
Educational Talent Search



Humboldt State University

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Talent Search Students visit Washington DC

Laura Kiewel and Amber McCleary, both of Eureka, represented Humboldt State University's Educational Talent Search Program at the National Student Leadership Congress in Washington D.C., June 5-10.



Laura Kiewel

The duo was introduced to elements of effective leadership through a six-day residential experience and workshops such as "You Are The Power" presented by Larry Bell of

the National Coalition Building Institute. Areas of study included national service, the political process and coalition building, diversity, multiculturalism, and leadership attributes, skills, and styles.

Laura and Amber were able to meet and discuss current issues with local representatives Barbara Boxer, Mike Thompson, Diane Feinstein and their aides. While in Washington they also enjoyed some free time that included a visit to the Kennedy Center, watching the Dance Theatre of Harlem, a banquet dinner at the Library of Congress and Ronald Regan's procession.



Amber McCleary

Amber was awarded a St. Paul Companies scholarship. She is one of 30

recipients selected from a pool of more than 165 students who demonstrated leadership in high school, the local community, and volunteer service. Amber said, "It was a total blast."

2nd Annual Ice Cream Social

Family time is good time and that's what the Ice Cream Social was all about. Talent Search students and their families spent the day enjoying time on the HSU campus, being artistic, face painting, playing games, eating ice cream, taking tours, and learning how to take full advantage of the Talent Search Program. Parents and students took home valuable information about colleges, effective study skills, financial aid information and career options for themselves and their family members.



A Message from the Director



R.W. Hicks

Here we are, once again at the beginning of our academic campaign; a campaign to enhance the lives of the students we serve. In so doing, we are helping to better and enrich the community

in which we all are neighbors and share an equal responsibility. In enhancing our community we of the Talent Search program have a small but important role. Please let me share with you the details of our mission.

The Talent Search Program hosted at Humboldt State University is designed to assist 1000 students with potential for postsecondary education each year. The program's task is to increase graduation rates among its high school participants, inspire dropouts to return to school, and to encourage all eligible participants to undertake and complete a program of postsecondary education. Students are selected for the program based on their eligibility under Talent Search criteria

and their ability to benefit from the support services which the program provides. The Program consists of the following integrated components:

- Early intervention (with focus on 6th, 7th and 8th grade students).
- Secondary school intervention (with focus on 9th-12th grade students).
- Reentry (primary focus on students in non-traditional educational setting or students that have not completed secondary education).
- Evaluation.

Substantial parental involvement is encouraged. Parents are consistently invited to participate in all Talent Search and school activities.

The results of the Talent Search staff's hard-work are clearly visible in review of the outcomes and accomplishments of our participants. Please see the article "Name Droppers" to note just a few of the scholarships and accolades received by Talent Search participants in 2003-2004. I sincerely appreciate all of your support in this worthwhile work. As you no doubt are aware, "it takes a village to raise a child."

Sincerely,
R.W. Hicks, Director
Educational Talent Search Program

Dreams Really Do Come True

Tommie Kate Haskins a 2002 Talent Search graduate from Eureka High School has been riding horses since she was six years old. From that early age she dreamed of a career working with horses and her dream is coming true.

Tommie currently is a junior at California State Fresno majoring in Large Animal Science with an emphasis in Equine (horse) Production. During school she is also a member of the Equestrian Club. Each summer she returns home to Humboldt County to intern at the North Coast Equine Center.

At the center she assists the breeding manager in equine production, such as embryo transfers, artificial insemination and foal handling. Tommie's hard work and dedication at school has been driven by her passion and desire to make her dreams come true.



Talent Search 8th Graders Earn Scholarships!

Did you know that Talent Search students as early as the 8th grade are being awarded scholarships for college! It's true, 4 Talent Search students received scholarships worth \$2000 each. You may ask, "what do I need to do to get one of these scholarships?" Well first, you need to be a Talent Search student, get good grades, and participate in all of the Talent Search workshops and activities at your school. If you do these things you have a good chance of receiving this great scholarship. Students who receive the scholarships will have the proceeds placed on deposit. Access to their funds will be made available upon entering college. So that's the information. So keep the grades up and go to those Talent Search activities. The next eight grade scholar may be **you!**

SAT/ACT Worries?

Everyone has felt anxious about taking a test at some point in their lives, but facing the SAT I and ACT tests inspires dread in most high school students. These college aptitude tests are considered a four-hour "brain drain." After the test is over, students will find



Dedicated Talent Search students at SAT workshop

any problem-solving task challenging – like deciding what to eat for lunch! Studies have shown, however, that the best performance on these tests are from students who took the

time to become familiar with the format of the tests and practiced questions from each section. Doing well on the SAT or ACT is a matter of planning ahead. Many of our Talent Search juniors and seniors did just that. They attended the SAT workshop held here on the campus of Humboldt State University on Oct.

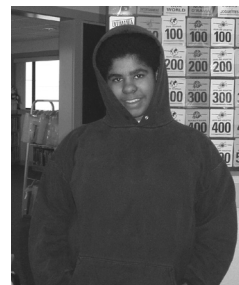
2004 Gear-up Scholarship Recipients



Joshua Salas
Peninsula Union



Orion Hall
Winship Middle



Stephanie Africa
Pacific Union



Megan Walsh
McKinleyville Middle

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4th, to get a crash course on the test format, timing and strategies. The four-hour program was broken up into two sections – math and verbal. Students spent two hours in each section with time for pizza in between.

The test preparation program is a condensed version of a variety of different test-prep materials the Talent Search Counselors have put together. A comprehensive book with further exercises and word lists for vocabulary study was available for students to check out for practice before their test date. Martha Johnson, trainer for the verbal section, recommended most students should use the workbook at home after attending the workshop. She said, "We give them so much information in such a short amount of time, they need to use the book to sort it all out on their own schedule." Students feel the workshop and the book for homework is a great combination to help them prepare for this important test. One student said "I suffer from test anxiety and I think this day is going to help me with that a lot!"

Watch for an upcoming fall SAT workshop hosted by Talent Search.

The Namedropper

We are proud to share with you the numerous scholarships, awards, commendations and educational grants that our students received over the last academic year. The list is so extensive that we do not have space to print all of them here, so we have made an effort to represent just a few of students from the schools we serve.

Fortuna Union High School

Matt Bartleson - Thrivent Financial Scholarship, Juanita Hoser Scholarship, Randy Kamph Memorial Scholarship, Cal Poly Scholarship, Roy Splawn Charitable Foundation, Fortuna Kiwanis Club; **Gerardo Garcia** - Bernardo & Irene Lovio Memorial Scholarship, Willard & Donna Mullan Scholarship; **Tosha Whitehead** - Ira & Nellie Whitehead Scholarship, Fortuna Kiwanis Club; **Justin Cook** - Imagine America Scholarship; **Aimee House** - CSEA Scholarship, Lois M. Olsen Girls Athletic Scholarship, National Scholar-Athlete Awards- US Army Reserve, Willard & Donna Mullan Scholarship; **Sarah Jones** - Roy Splawn Charitable Foundation; **Lydia Silva** - Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence-US Marine Youth Foundation, Willard & Donna Mullan Scholarship

Eureka High School

Stacey Paup - Top 10%, Bank of America Plaque Winner- Applied Arts, St., Joseph Hospital Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship; **Ryan Miesnauer** - Top 10%, CSF Life Members, Sierra Pacific Scholarship; **Pamela Wescott** - CSF Life Members, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #636 Scholarship; **Rose Pelosi** - Top 10%,

Eureka Rotary Scholarship; **Breon Hole** - Henri & Lanette Rousseau Memorial Humboldt Co. Farm Bureau Scholarship; **Jamie Tilley** - California School Employees Association-Local #88, Eureka High Loggers Scholarship; **Natasha Hobbs** - National Foster Parent Association; **Jason Cavanaugh** - Roy Splawn Charitable Foundation Scholarship; **Mollie Blahausz-Yelton** - North Coast Forestry Industry High Climber Award

Zoe Barnum High School

Danielle Boatsman - Jason Goselin Memorial Scholarship; **Jeremy Clements** - Eureka Breakfast Exchange Club; **Melissa Duarte** - Jacules Education Center Scholarship; **Cole Machado** - Jason Goselin Memorial Scholarship; **Ashley Rolsma** - Tony Del Grande Memorial Scholarship; **Sweet Melody Wright** - Eureka Breakfast Exchange Club

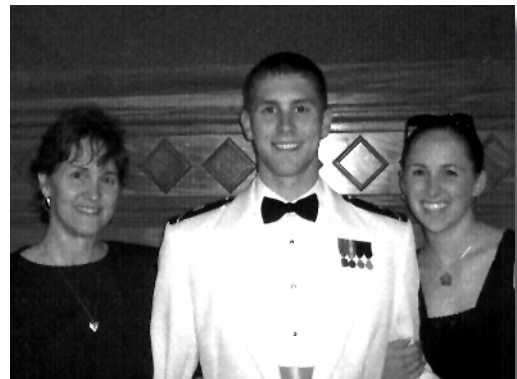
Arcata High School

Christopher Casillas: CSF Life Member, Rose Hulman Institute of Technology Scholarship; **Alexis Ettner** - Top 10%, CSF Life Member, Circle A Award; **Katie Leong** - CSF Life Member, HAF Hun Kwan Goh Scholarship, Student Store Scholarship, Chico Golf Scholarship, Pacific Union PTO Scholarship, Tiger's Inc. Scholarship; **Patrick McCormick** - HSU University Founders Scholarship; **Elsa Pimentel** - Northern Humboldt CSEA Scholarship Chapter #337; **Teiwaz Smith** - Intel Science Talent Search Semi-Finalist Award; **Rachel Waters** - Tiger Inc. Scholarship

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Talent Search Alumnus Serves His Country

Jeffrey Allen Milota graduated early from Eureka High School On March 21, 2000. Jeff Joined Talent Search in 1995. Even as a seventh grader he was interested in serving his country. After serving 2 ½ years in the Navy, Milota was accepted into NAPS (Naval Academy Prep School) in Newport, Rhode Island. He maintains a GPA of 3.16 majoring in Information Technology and will graduate May, 2006. When asked what advice would you give to current Talent Search students? He replied: "Don't sell your dreams short!" Pictured with his mother and girlfriend, Rachel Carr at the Carson Mansion.



How do you apply for federal student aid?



In an ongoing effort to make college education accessible to a broader range of high school graduates, the Department of Education makes financial aid resources available to students who demonstrate need for assistance. The great thing about financial aid is that

it is composed partly of money you do not have to pay back. That's right, free money to go to college! Can you believe it! Check it out.....

Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

You can obtain a FAFSA form from your Educational Talent Search counselor, high school guidance counselor, any college financial aid office, or by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at

Career & College Fair 2004

On March 12th Humboldt State University hosted the 8th Annual Career & College Fair. The Fair gave students a chance to visit one of Humboldt County's two public colleges and to see what they have to offer. Students were given the opportunity to learn about specific careers from experienced professionals and to explore college opportunities.

Over 500 students from Humboldt and Del Norte County high schools were given the opportunity to attend workshops, take tours of five different programs, and meet with college and career representatives, as well as enjoy a little of the college environment.

Twenty-nine HSU departments, 16 departments from College of the Redwoods and 11 colleges energized students with their offerings. Some of the colleges present were: UC Santa Cruz, UC Davis, Woodbury College in Southern California and Sierra Flight School out of Oakland.

Seventy plus career representatives, including the five branches of the military conversed with students

1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). You can also apply on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you apply on-line you and your parents will each need to obtain a PIN (Personal Identification Number) so that you will be able to electronically sign your FAFSA. You can submit your FAFSA after January 1st 2005, for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Review your Student Aid Report

One to four weeks after you submit your FAFSA you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) by an e-mailed link or on paper. The SAR confirms the information reported on your FAFSA and will reveal your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The financial aid administrator at your school(s) will use the EFC to determine the amount and types of student aid you are eligible to receive.

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about careers, giving students a chance to envision themselves in such a field.

We all know it is not always easy to engage teenagers, yet from the sights and sounds of the day, these students were truly involved. From all indications, reports and evaluations, the 8th Annual Career and College Fair was an overwhelming success.



Talent Search counselors discuss colleges and careers with a student

An Active Career Search Nets Results



So you want to be a doctor, but math is your most challenging subject at school. Or you want to be a lawyer, but you find history and government really boring. You want to be a veterinarian but you don't really want to don those long latex gloves and... well...

Choosing a career is a complex process. Many factors need to be considered like the working environment in which you are comfortable, what strengths you have to offer in an occupation, the number of jobs available in your field of interest and the region in which the jobs are offered. After taking all these considerations into account, there remains a wide range of occupations in your field of choice.

If you are leaning toward the legal profession for example, but your strengths are in the math and science field, consider being a business lawyer or a lawyer in a biotech industry. Or if you can't decide, consider becoming a paralegal -- a person who helps lawyers investigate cases. You can fit yourself into

nearly any occupational field with your strengths and educational level.

It also helps to know about the projected job market. According to the career page on the CollegeBoard.com website, the ten fastest growing occupations for college graduates are in the fields of medical health/fitness and computer technology. Within the health/fitness field alone, there are jobs that require short-term on-the-job training like home health aides, or jobs that require a bachelor's degree plus extra years of training like physician's assistants.

Many local high schools have "Career Shadowing Programs". This is a great way to explore a field that looks interesting. During the day of job shadowing, look for the various jobs on the site that contribute to fulfilling the goals of the profession. There may be one that doesn't require all the challenging aspects but involves the desirable duties, or just the right amount of education. It takes some long-term investigating to find one's own niche. But your investigating will be rewarded with well-informed decisions to assist you in setting clear goals.

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Hoopa High School

Marlon Toops - Golden State Award; **Lewis Scott** - Coast Central Credit Union, Resigini Tribe Scholarship

Mckinleyville High School

Tyla Wright - Humboldt Sanitation Scholarship, Mckinleyville Grandma & Grandpa's Scholarship; **Stevee Ragain** - Dow's Prairie Parent's Club Scholarship, Eureka Chamber of Commerce Youth Ambassador Scholarship, Northern Humboldt Indian Education Parent Committee Scholarship, Bettendorf Memorial Scholarship, California Grant Recipient, Michael Chetkovich Memorial Scholarship, Mckinleyville High School Academic Scholars; **Amy Freitas** - American Legion School Awards; **Cassandra Wagner** - Mad River Rotary Scholarship, Rousseau Memorial Scholarship, Mckinleyville High School Drama Award; **Cara Brannon** - California Grant Recipient; **Natalie Khmelnitskaia** - California Grant Recipient; **Jennifer Trustem** - California Grant Recipient, Bank of

America Award, Mckinleyville High School Drama Award; **Carolyn Parker** - Nathan Wolfe Memorial Scholarship

South Fork High School

Megan Wynne - California School Employees Association Chapter #177; **Jasmine Dorrell** - President's Education Excellence Award; **Connor Ashenbrucker** - Scholastic Award- English 2 Honors & Biology; **Evelyn Ashenbrucker** - Scholastic Award- Social Studies; **Michael Baker** - Scholastic Award- Academic Achievement; - Scholastic Award- Art 1; **Joel McDavitt** - Scholastic Award- English 3 Honors, Advanced Art, Digital Photography; **Clint Notestine** - Scholastic Award- Civics/Economics, Great Critical Thinker, HROP Computer Learning; **Shayna Stillwell** - Scholastic Award- Academic Achievement

Congratulations to the Talent Search Senior Class of 2004!

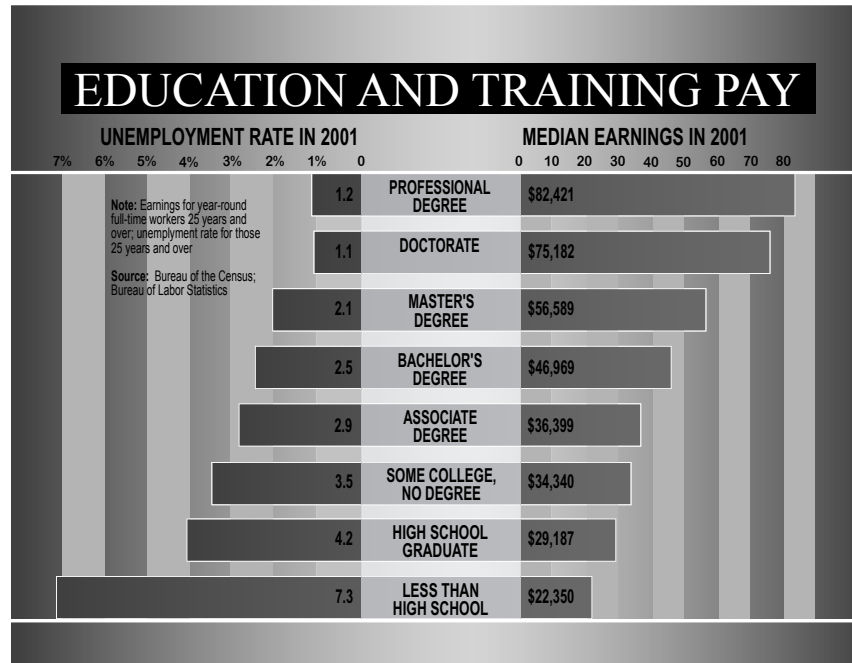
It Pays To Go To College

So you want to do something after you graduate from high school huh? Good for you! Do you know that less than half of high school graduates in California go to college? Do you also know that college is one thing that can help you gain access to better paying jobs?

Going to college is no easy task. It takes commitment, persistence, and time! So why not start now in preparing for college today. If you

take certain classes in high school, you could actually cut down on some of the required classes you need to graduate from college. And if you take certain classes

in middle school, you could meet some of these college requirements as early as the 8th grade! There really is no time like the present to prepare for education beyond high school. According to the Office of Postsecondary Education you will earn much more money with a college degree than without one. See for yourself.



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Review and accept your Award Letter

The financial aid administrator, at the school(s) you are interested in attending, will review your SAR and prepare an award letter outlining the amount and types of aid they will offer you. Review your award letter, accept your aid by signing and returning it to the specific address.

Advantages of FAFSA on The Web

FAFSA on the Web is the quickest and easiest method of applying, offering the following advantages:

- Detailed online help
- Built-in edits detect some errors which reduces the number of rejected applications
- Applicants have instant access to EFC estimate
- Information is sent directly to central processing system (CPS)
- Applicants can verify that information was successfully transmitted

- Students who wont attend college next year can use early analysis
- SAR arrives within a week or two compared to four weeks with the paper FAFSA
- A PIN will allow you (and parent's) to electronically sign your FAFSA
- Access to Corrections on the Web to add schools and correct or update information
- Access to SAR information on the Web
- Access to Renewal FAFSA in subsequent years in college

Your Talent Search counselor is quite knowledgeable in the Federal Aid Application process. We offer workshops for parents and students who are applying for aid. We offer guidance and assistance in filling out the on-line and paper versions of FAFSA. You don't want to miss important deadlines that could jeopardize your ability to receive free money to pay for college!

LET US HELP!!!

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Talent Search is a pre-college program for 6th -12th grade students. With more than 1000 local students involved, the purpose of Talent Search is to help students improve their academic skills and attend the college of their choice.

Workshops offered at the students' schools include information on:

- **College Preparedness**
 - **Careers**
 - **Study Skills**
 - **Financial Aid**

Activities include special seminars for parents, campus tours and group tutoring. Talent Search serves students who are the first in their family to attend college, and/or are income eligible. Services are offered at the following schools:

Blue Lake Elementary	Pacific Union Elementary
Eureka Adult School	Peninsula Union School
Eureka High School	South Fork High School
Fortuna Middle School	Sunny Brae Middle School
Fortuna High School	Toddy Thomas School
Hoopa Valley Elementary	Trinity Valley Elementary
Hoopa Valley High School	Winship Middle School
McKinleyville High School	Zane Middle School
McKinleyville Middle School	Zoe Barnum High School

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