



TRIO TALENT SEARCH E-NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

September

- 4 Labor Day (No School)
- 8 SAT Registration Deadline
- 9 ACT Test
- 22 ACT Registration Deadline

October

- 5 SAT Registration Deadline
- 7 SAT Test
- 9 Columbus Day
- 11 Emporia State University Campus Visit
- 20 Nonteaching Duty Day (No School)
- 23 District In-service Day (No School);
Langston University Campus Visit
- 28 ACT Test
- 31 Halloween

November

- 2 SAT Registration Deadline
- 3 ACT Registration Deadline
- 4 SAT Test
- 8 Kansas State University Campus Visit
- 11 Veterans Day Holiday
- 20 Fall Recess (No School); Friends University and
Newman University Campus Visit
- 23 Thanksgiving Day

Director's Message

Welcome back to school!

It's going to be another good year and the Talent Search staff is excited and honored to meet the needs of the students and schools.

On September 11th, the program will begin its after school tutoring program. This service will be held on the third floor of Brennan Hall I and will continue for the entire school year. Students should plan to participate as often as is possible. Tutors will be on hand to assist students with their homework, preparing for tests, or working on subjects that need upgrading.

Tahmina Rahman, the Talent Search counselor assigned to Curtis and Southeast, has moved on to the next chapter of her life. As a result, a new counselor (yet to be named) will be assigned to these schools. We wish Tahmina well and expect the new counselor to begin their duties in September.

Have a great semester!

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Student Spotlight: Revlaun

Myron Richard, Program Educational Advisor

TRIO Talent Search would like to thank and acknowledge Revlaun for being a program participant as well as a spokesperson and strong advocate for Talent Search.

Mentoring and Career Coordinator Myron Richard first met Revlaun during the 2011 Summer Enrichment Program (SEP). Revlaun always maintained a positive approach toward college. The SEP afforded Revlaun the opportunity to visit several college campuses and inspired her to work toward her dream of becoming a psychologist.



Revlaun is currently enrolled in sixteen credit hours at Cowley Community College. Revlaun was also a recipient of the Ronald Reagan Student Leader award. The award gave Talent Search the opportunity to recognize Revlaun for her success as a student leader, model citizen, and scholar who exemplifies the legacy of President Reagan.

Talent Search is proud to assist in cultivating and supporting Revlaun as a thriving student and an outstanding young leader.

Way to go Revlaun!

Back 2 School

Stephanie Haynes, Middle School Director

The transition back to school can be difficult for everyone, especially parents, causing more stress than one is already experiencing. Students find it challenging to get back into the routine of early rising, being in school all day, and conquering the mounds of homework assigned.

DON'T be stressed!

Establish a plan that will save time, reduce stress, and make the mornings much easier. Here are tips to make going back to school less difficult.

First, be organized. This is imperative to reduce chaos, minimize stress and increase a student's chance for academic success.

For example, place the backpack near the front door to

keep from having to search for it in the morning. Use a student planner to arrange class assignments, test dates, and other activities. Schedule study time. Break large projects into smaller ones, like studying a certain amount of chapters each day.

Second, go to bed early. Going to bed early helps students stay alert in class and better equips them to handle new challenges faced throughout the day.



Finally, develop a routine. Prepare as much as possible the night before. Preset the alarm clock. Choose clothes to wear for the next day and hang them on the door. Put homework in the backpack.

Remember: Have a GREAT year!
For more information, visit:

<http://www.yourteamtutor.com/>



Campus Visits for 2017-2018

Mani Souriya, Associate Director

The process of finding the best college fit can be daunting for many students. There are a multitude of things to consider: cost, location, size, admissions requirements, and housing to name a few. TRIO Talent Search is committed to helping

students find the best college fit by offering campus visits for students to experience college life first-hand and make informed decisions when choosing a college. Campus visits provide students with information such as requirements for admission,

financial aid/scholarships, course selection, housing, majors, extra-curricular activities, and other pertinent aspects of student life. Below are the dates and locations of the upcoming TRIO Talent Search campus visits.



Wednesday, October 11th



Monday, October 23rd



Wednesday, November 8th



Monday, November 20th



Friday, December 1st



Thursday, December 7th



Wednesday, January 10th



Tuesday, February 20th



March 2018 (TBD)

Involvement and Scholarship Opportunities

Miguel Sabas, Program Educational Advisor

College access advisors work extensively with their students to get them involved in the different activities sponsored or promoted by the TRIO and GEAR UP programs.

It is vital that students take advantage of involvement opportunities regardless of whether or not they come from TRIO and GEAR UP programs or through other extracurricular activities.

Continued involvement provides a competitive edge to students when applying for scholarships. Often, students do not know how to highlight what they have learned or how they have impacted their communities through volunteering, college prep program involvement, and part-time jobs.

Here are some tips on how students can use their involvement to position themselves to be contenders for any and every scholarship they apply to:

Volunteering: Volunteering with organizations that students care about not only builds their resume, but it also highlights their passions and commitments. Students should focus on highlighting the skills used or obtained while volunteering such as: team work, relationship building (networking), challenges undertaken, and the sense of fulfillment.

College Prep Programs: Taking advantage of activities sponsored or promoted by the TRIO and GEAR UP programs will provide students with different experiences they can speak about in their applications and scholarship essays.

Students need to explain what they have gained from participating in campus visits, ACT test prep workshops, guest speaker presentations, and other events hosted by the college prep programs.

Students who remain active during the summer time through workshops, summer camps, and summer fly-in programs will unequivocally be seen by scholarship committees as more highly motivated individuals committed to pursuing their post-secondary education goals.

Part-time Jobs: Working part-time also provides students with a great opportunity to grow as individuals and demonstrate their versatility and dedication to scholarship committees.

Students that want to boost their resume by finding a part-time job need to focus on the following when applying to scholarships:

Highlight **time management skills** needed to coordinate school and work responsibilities.

This shows reliability which is something that employers look for when hiring individuals. Students need to make sure this quality is well identified in their scholarship essays and applications.

A part-time job can also provide students with opportunities to develop their **leadership skills** through the responsibilities they are assigned to carry out.

Student involvement can also greatly increase the student's chances of winning scholarship funds because it demonstrates **commitment** which is important to scholarship committees who want to see their funds used to the fullest potential.

For more information on how involvement can pay off when it comes to applying for scholarships, check out the following articles.

<http://blog.collegegreenlight.com/blog/activities-look-good-scholarship-application/>

<http://mycollegeguide.org/guru/3/extracurricular-activities>



Tutor Limelight: Shelby Augur

Sharon Robertson, Senior Administrative Assistant



Shelby received her associate of science degree from Fort Scott Community College. She was on the honor roll and served as president's ambassador from 2014-2016.

Her best friend, who was employed with one of the new TRIO programs on campus, told Shelby about TRIO Talent Search. Now, Shelby tutors math, science, and reading for TRIO Talent Search at Wichita State University.

Shelby is currently a junior, working towards a bachelor of science in nursing with a minor in psychology, planning to graduate in May 2019.

After college, Shelby wants to work as a traveling nurse, stamping as many countries as possible on her passport while helping as many people as she can.

Shelby advises students to take advantage of the many academic and leadership opportunities as possible and complete scholarship applications as often as they can.



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Mani Souriya and
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