

TSS NEWS

Fall Newsletter
2023



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

What an exciting and busy time it is! With school starting and most people saying “goodbye” to the summer, it feels like a new beginning.

The TRIO Talent Search-South (TSS) staff is very excited to begin its second full academic year serving the fine students at Truesdell Middle School and South High School.

Students are encouraged to visit with their TSS advisor as early as possible to learn about all the cool activities planned for this year.

The TSS staff would like as many students as possible to participate and, hopefully, encourage their friends/fellow students to join the program too. Have a fabulous year!



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Knowledge is power.
Continuous positive education
leads to positive thinking.

— Mr. Vishal N. Tapase

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (SEP) 2023



SEP HIGHLIGHTS

- *Sharon Robertson, Administrative Specialist*



Twenty-two select middle school students received class instruction in English, computer science/robotics, math, financial literacy/life skills, as well as music and performing arts.

Students participated in a field trip to the Sedgwick County Zoo and attended campus visits to Southwestern College, Langston University (HBCU), Fort Hays State University, Johnson County Community College, and the College of the Ozarks.

SEP guest speakers included Sgt. Michael Roets, WPD Mounted Police; Brandon and William Polite, Ph.D.,

co-authors of Protect Your Mind; Chukwunyenye Nweke, Mental Health Counselor for WSU's Counseling and Prevention Services; and Kevin Harrison, Ph.D., assistant professor and director for WSU's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Meritrust Credit Union co-hosted an interactive Reality U event that teaches youth about personal finance and at the end of the summer program, students performed in the Academic Awards Recognition and Talent Show. The SEP was held on the Wichita State campus.

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” - Malcolm X

COLLEGE JUMP START

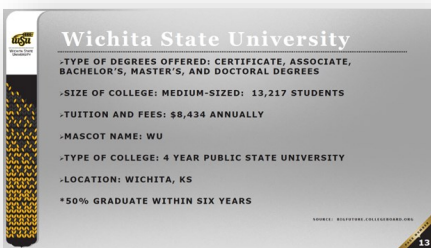
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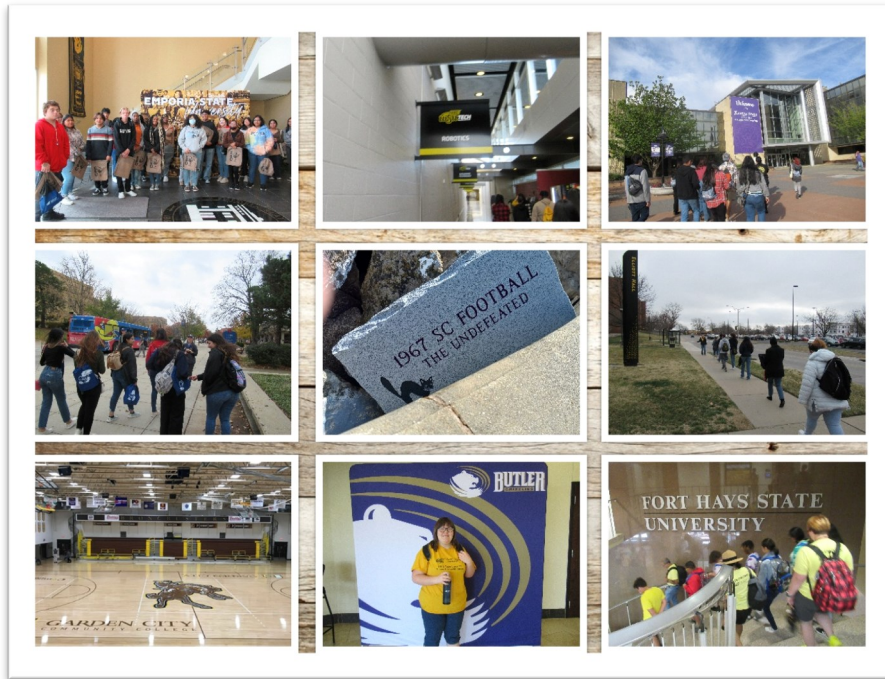


This annual workshop is scheduled for Monday, September 18. Its purpose is to help students plan and make informed decisions about postsecondary education. The Talent Search-South staff collaborate with the Talent Search program to provide students with information on various program services offered, including tutoring, mentoring, homework assistance, financial literacy (FAFSA, scholarship searches), and assistance with course selection, college admission applications, fee waivers, and more. Students enrolled in the Talent Search-South program are also eligible to attend college campus tours to gain a first-hand view of potential colleges or universities beyond the brochures with opportunities to engage in conversations about academic options and campus culture from campus staff and students.

During College Jump Start, participants learn multiple things 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 will delve into each of these topics and share how the program can assist with career exploration, 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 successful future of its youth.

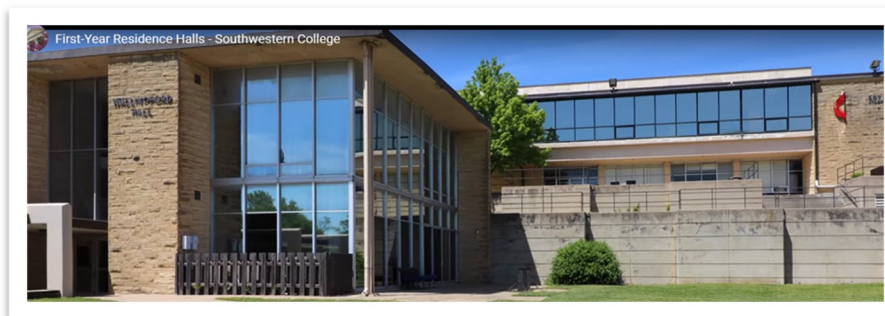




CAMPUS VISITS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

- *Vivian Pham, Assistant Director / Statistician*

Current high school participants are recommended to take advantage of the in-person campus visits TSS has to offer. Virtual tours on websites, college catalogs, and brochures provide a limited view of college campuses. In-person visits provide an opportunity for students to interact, ask questions, receive more information on what the college is really like, learn more about programs of study, class size, residence halls, financial aid options, and life on campus. Getting to walk around the campus is the best way to assess if it will be a good fit. 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.



*CAMPUS VISIT SCHEDULE:

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Oct 12, 2023

WSU TECH (NCAT & SOUTH)

Oct 26, 2023

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Nov 2, 2023

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Nov 9, 2023

GARDEN CITY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dec 1, 2023 (TBD)

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

Mar 5, 2024

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

Mar 22, 2024 (TBD)

BUTLER
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Apr 9, 2024

PITTSBURG STATE
UNIVERSITY

April 18, 2024 (TBD)

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

To sign up for a campus tour, complete the Campus Visit Permission and Consent Form for 2023-2024 online at www.wichita.edu/tss.



FINANCIAL AID - *Mary Greenwood, Program Educational Adviser*

With the new school year approaching it's time to start thinking about how to pay for college. It is important for students to stay on top of scholarship and new FAFSA information.

FAFSA:

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is changing for the 2023-2024 school year and the new FAFSA website will not be available until December 2023. Students need to ensure that they keep an eye out for news regarding when the website will open. Keep in mind, just because the FAFSA is opening later does not mean some colleges are extending their financial aid deadline. Students need to remain informed with the latest information.



Students must submit the FAFSA form by the priority deadline to be considered for the aid programs administered by their state. There is also a federal deadline each academic year. - studentaid.gov

Scholarships:

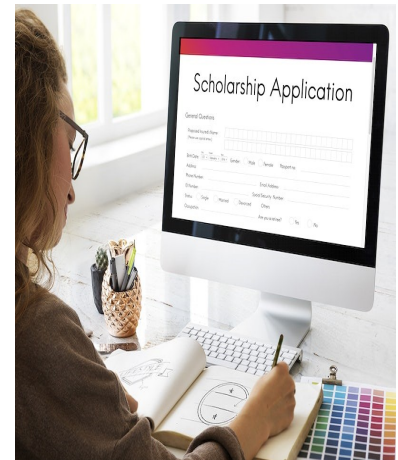
Looking for ways to pay for college without using student loans? Try applying for these scholarships.

Rudd Scholarship

- ◆ Must be a graduating high school senior who plans to enroll full-time in the fall.
- ◆ Must have a cumulative, unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 or above.
- ◆ Must be a Kansas resident and qualify for in-state tuition.
- ◆ Will attend either Emporia State, Fort Hays State, or Wichita State.
- ◆ Must be a U.S. Citizen or a permanent resident.

Gates Scholarship

- ◆ Minimum 3.3 GPA
- ◆ Full-ride scholarship.



Apply as early as possible!

ACT TEST DATES - *Sharon Robertson, Administrative Specialist*

Below are ACT test dates and deadlines for registration. Talent Search-South students receive a fee waiver for the ACT test. Wichita State University offers ACT prep workshops throughout the year. Talent Search-South students may attend one WSU ACT workshop for free. Please visit the website at www.wichita.edu/tss or call the office at 316-978-3560 for more information.

CALENDAR

Sept 4-5	Labor Day; No School
Sept 7	SAT Registration Deadline
Sept 18	College Jump Start
Oct 5	SAT Registration Deadline
Oct 7	SAT Test
Oct 10-13	No School
Oct 12	ESU Campus Tour
Oct 26	WSU Tech Campus Tour
Nov 2	SAT Registration Deadline; KSU Campus Tour
Nov 4	SAT Test
Nov 11	Veteran's Day; No School
Nov 9	KU Campus Tour
Nov 23-24	No School; Fall Recess
Nov 25	Thanksgiving

2023-2024 Test Dates (National)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload & Standby Deadline
September 9, 2023	August-23	August-23	September-23
October 28, 2023	September-23	October-23	October-23
December 9, 2023	November-23	November-23	December-23
February 10, 2024	January-23	January-23	February-23
April 13, 2024	March-23	March-23	April-23
June 8, 2024	May-23	May-23	May-23
July 13, 2024*	June-23	June-23	July-23

TRIO TALENT SEARCH-SOUTH

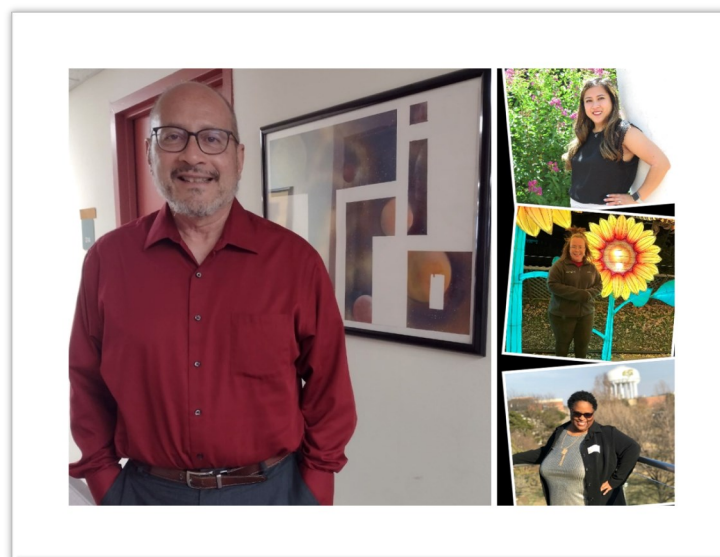
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MISSION STATEMENT

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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