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**Outstanding Alum
Solomon Adair**

Founding Pastor of Inspired to Live Church in Texas, former TRIO Talent Search student, **Solomon Adair**, has worked extensively in education, business, and ministry. His passion has been to develop the purpose that he believes exists inside every person.

Solomon received a bachelors in business administration with a minor in Spanish from Wichita State. He started multiple businesses in the financial industry including a tax preparation company and several real estate investments. He earned a masters in the art of teaching that led him to spend five years as an eighth grade science teacher and three years as the founding Dean of Scholars for a charter school in Grand Prairie, Texas. Working as the assistant principal has opened the opportunity to directly affect change in the lives of the scholars, the parents of those scholars, and the staff he coaches.

Solomon's mission has opened the door for him to have several speaking engagements over the years at various conferences, college and career days, business leader panel discussions, seminars, professional development for educators, and after school mentoring.

Solomon's accomplishments would not be as enjoyable if he hadn't spent it with his high school sweetheart and wife of nearly 13 years, Elisabeth. With her support, partnership, and love, he has been able to walk in his purpose and serve others.



**Rising Star
Sania Saeed**

Sania Saeed is a senior at Northeast Magnet High School and has been a participant of TRIO Talent Search since the sixth grade. Her educational and career goals are to major in biomedical engineering, attend medical school, and one day become a successful cardiothoracic surgeon.

In the meantime, Sania takes advanced placement courses, maintains a perfect 4.0 grade point average, serves as senior class president and volunteers for the DAV and Toys for Tots. She is also on the student council and was named a Kansas Honors Scholar. Sania is a Questbridge college match finalist and, if selected, will receive a full scholarship. She has already been admitted to the University of Kansas but is still deciding on her collegiate destination.

Early on, the Talent Search staff noticed that she was a very intelligent and mature student. She began her program participation during the Middle School Summer Enrichment Program which she says was "fun." She also indicated that the program helped her "build connections and made her summers more productive." While in high school, she volunteered to help out with the summer program and perform office tasks. Sania was also chosen by the staff to attend the Girls in STEM conference sponsored by the Educational Opportunity Association where she met other like-minded students which gave her more confidence in her abilities and interest in medicine. TRIO Talent Search is proud of Sania and the bright future that awaits her.