

Congratulations Graduates!



Director's Message

Spring is here and it seems that it couldn't come fast enough! Those cold, snowy, wintry, days required a lot of time and energy. With the days getting longer and temperatures rising, it reminds everyone that brighter days are ahead.

For the seniors, the carefree days of high school are nearly complete. The next decisions they make will have tremendous bearing on how the next few years will shape up.

The entire TRIO Talent Search is saddened to learn that more and more students are postponing college for reasons that are not quite clear. How could the pandemic be responsible for so many young people opting to try and make it in a world where higher education is considered a priority? The Talent Search staff is more than ready to help students with the next steps. Call, email, text, and ask what needs to be done to get ready for the fall semester. It will be here before one realizes it. Do not be left behind. It is time to get serious and it's not too late.



"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."

-- Booker T. Washington



Student Spotlight: KAYDEN

Kayden is a TRIO Talent Search senior at Southeast High School who just graduated a semester early. He is interested in pursuing a career in theater arts and will be attending both Wichita State University and Butler Community College this Fall 2022. He is the oldest of 10 siblings and the first in his family to attend college as a first-generation student. Since 8th grade, Kayden has been in math and English honor's classes. In his spare time, Kayden enjoys reading a good book, writing, and playing Pokémon.

- **Thip Phichith, Program Educational Advisor**

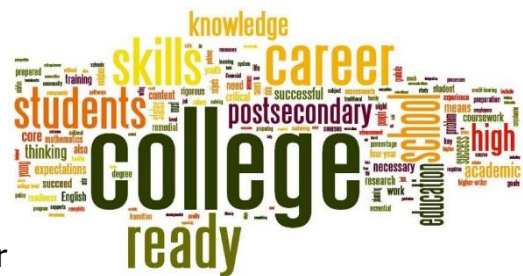
Preparing for College in Middle School



When is the right time to start preparing for college? **NOW** is the perfect time to start college-planning. It's never too early to begin thinking about college and preparing for the future. Beginning the process now, before high school, can make the process easier. Getting into a college takes more than just applying to the college.

What can be done now in middle school to guarantee that college is in the future?

- ✚ Establish good study habits
- ✚ Be organized
- ✚ Work on literacy skills
- ✚ Take challenging courses
- ✚ Turn assignment(s) in on time
- ✚ Get involved in extracurricular activities
- ✚ Volunteer in the community
- ✚ Talk about college with a parent, teacher, or counselor
- ✚ Research colleges and the cost



Do these few things in middle school and the road to college success will be there.

-**Stephanie Haynes, Middle School Director**



Summer Employment

Summertime will be here before you know it. For students, especially students old enough to work, summer is the time to look for work. It's a great time to network and gain valuable experience. For many students a summer job is their first opportunity to learn important life skills concerning earning money and budgeting. Not only do students learn to handle finances, but they also learn the responsibility that comes with managing an income. Below is a list of several summer job opportunities for students in Wichita Kansas.

Assistant Camp Instructor

Exploration Place, Inc. - Wichita, KS

Enthusiastic educators will work with campers ages 6-13 and lead camp instructors. Duties include camper supervision, distributing snacks, and overseeing sanitation.

\$13 per hour

Seasonal Gardener

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens - Wichita, KS

Seasonal gardeners are assigned several garden areas to be responsible for during the summer under a staff gardener's supervision.

\$15 per hour



Summer Camp Staff (Seasonal)

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland - Wichita, KS

Assist in the direction, supervision, and organization of campers in their camper group within activities and throughout the camp in order to meet the intended camper outcomes.

\$290 - \$500 a week

Quick Apply

Camp Counselor (Seasonal)

Fox Valley Christian Action (FVCA) - Wichita, KS

Assist with program evaluation at the end of each session and at the end of the summer.

Room and board, including daily meals, are included with compensation.

\$3,600 - \$4,660 per month

Quick Apply

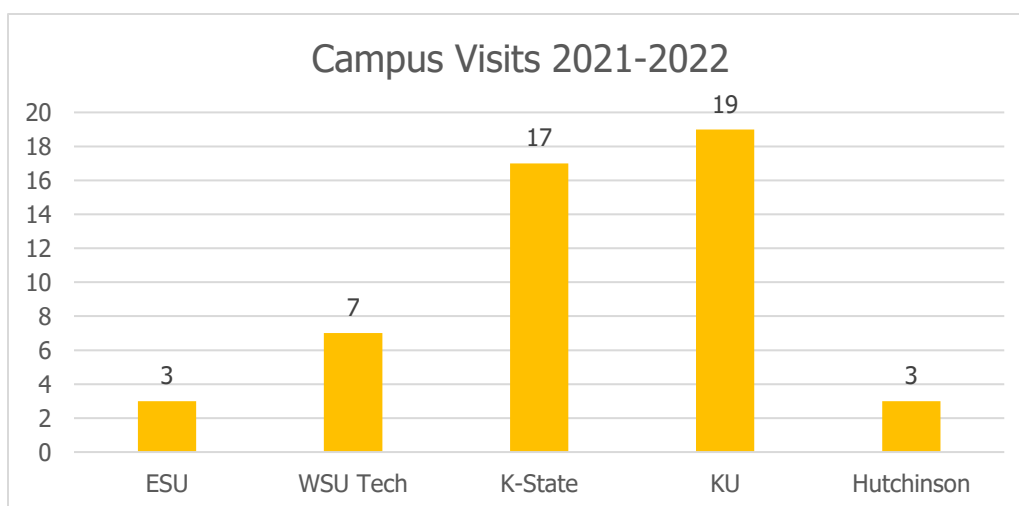
-Myron Richard, Program Educational Advisor

Campus Visits 2021-2022

Talent Search returned to in-person campus visits this year with a boxed breakfast catered by Chartwells for each scheduled visit.

In 2021, the visits included Emporia State University, WSU Tech, Kansas State University, University of Kansas, and Hutchinson Community College.

The chart below illustrates student attendance for each campus visit.



Scheduled Campus Visits for 2022 (subject to change):

College	Date	Breakfast	Departure
Cowley College	Fri, March 11 th	8:00AM	8:30AM
Wichita State University	Wed, March 30 th	8:45AM	9:15AM
Butler Community College	Wed, April 13 th	8:30AM	9:00AM
Newman University	Mon, April 18 th	9:30AM	10:00AM

Interested in attending a campus visit? Register by contacting
Mani Souriya at 316-978-6757 or scan the code.

Location: Wichita State University, Brennan Hall 1 (2nd Floor), 1749 N Yale



- **Mani Souriya, Associate Director/Statistician**



Farewell...

Program Educational Advisor Sara Baltazar recently accepted an assistant director's position with the WSU South campus. Until February 2022, Baltazar served as a program educational advisor/financial literacy coordinator for TRIO Talent Search. She is also a TRIO alumna and former lead tutor for the program. She has been involved with the Multicultural Student Mentoring Program at Wichita State and is an alumna of Delta Delta Delta sorority. Baltazar graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing-real estate in 2016 and in October 2017, she became a program educational advisor (PEA) for Talent Search at WSU. As the PEA-ACT/SAT coordinator, she worked with students at Southeast High and Curtis Middle School. She later transferred to the role of PEA-Financial Literacy Coordinator, working with students at North High and Jardine Middle School. In 2020, she received her master's degree in communication from WSU. Baltazar expresses her gratitude in working with the Talent Search staff and how much she will miss the students she's served. Talent Search extends best wishes to Sara and hopes to collaborate with her in the future.

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

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 postsecondary program.

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Calendar Events

March 2022

3/11 | Cowley Campus Visit
3/12 | SAT Test
3/14-3/18 | USD 259 Spring
Recess; NO SCHOOL
3/30 | WSU Campus Visit

April 2022

4/01 | SEP Applications Available
4/02 | ACT Test
4/08 | Butler Campus Visit;
SAT Registration Deadline
4/15 | NO SCHOOL
4/17 | Easter Sunday
4/18 | Newman Campus Visit;
NO SCHOOL

May 2022

5/05 | SAT Registration Deadline
5/06 | ACT Registration Deadline
5/07 | SAT Test
5/30 | Memorial Day Observed



Program Staff

Clockwise: Mani Souriya, Associate Director/Statistician;
Stephanie Haynes, Middle School Director; **Thip Phichith**,
Program Educational Advisor/ACT-SAT Coordinator;
Myron Richard, Program Educational Advisor/Mentoring-Career
Coordinator; **Sharon K. Robertson**, Administrative Specialist;
Sara Baltazar, Program Educational Advisor/Financial Literacy
Coordinator; and **Larry Ramos**, Executive Director

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