



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



The coronavirus has decimated the economy and public health, leading to job loss, food insecurity, and the loss of loved ones. During this holiday season, worry and anxiety are at an all-time high, and the outlook for the coming year doesn't seem, at this time, to be any better. However, no matter how bad things may seem, it could always be much worse; therefore, it is important to remember all the individuals and families who are struggling to make ends meet.

Hopelessness can invade a student's thoughts and before long, affect every aspect of life including school. TRIO Talent Search advisors are here to guide and provide support. The advisors carry a wealth of knowledge and resources to help students stay on track.

While students are experiencing virtual learning fatigue, longing for the day when they can return to their schools, they should remember that homework still matters, grades still matter, graduation still matters, and pursuing a higher education still matters.

One day, when this pandemic has ended, students will reflect on the actions they took during this time. It is in their best interest to make the most of this unfortunate situation and study, do their best, and utilize the resources available to help them help themselves.

TRIO Talent Search is contacting students every day. It is up to each student to respond to the text messages, phone calls, mailings, and other correspondence. It may be the best thing that a student can do for their future. Stay safe and stay positive!

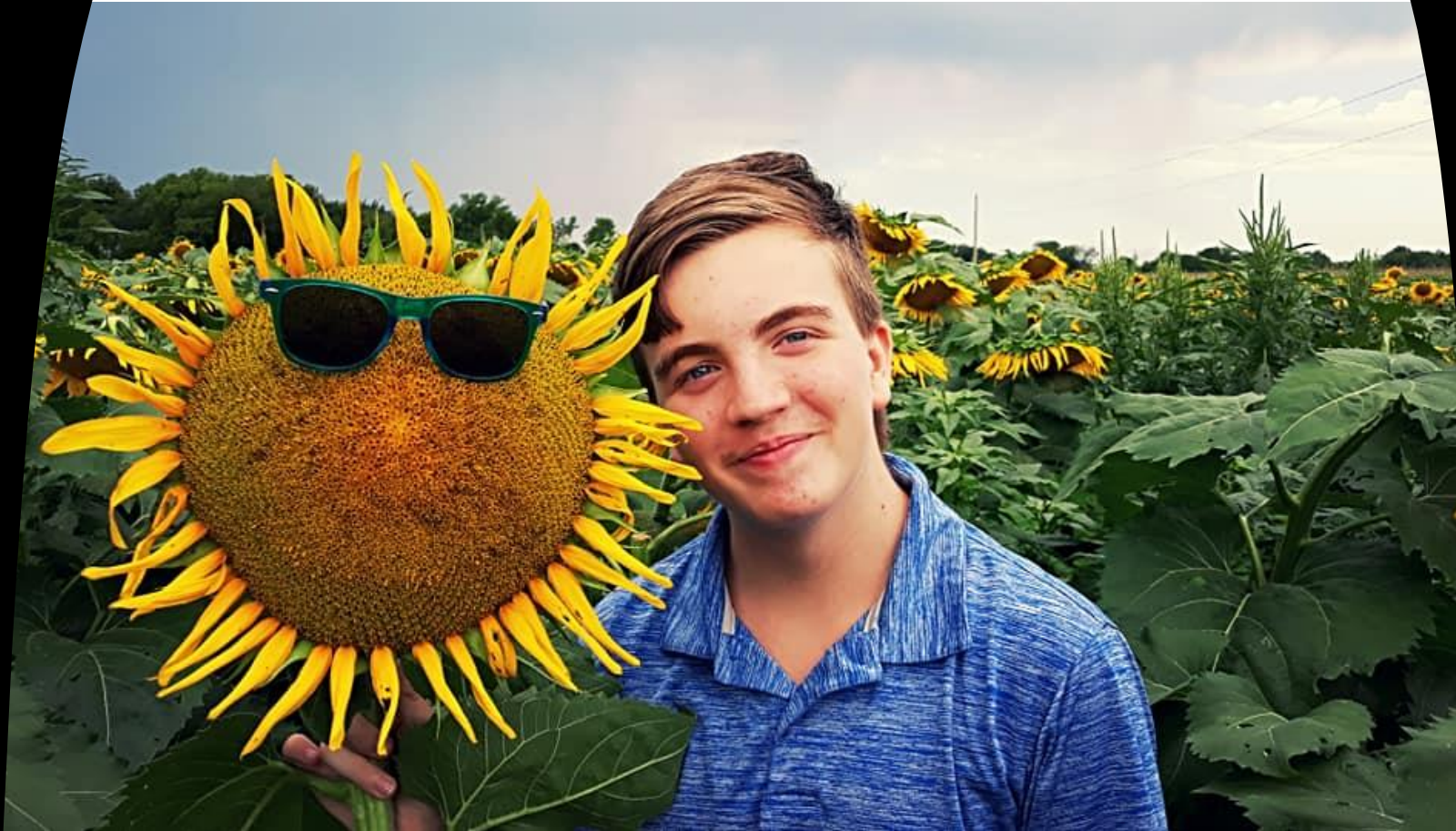


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Student Spotlight: Malachi

- Vivian Pham, Program Educational Advisor



Malachi is a 9th grader at Southeast High School. Virtual learning is not what he expected in his first year of high school and he has stated that being at home on the computer for school most of the day is tiring; however, he makes the best of it.

Malachi is doing well in most of his classes this semester, maintaining a GPA above 3.0. His favorite classes so far are computer essentials and debate. In computer essentials class, the teacher incorporates typing skill games. Malachi enjoys competing with his fellow classmates. In debate class, they discuss different perspectives on various topics which makes the class seem more engaging.

Malachi expects to attend college to study aerospace engineering. To keep himself busy during the pandemic, he plays piano, exercises, and plays video games. He is excited for school to be in-person again and to make new friends. In the meantime, he has taken advantage of TRIO Talent Search services by participating in virtual activities such as College Jumpstart, the Gold Rush Escape Room team-building activity, and the Give Something Back Scholarship informational session.

Malachi, keep up the great work, stay motivated and involved. TRIO Talent Search is here for support!

Time Management During the Pandemic

- Myron Richard, Program Educational Advisor



One of the best ways to stay productive during these unprecedented times is by establishing a **daily routine**, similar to the routine when school is in session. At a time when everything feels uncertain, having a routine can provide consistency and help to retain a sense of control over everyday life. Simply getting up and going to sleep at the same time every night can make a huge difference. It can be simple to incorporate a routine.

Establishing time for self-care is crucial to good mental health and overall well-being. Having outside contact during this time of social isolation is another vital part of maintaining good health. It also helps to have someone to be accountable to. Accountability is a great motivator for productivity.

Manage time well. Take time to care for one's self, check on friends and family to see how they are doing, and **stay connected** through video chat or other social media. Remember that TRIO Talent Search is here to listen, advise, mentor, provide academic resources, and help in the overall success of the student participants. Mentoring services are available on Fridays between 1-5 p.m. by appointment only. Contact Myron Richard at Myron.richard@wichita.edu to schedule an appointment.

Opportunities 4 YOU!

- Stephanie Haynes, Middle School Director



Talent Search is here to assist students, during the pandemic. Whether students find themselves bored, struggling in class, or just looking for something to do, Talent Search has **GREAT** opportunities to offer.

Mask up and take advantage of in-person tutoring, Monday-Thursday from 3-6 p.m. in Brennan Hall I on the third floor or connect with a tutor online, Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. A list of tutors and their availability are located on the Talent Search website. Visit www.wichita.edu/talentsearch for more details. Also, math tutoring for middle school and high school courses is available Monday-Thursday from 7-8 p.m.

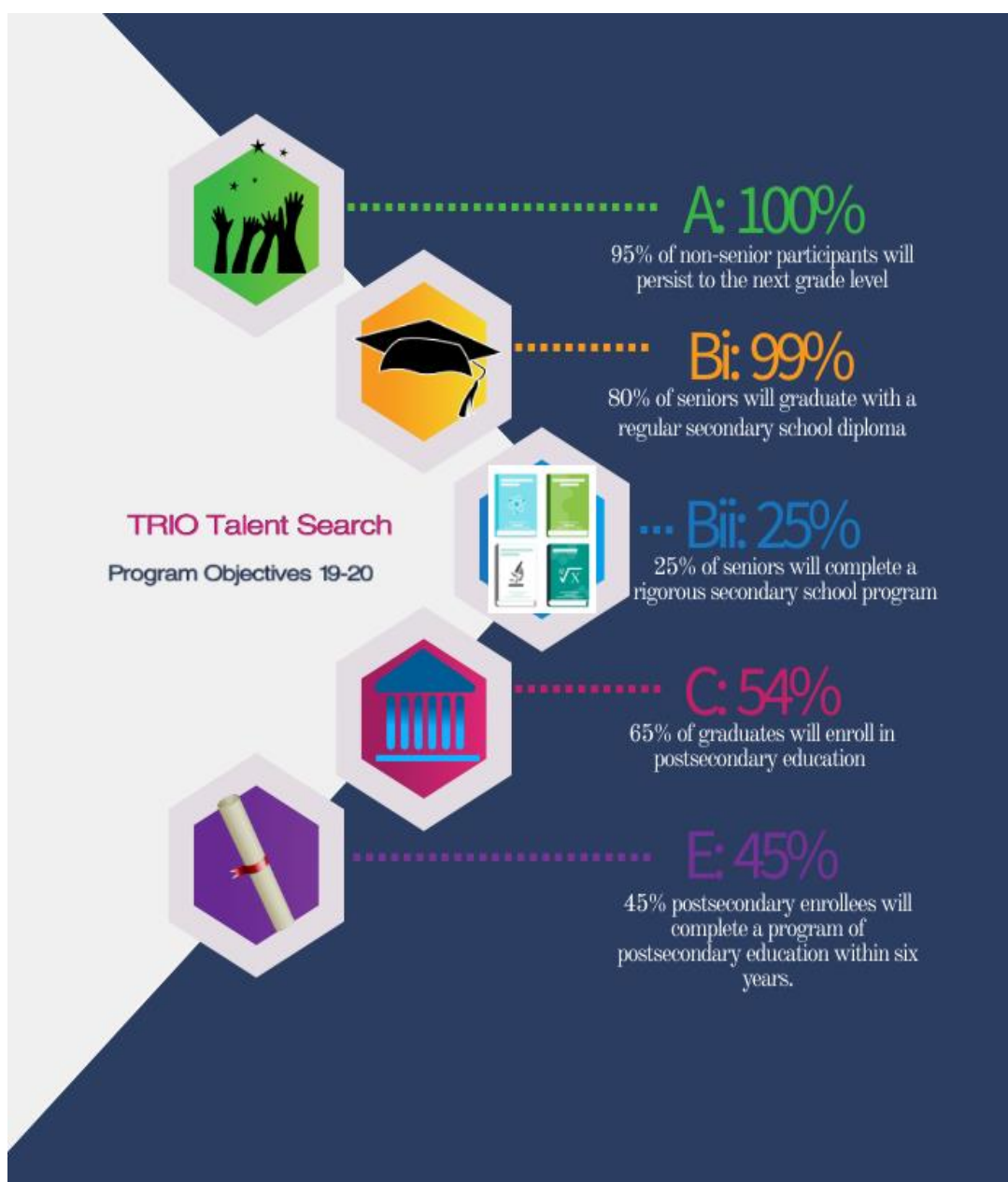
Several workshops have been scheduled for all grade levels that will enhance the students' skills and knowledge in a variety of topics. Sessions include: "Dream Big, Goal Setting" (December 17th); "Postsecondary: What-College Options?" (February 17th); "Financial Planning" (April 15th); and "College Readiness" (May 18th).

Students, please plan to attend one or all of the virtual campus visits to gain more information about admission, financial aid opportunities, and the multiple options for postsecondary education. Register up at www.wichita.edu/talentsearch.

Program Objectives for 2019-2020

- Mani Souriya, Associate Director/Statistician

Every year, the TRIO Talent Search program submits the Annual Performance Report (APR) to the U.S. Department of Education which includes progress on the program objectives. Data is reported on secondary school persistence, secondary school graduation, secondary school graduation with rigorous program of study, postsecondary education enrollment, and postsecondary attainment. Below are infographics for the program objectives. The program missed meeting the postsecondary education enrollment objective with 59 percent going on to postsecondary education. Many students postponed going to college due to the pandemic and virtual learning.



Follow the Money

- Sara Baltazar, Program Educational Advisor



Hey Students!

As the 2020 semester comes to a close, don't forget to look out for scholarships and job opportunities. It's important to keep up with scholarship deadlines and submit the completed applications on time.

With the holiday shopping season underway, there are a lot of seasonal jobs and volunteer opportunities at various places. Listed below are some of the opportunities available.

Upcoming Scholarships:

RUDD Foundation Scholarship: This scholarship is for students who live in Kansas, are Pell Grant eligible, and are leaders within their communities. Students need a 3.0 GPA and plan on graduating in spring 2021.

Deadline: December 11, 2020. Award amount: Full-ride.

Visit: <https://www.ruddfoundation.org/college-scholarships>

Ronald Reagan Foundation Scholarship: This scholarship is for students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with financial assistance dedicated to the pursuit of higher education. GPA of 3.0 or higher is required. Deadline: January 5, 2020. Award Amount: \$10,000

Visit: www.reaganfoundation.org/ge-rfscholarships.aspx

Kansas Hispanic Education & Development Foundation Scholarship: This local scholarship is for Black and Hispanic students with a 2.8 GPA or higher. Deadline: January 15, 2020. Award Amount: \$1,000 (on average).

Visit: <http://www.khedf.org/scholarships/>

Potential Job Opportunities ** (Availability is subject to change)

JCPenny Cashier: [https://jobs.jcp.com/jobs/3852573-](https://jobs.jcp.com/jobs/3852573-cashier?utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic)

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GameStop Retail Staff: [https://careers.gamestop.com/job/retail-staff-store-](https://careers.gamestop.com/job/retail-staff-store-2813/J3Q50376CG0JCYX8NZX?utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic)

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Journeys Part-Time Sales Associate:

https://cta.cadienttalent.com/index.jsp?POSTING_ID=46176243587&LOCATION_ID=46175646804&locale=en_US&SEQ=postingLocationDetails&applicationName=JourneysNonReqExt

Other Job Search Engines:

Indeed: <https://www.indeed.com/>

Career Builder: <https://www.careerbuilder.com/>

Volunteer opportunities:

Red Cross: <https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer.html#step1>

Boys and Girls Club: <http://www.begreatwichita.org/volunteer>

Exploration Place: <https://exploration.org/support/volunteer/>

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the TRIO Talent Search program is to identify, encourage, and assist low income and potential first generation college students to complete a secondary education, enroll in post-secondary education, and complete a postsecondary program.



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Calendar Events

December 2020

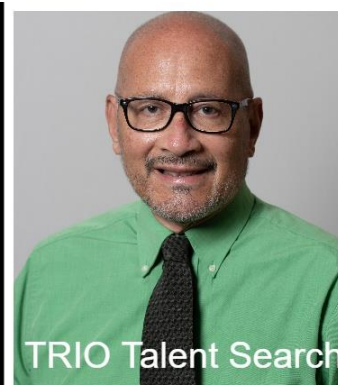
- 12/05 SAT Test
- 12/12 ACT Test
- 12/17 Paradigm Shift:
Dream Big,
Goal Setting, 6 p.m.
- 12/21 Winter Recess

January 2021

- 1/04 USD 259 Classes Resume
- 1/08 ACT Registration Deadline
- 1/18 MLK Jr. Holiday; No School;
WSU Virtual Campus Visit
- 1/22 Semester Ends; No School;
Baker University Virtual
Campus Visit

February 2021

- 2/06 ACT Test
- 2/11-2/13 iDigTRIO Biological
Sciences Conference,
University of Florida
- 2/12 SAT Registration Deadline
- 2/15 Presidents Holiday;
No School;
Newman University
Virtual Campus Visit
- 2/17 Paradigm Shift:
Postsecondary – What
College Options?, 6 p.m.



Program Staff

Clockwise: Stephanie Haynes, Middle School Director, **Larry Ramos**, Program Director, **Sharon K. Robertson**, Senior Administrative Assistant, **Vivian Pham**, Program Educational Advisor/ACT-SAT Coordinator, **Mani Souriya**, Associate Director/Statistician, **Myron Richard**, Program Educational Advisor/Mentoring Coordinator, **Sara Baltazar**, Program Educational Advisor/Financial Literacy Coordinator