

TSS NEWS

Spring 2023

TRIO Talent Search-South Newsletter

Director's Message

As spring approaches, the weather turns warmer, trees and flowers start to bloom, people begin spending more time outside. It's easy to get sidetracked, but students need to remain vigilant in school.

In February, several staff members of the Talent Search programs attended a workshop hosted by ACT which stressed the importance of paying attention in class. Paying attention is the best way for students to increase their understanding of math, language arts, and science. It is more meaningful and students learn more if they stay awake, stay off their phones, and take good notes.

As the season changes, the mind is tempted to drift, but resist doing it during class. Avoid staring out the windows and listen to the lessons because that is where "real" understanding begins. All the best for the rest of the school year!



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"The great aim of education is not knowledge but action."

- Herbert Spencer

Spring Fever



Spring is here and it is time to start thinking about the end of the school year. Some will be graduating and moving on to college or an exciting career. For those going to college, see if there is a TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Program on campus or a McNair Scholars Program. SSS is a TRIO program for those pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree and McNair is a TRIO program for those pursuing a master's degree. They may be able to assist with college course selection, scholarship searches, financial aid, and other resources to help students succeed.

Also, for the middle schoolers, Talent Search offers a six-week summer program to enhance skills in math, science (robotics), English, financial literacy/life skills, and theater arts. Breakfast and lunch are provided. The program is free and there are exciting campus visits, guest speakers, and cultural events. To participate, complete the application for the Middle School Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) at www.wichita.edu/tss or ask the Talent Search advisor for more information.

- Sharon K. Robertson, Administrative Specialist

SEP Summer 2022



Summer Enrichment



- Mary Greenwood, Program Educational Advisor

Hello middle school students. Those who are looking for a fun and free way to spend the summer can join TRIO Talent Search-South for the 2022-2023 Summer Enrichment Program (SEP). SEP is open to sixth to eighth grade students residing in the Wichita area. It starts on June 5th and ends on July 14th.

Through the six weeks, students will work on strengthening their skills in English, math, science, financial literacy/life skills, and theater arts. On Wednesdays, students will travel to different colleges and universities across Kansas. Fridays are reserved for motivating and knowledgeable guest speakers. At the end of the program, students participate in

the annual talent showcase/student recognition ceremony. The sixth and seventh grade students will go on a day trip to Kansas City. The eighth grade students will go on a three day over-night trip to Branson, MO. For more information, go to www.wichita.edu/tss or contact vivian.pham@wichita.edu or mary.greenwood@wichita.edu.



National TRIO Day 2023

HISTORY: On February 24, 1986, a congressional resolution (H. Con. Res. 278) declared that Saturday, February 28, 1986, should be designated as “National TRIO Day” to commemorate the annual achievements of the Federal TRIO programs in communities across the country. National TRIO Day (NTD) is a time to focus the nation's "attention on the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives if they are to become contributing citizens of the country, and to the talent which will be wasted if that investment is not made."

Source: <https://coenet.org/national-trio-day-2/>

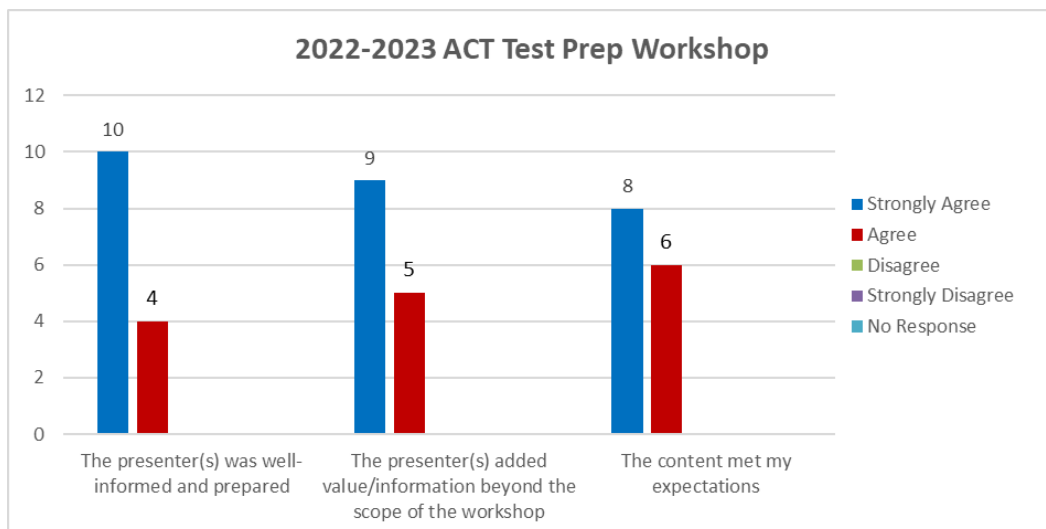
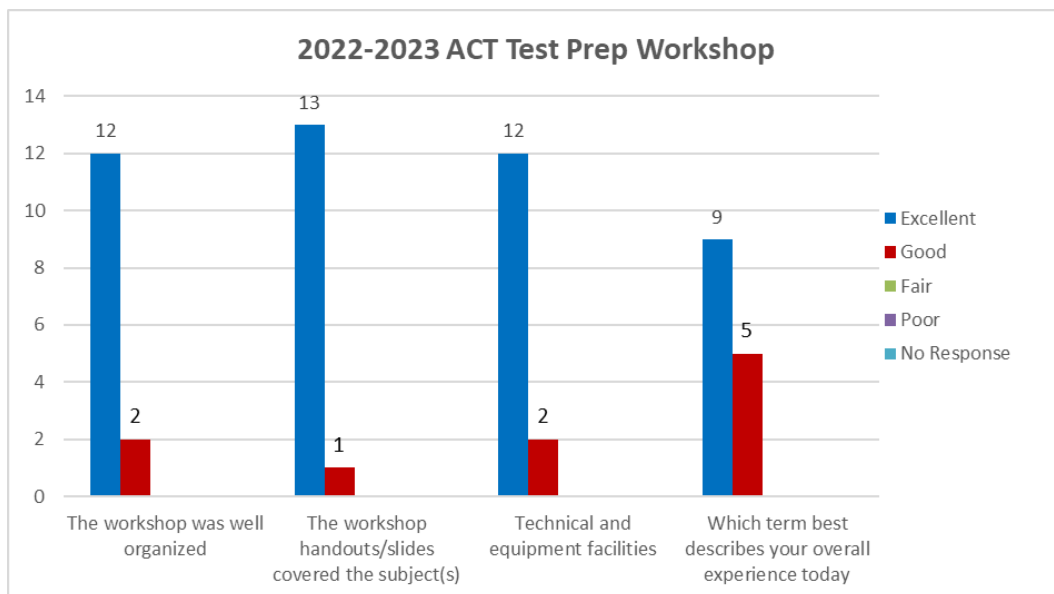


This year, the Talent Search-South Program at Wichita State University chose to honor NTD by donating books to Little Free Library stands within the community. Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that promotes neighborhood book exchanges, typically in the form of a public bookcase. Their mission is “to have a Little Free Library in every community and a book for every reader.” As volunteers share a book, they can take one for free. These book-sharing boxes provide 24/7 access to diverse literature, inspire readers, and build underserved communities. To learn more, visit <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>.

ACT Prep

- Vivian Pham, Assistant Director/Statistician

At the end of January, Assistant Director/Statistician Vivian Pham and Program Educational Advisor Mary Greenwood conducted an ACT test prep workshop for Mrs. Mohr's 11th grade AVID class at South High School. Pham and Greenwood presented test taking and guessing strategies to help prepare the students. They provided ACT test practice booklets which included practice questions that students can utilize. All juniors in the USD 259 district will be reporting to their schools to take the ACT Test on Tuesday, February 28th. Below are the workshop results from the student evaluations.



Events Calendar

March

- 3/10 | WSU Campus Visit
- 3/11 | SAT Administration
- 3/10-3/17 | No School (Spring Recess)
- 3/19 | Anastasia Theater Production, Century II. Convention Center
- 3/22 | Cowley Campus Visit



April

- 4/07 | No School
- 4/10 | Butler Campus Visit; No School
- 4/15 | ACT Administration

May

- 5/06 | SAT Administration
- 5/24 | Last Day of School
- 5/29 | Memorial Day

MISSION

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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