

Winter 2023

# TSS NEWS

## TRIO Talent Search-South



### Winter Greetings and Happy Holidays!

As the weather gets colder and days grow shorter, it feels like the year is flying by. Many times, it feels like, for some people, that time is running out and there isn't enough time to get things done. That can be especially true for students with homework and various school assignments. Time has a way of creeping up on people and before they realize it, the time they thought they had is all but gone. Planning, organization, and time management should be the goal for everyone. However, it is most important for students to learn this and make these things a priority for next semester. A new year is right around the corner which means a new starting point for improvements. Make sure that everything is on track. Schedule an appointment with the school counselor or a TSS advisor for help.



## INTRODUCING NEW PROGRAM ADVISOR

*Marci  
Diepenbrock*



TRIO Talent Search-South would like to extend a warm welcome to new Program Educational Advisor Marci Diepenbrock. Diepenbrock is a graduate of Southwestern College and formerly worked for the Kansas Kids at GEAR UP program at Wichita State University. She will serve Truesdell Middle School and South High School. To set up an advising appointment, call 316.978.3571 or email her at [marci.diepenbrock@wichita.edu](mailto:marci.diepenbrock@wichita.edu). Stop by and say hello at Brennan Hall, Building 2, Room 126 (1749 N. Yale).

- Marci Diepenbrock, Program Educational Advisor

## Interested in tutoring?

- Must be currently enrolled as a WSU student with a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Preferred to have at least a B in the class to be tutored
- Enrolled in at least 3-6 credit hours if a domestic student, 12 credit hours if an international student
- Have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation to travel to and from schools
- Experience or desire to work with first-generation, limited income students
- Subjects may include mathematics, English, science, history, and other
- Competitive student wages (\$10-12 per hour)

## Website Mechanics

Talent Search-South has a website with a myriad of helpful resources to aid in financial literacy, academic success and college prep. There are links to test prep, ACT Prep, free federal student aid, and the Occupational Outlook Handbook. Students can use CashCourse to brush up on financial responsibility. They can access College Scorecard or College Greenlight to research colleges and locate scholarships. Khan Academy, a web-based tool, can help with math, language-arts, economics, history and more. There are even links to online mentoring programs such as Strive for College and a Stock Market Game to educate students on the value of investing money wisely. Check out these resources at [www.wichita.edu/tss](http://www.wichita.edu/tss).



## Are you First-Generation?

Did either of your parents graduate from college with a four-year degree? If not, you are a potential first-generation student. Being the first in the family to get a bachelor's degree or higher is a huge move. Some may not understand the struggle but support is here. Connect with the I'm First online community through the Center for Student Opportunity (CSO). Find the link on the TSS website.

— Sharon K. Robertson, Administrative Specialist

For more services visit:

[www.wichita.edu/tss](http://www.wichita.edu/tss)

# Resume Building Tips



A resume is a document that summarizes an individual's education, skills, work experiences, and achievements. Resumes are the first impression to a potential employer and informs them who the applicant is and what they have to offer in a job. Involvement in extra-curricular activities including clubs, sports, and volunteerism are just a few of the activities students can add to their resumes.

Here are some tips for creating a resume:

- Highlight academic accomplishments, leadership experience, community involvement, relevant extracurricular activities, volunteer work, and internships
- Appeal to what the employer wants based on the job description
- List key skills and proficiencies (do not exaggerate or inaccurately present qualifications)
- Be simple and precise; use action words
- List in chronological order starting from the most current to least recent
- Limit length to 1-2 pages depending on experience
- Proofread and edit
- Include a professional email address as a point of contact (example: [jsmith2020@gmail.com](mailto:jsmith2020@gmail.com))
- Do not use family as references; they could be misperceived as biased
- Choose credible references who have known the applicant for at least a year, can communicate well, and present the applicant in an objective but positive light

For more resume assistance or proof reading assistance, please contact program staff at [vivian.pham@wichita.edu](mailto:vivian.pham@wichita.edu) or [marci.diepenbrock@wichita.edu](mailto:marci.diepenbrock@wichita.edu).

- Vivian Pham, Assistant Director/Statistician

# CALENDAR

## DECEMBER

12/01 Garden City Community College Visit  
12/18-12/31 Winter Recess (No School)  
12/25 Christmas Day  
12/31 New Year's Eve

## JANUARY

01/01-01/02 Winter  
Recess (No School)  
01/16 MLK Jr Day  
(No School)

## FEBRUARY

02/14 Valentine's Day  
02/16 District Service Day (No School)  
02/19 President's Day (No School)



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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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