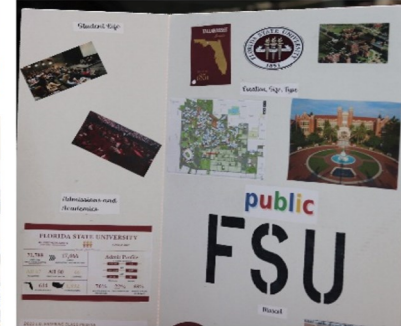
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WSU Woolsey Hall



## Academic Awards Recognition & Projects Showcase





# College Jump Start

Sharon K. Robertson, Administrative Specialist



Any student considering college should take advantage of College Jump Start (CJS). This annual event provides information to students and their parents or guardians on the Talent Search Program and the services it has to offer: Connections to tutoring, homework assistance, financial literacy (FAFSA, scholarship newsletters, and searches), assistance with course selection, college admission applications, fee waivers, campus visits, and more. It also reviews information on qualified admissions and rigorous curriculum requirements, as well as things to consider when applying for postsecondary education, such as class size, admissions requirements, fee waivers, total cost, and how ACT and GPA scores influence college admission. Mentoring and career exploration support are also covered. Contact [Manivone.souriya@wichita.edu](mailto:Manivone.souriya@wichita.edu) for more information.



## College Jump Start

September 18, 2024 | 6 p.m.

Woolsey Hall Auditorium  
WSU Main Campus

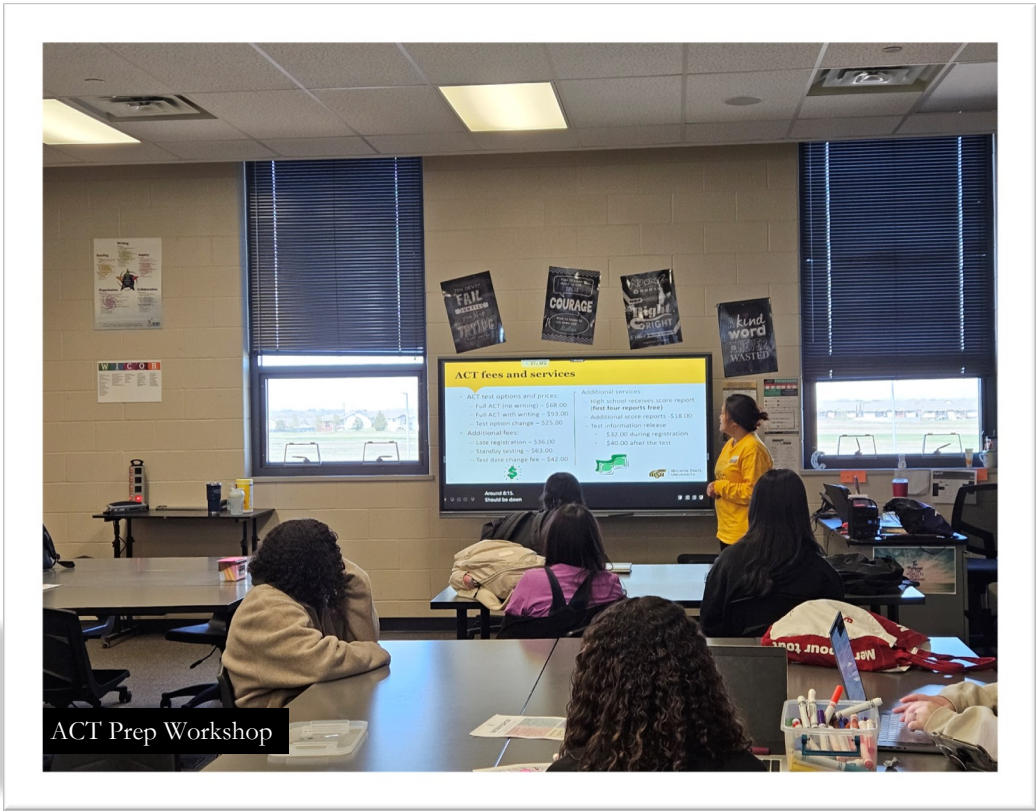
# ACT Prep

## Thip Phichith, PEA/ACT Coordinator

Talent Search offers informational sessions and ACT prep workshops for high school students. The ACT workshop is conducted by Talent Search in collaboration with Power Prep. The cost is normally \$85 per student but TRIO Talent Search participants are able to attend the workshop for FREE and lunch is provided. ACT Power Prep workshops will be held in WSU's Woolsey Hall, Room 110B on October 15, February 7, and June 9. Registration is now open for the October session. Students will need to contact their TRIO Talent Search Program Educational Advisor for registration for the ACT Power Prep Workshop. The information provided is not only relevant to the ACT test but useful for other tests as well. The ACT workshop is especially beneficial for juniors who will be required to take the USD 259 district-wide ACT in February 2025. ACT waivers are available to Talent Search participants. Request a waiver from the TS advisor. Stay tuned to the website and Facebook at [www.wichita.edu/talentsearch](http://www.wichita.edu/talentsearch) for more information.

2024 Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies After This Date	Late Registration Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22

For information on the online ACT practice tests, please visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).



## Maximize High School Time Productively

Suresh Menon, PEA/Mentoring & Career Coordinator



High school is four years of schooling from the 9th through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Once students complete 12<sup>th</sup> grade, they graduate with a high school diploma. Upon graduation, they have several choices: get a job, enroll in a vocational school to develop technical skills required for a specific job, or go to college and earn a degree that will increase earning potential and explore different career options. Below are some suggestions on how to use the time more productively.

⇒ **Focus on academic and intellectual challenges.**

Admissions counsellors at colleges want to know whether students have taken all the core courses, which include math, science, foreign language, English, and social studies. They also take note of whether students progressed to higher-level classes in the core subjects.

⇒ **Take advanced courses like honors or AP classes.**

These classes help students develop skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, and working with others. Moreover, AP classes help students earn college credits.

⇒ **Get involved in extracurricular activities.** Join clubs, sports teams, or other groups that align with personal interests. This allows students to explore new hobbies, develop new skills, and build leadership experience.

⇒ **Volunteer and participate in community service.**

Look for opportunities to give back locally or globally. This demonstrates values and commitment beyond academics.

⇒ **Develop time management and study habits.**

Learning to balance schoolwork, extracurricular activities, and a social life will serve students well in college and beyond. Experiment to find techniques that work.

⇒ **Explore interests and potential career paths.**

Use high school to try out different subjects and activities to discover natural passions and strengths.

⇒ **Build meaningful relationships.** Nurture friendships, get to know teachers, and network with peers who share similar ambitions.

Finally, do not think high school is a waste of time. Some classes may seem boring or not make much sense. There may be teachers that students do not like or subjects they are not interested in, but remember, every experience helps students develop both as a person and intellectually. It is up to each student to choose to engage with the education and personal development opportunities available.

Tired of *failing*?

Tried everything possible to pass and still *not passing* classes?

Come and be a part of the **TRIO Talent Search After School Tutoring Program.**

Talent Search has tutoring available for math, science, English and other subjects.

**WHEN:** Monday-Thursday, **WHERE:** 314 Brennan Hall I., 1749 N. Yale Ave,  
3:30-6:00 p.m. Wichita, KS 67260-0096

Don't delay another day! Come, **GET HELP!**







### 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 post-secondary program.



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