

Winter 2024

TSS NEWS

TRIO Talent Search-South Newsletter



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Topics:

- ⇒ Black History
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November is National College Application Month. The staff at Talent Search-South is working hard to ensure that any senior who wants to attend college next fall (2025) receives the assistance they need to make that goal a reality. The Talent Search-South advisors are in the library at South High School and welcome any senior who needs help completing a college application and the FAFSA.

The FAFSA opens on December 1st but that does not mean students should wait until then to begin the process. In this newsletter, Program Educational Advisor Kathy Nguyen provides the steps to take to obtain a FSA ID to complete the FAFSA. All seniors who plan to attend college in the fall need to complete this important step.

At Truesdell Middle School, the staff is presenting college preparation workshops for students. The information they provide is important for the future. Students are learning the importance of being organized and managing time wisely. It is the expectation of the program staff that these workshops will inspire and motivate middle school students to do their best in and out of the classroom.

Finally, as the year comes to an end, the entire Talent Search-South staff would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year!



Black History

Black History Month is celebrated during the month of February. However, history is not black or white. The real point of Black History is meant to honor those who might otherwise be overlooked for their contributions to society, and it draws attention to the fact that this world is made up of diverse people who do amazing, extraordinary things that benefit even those who refuse to give them credit for doing so. Their efforts make this world a better place for everyone.

Knowing one's history provides a greater sense of identity, a better understanding of oneself and others. It contributes to critical thinking and more informed decision-making. By knowing the mistakes of the past, one can determine better steps for the present and changes needed to improve the future. History builds citizenship, a sharing of human experiences and commonalities. It shines a light on how events of the past led to the way things are today. It teaches lessons that foster empathy, tolerance, and more inclusive ideals.

Those who think history is unimportant need to consider how it influences people's perspectives, social interactions, and the laws that are passed and denied. History is a road map. It shows what led to this point. It tells the rise and fall of nations, why one group of people treats another differently, why changes happened over time, and why certain benefits to society exist. History is not just a bunch of facts to be learned. It is about the people and important events that make up the facts and influence what is happening in the world today. To make it plain, one day this day will be history. Everything this generation has done will be history. Will that not matter? If so, decide today what kind of legacy to leave behind, take actions, and determine the footprint to leave on the pages of history for generations to come.

- Sharon K. Robertson, Administrative Specialist



DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ Madam Walker was the first black American woman to be a self-made millionaire, founding her own haircare company.
- ◆ Alexander Miles patented a mechanism that made automatic elevator doors safer and more efficient in 1887.
- ◆ John Standard's improved refrigerator design (patented in 1891) was inexpensive and more efficient than the previous iceboxes that had to be manually refilled.
- ◆ Garrett Morgan created the modern three light traffic signal in 1923. He is also responsible for the gas masks used in World War I and by today's firefighters and industrial workers to protect against dangerous chemicals and fumes.
- ◆ Richard Spikes invented the first automatic gear shift for cars in 1932, making driving easier and more convenient.
- ◆ Marie Van Brittan Brown and her husband Albert Brown created the first home security system in 1966.
- ◆ Katherine Johnson developed the world's first human-programmable computer language, which was used by NASA for space travel.

Sources: [History.com](https://www.history.com), [Orange County Regional History Center](https://www.ocphistorycenter.org), [UC San Diego Library](https://www.library.ucsd.edu), and [Schmeiser Olsen & Watts LLP](https://www.schmeiserolsen.com), an Intellectual Property Law Firm



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BISCUIT CUTTER
FOLDING BED
COIN CHANGER
ROTARY ENGINE
CAR COUPLER
LETTER BOX
STAINLESS STEEL PADS
TORPEDO DISCHARGER
DISPOSABLE SYRINGE
HOME SECURITY SYSTEM
CORN PLANTER
COTTON PLANTER
IRONING BOARD
STREET SWEEPERS
HORSE BRIDLE BIT
HORSESHOE
LAWN MOWER
TYPEWRITER
TRAIN-ALARM
IMAGE CONVERTER
FOR RADIATION DETECTOR
PEANUT BUTTER
PAINTS AND STAINS
LOTIONS AND SOAPS
AUTOMATIC FISHING REEL
ICE CREAM MOLD
PRINTING PRESS
ENVELOPE SEAL
LASER FUELS
PRESSURE COOKER
WINDOW CLEANER
PENCIL SHARPENER
FIRE EXTINGUISHER
LOCK
SHOE LASTING MACHINE
LUBRICATORS
ROCKET CATAPULT
ELEVATOR
GAS MASK
TRAFFIC SIGNAL
HAIR BRUSH
HEATING FURNACE
AIR SHIP (BLIMP)
FOLDING CHAIR
HAND STAMP
FOUNTAIN PEN
DUST PAN
INSECT DESTROYER GUN
BABY BUGGY
SUGAR REFINEMENT
CLOTHES DRIER
CELLULAR PHONE
PRESSING COMB
CURTAIN ROD
LAWN SPRINKLER

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STREET SWEEPER
URINALYSIS MACHINE
HORSE RIDING SADDLE
SHOE
PLAYER PIANO
ARM FOR RECORD PLAYER
DOOR STOP
DOOR KNOB
PHOTO PRINT WASH
PHOTO IMBOSSING MACHINE
POSTAL LETTER BOX
TOILET (COMMODOE)
FURNITURE CASTER
GUITAR
GOLF THEE
MOTOR
THERMO HAIR CURLERS
LANTERN
GAS BURNER
KITCHEN TABLE
BICYCLE FRAME
WRENCH
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EGG BEATER
DISFLECTOR
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TWO-CYCLE GAS ENGINE
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE
STARTER GENERATOR
REFRIGERATION CONTROLS
CLOTHES DRESSER
BOTTLE CAPS
ELECTRIC LAMP
HYDRAULIC SHOCK ABSORBER
REFRIGERATOR
MOP
STAIRCLIMBING WHEELCHAIR
FIRE ESCAPE LADDER
TELEPHONE TRANSMITTER
ELECTRIC CUT-OFF SWITCH
RELAY INSTRUMENT
TELEPHONE SYSTEM
ELECTRO MECH BRAKE
GALVANIC BATTERY
ELECTRIC RAILWAY SYSTEM
ROLLER COASTER
AUTO AIR BRAKE
HELICOPTER
SANI-PHONE
SUPER SOAPER
BLOOD PLASMA
ICE CREAM
PACE MAKER CONTROLS
GUIDEC-MISSILE
SPACE SHUTTLE RETRIEVAL ARM
PROGRAMMABLE REMOTE CONTROLLERS
VIDEO COMMANDER
MULTI-STAGE ROCKET

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Why Applying for FAFSA is Essential for Your Future

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is one of the most essential steps for students and families who are planning for college or vocational school. By applying and completing the FAFSA, students can unlock access to different financial aid options, including grants, scholarships, work-study programs, and low-interest federal loans. Every year, many students miss out on thousands of dollars given to them for school by not applying for the FAFSA. Students are encouraged to submit the FAFSA early to maximize their chances of receiving aid as some funds are limited and others work on a “first come, first served” basis. The FAFSA is a vital tool that can help make college or vocational school more affordable and accessible. Students can reduce the burden of school costs by filling out the FAFSA which allows students to focus more on their education and less on financial stress.

Steps to Applying for FAFSA:

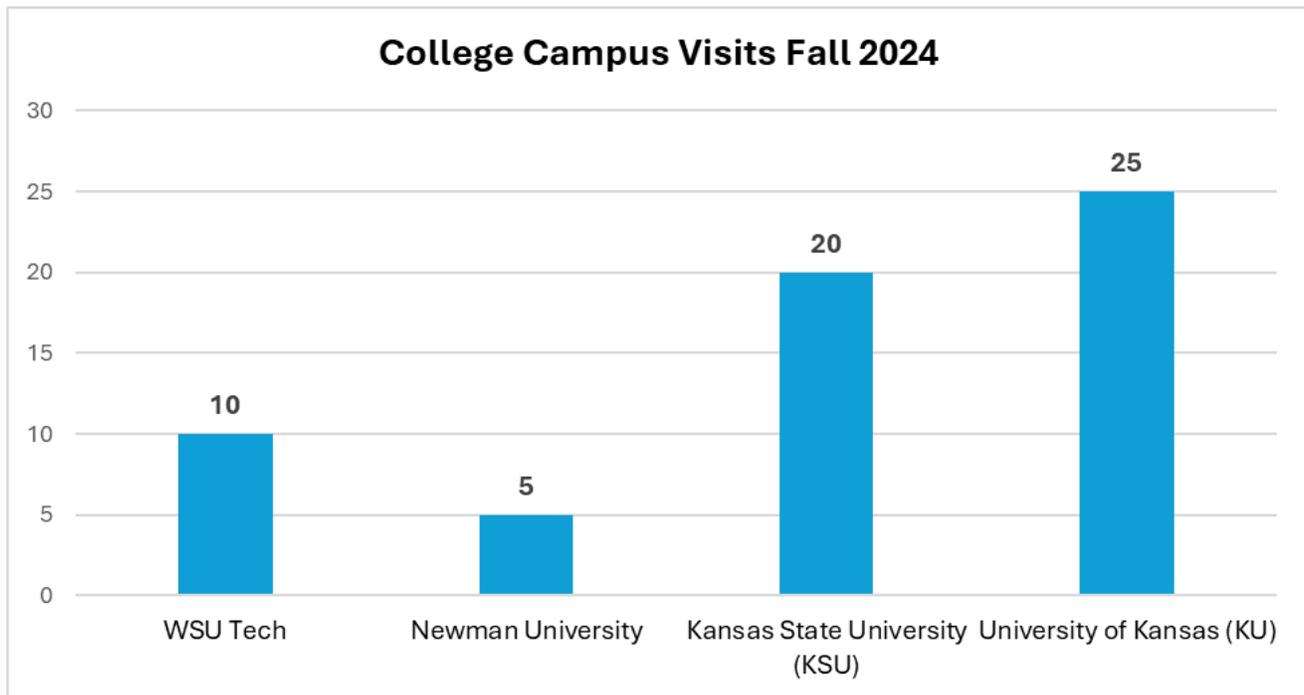
- ◆ **Create an FSA ID:** Unique username and password that allows students to sign FAFSA electronically.
- ◆ **Gather necessary documents:** Social security number, parents’ social security numbers, federal tax returns, W-2s, and records of any untaxed income.
- ◆ **Fill out the FAFSA form:** Visit [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) to start the application. Questions will include financial background, family income, and any assets.
- ◆ **Review and submit FAFSA:** Once the form is filled, carefully review the answers for accuracy.
- ◆ **Check Student Aid Report (SAR):** The SAR summarizes students’ FAFSA information.
- ◆ **Review aid offers:** Aid offers explain the types and amounts of aid a college is offering and the expected costs. Compare the costs and aid offers.

- - *Kathy Nguyen, Program Educational Advisor*

Fall Campus Visit Data 2024

TSS offers students many opportunities to visit public and private colleges. During the fall semester, TSS students have been persistent in participating in campus visits. In the graph below, the data displays the attendance of each visit. To conclude the semester, TSS will visit Hutchinson Community College on December 4th.

Remember, spots are limited for each trip. Please check the website for more information. The required campus visit permission form must be completed and can be found on the website or provided by program staff. For more information, contact Assistant Director/Statistician Vivian Pham at Vivian.pham@wichita.edu or 316.978.3561.



2025 Spring Campus Visit Schedule

Wichita State University - Thursday, March 13, 2025

Cowley Community College - Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Butler Community College - Tuesday, April 8, 2025

University of Oklahoma (OU) - Thursday, April 24, 2025

- - Vivian Pham-Chanthivong, Assistant Director



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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December

- 04 Hutchinson Campus Tour
- 07 SAT Test Administration
- 14 ACT Test Administration
- 20-31 Winter Recess (No School)
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

January

- 01 New Year's Day
- 01-05 Winter Recess (No School)
- 03 ACT Registration Deadline
- 06 USD 259 Reopens
- 20 MLK Jr. Holiday (No School)

February

- 08 ACT Test Administration
- 11-13 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 13-14 No School
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 President's Day
- 21 SAT Registration Deadline
- 28 ACT Registration Deadline



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