

Talent Search TRiO



Humboldt State University

Annual Newsletter for Talent Search Students · Parents · Community

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School and Sports: The Perfect Blend

Who wants to get into a van and drive over Hwy 299 on a rainy, windy March afternoon? Ten local area TRiO students from the Talent Search TRiO and TRiO Upward Bound Programs at Humboldt State University did! They were on their way to Sacramento to watch a basketball game between the Sacramento Kings and the Portland Trailblazers, visit a college campus and tour the California State Capitol.

On the way to the game the group stopped in Redding to take a tour and eat lunch at Shasta Com-



munity College. Hoopa Valley High School student Charlie Moon, who has been in the Talent Search program since the sixth grade, said of the college tour, "I like it. It was a great experience to see what we could do for our futures." McKinleyville High School junior Rachel Sasser, who received the Talent Search Ms. Basketball award, participated in the field trip, as well.

Before the game started, the students met with Sacramento Kings executives to talk about career opportunities in sports outside of being a profes-

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Talent Search Educator of the Year

Talent Search is grateful for the unwavering support our program receives from **George Tapanes**, the 2009-2010 principal at Fortuna Union High School. Mr. Tap, as the students call him, knows our program boosts students' incentive to go to college and follows up with services and mentoring until our students graduate with college admission in place and financial aid to help pay for it. As a result, he personally makes sure that every eligible student on his campus has an application for Talent Search, and he calls them into his office to make sure they have turned it in.



Mr. Tap makes it a point to be informed about our events and enthusiastically ensures that Fortuna High students are provided the opportunity to participate in them. Here's a perfect example. When Talent Search staff arrived at Fortuna High to pick up students who were attending the HSU Latino High School Conference, They found there were more students than anticipated because he wanted all interested students to attend, Mr. Tap recruited a Fortuna High staff member to drive the additional students to Humboldt State in a school van!

It is this kind of involvement with and support for Talent Search students that carries the momentum and sends the message that we are *all* committed to our student's successful enrollment in college. We thank you, Mr. Tap, *de todo corazón*.

A Message From The Director

Preparing your children to be the next generation of leaders, and providing them with the tools to ensure that they are ready for the workforce is top priority for HSU's Talent Search TRiO Program (TS). We are consistently seeking opportunities for your students to improve their academic success, motivation and happiness. Thank you for supporting our events and activities!



Adrienne Colegrove-Raymond

We are working closely with the Humboldt/Del Norte P-16 Council, Humboldt County Social Services, local tribes, College Board, California Student Aid Commission, Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (WESTOP), California Education Round Table, Council for Opportunity in Education (COE), US Department of Education, College of the Redwoods, and Humboldt State University to provide the best possible service, opportunity and college access available.

An Avid Graduate Joins The Talent Search Crew

Keely Rosado
Humboldt State University

TRiO Talent Search is happy to introduce one of our Student Assistants, Keely Rosado.

When I first started high school the last thing on my mind was college, or any other kind of higher education. I just wanted to survive high school and finish as soon as possible. As a freshman, I didn't feel motivated at all. I didn't really understand this lack of motivation because I was always on top of my class work in middle school. By the end of freshman year I had passed most of my classes with less than average grades.



We have an array of activities and events to make this year better than ever. We have spent the summer brainstorming and it is our privilege to serve you!

Talent Search Successes

Tutoring: Served 18 schools, tutored 142 individual students, and a total of 762 hours.

Seniors: 132 were enrolled in our program. Over 80% graduated, 90% applied for financial aid for college, 85% applied for postsecondary school admission and over 75% enrolled in college this fall!

Grades 6-11: 75% of these students participated in our workshops covering college preparation, financial aid, study skills and career exploration; attended one or more of the following: Student Leadership Conference at Sonoma State University, college tours, attended TRiO NBA Day, HSU TRiO/EOP Day, Latino High School Day, SAT/ACT Test Prep Workshop, American Indian College Motivation Day, Ice Cream Social, Fostering your Educational Dreams luncheon, and/or the Spring Fling.

During the last few weeks of school, I learned about a program called AVID -- Advancement Via Individual Determination. The presenter gave the impression that this program was for students who needed extra help. Usually "extra help" is associated with not being as capable as your peers. I dismissed the presentation until my English teacher told me that he thought AVID would be good for me. I knew that my teacher made the suggestion with my best interests at heart, so I enrolled in the program.

As an AVID student, I learned about all the possibilities and opportunities that I would eventually have. But, this was all so foreign to me. My friends and family never talked about colleges that I wanted to attend, careers that I wanted to have or my overall future. To my surprise, the AVID class didn't just give me the motivation that I was lacking, but also the inspiration that I needed to start thinking about my future.

A Gathering of Student Leaders

During the first weekend in February, Talent Search and Upward Bound high school students from Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Trinity counties attended the 2010 NorCal Student Leadership Conference at Sonoma State University. Other students came from as far away as San Francisco and Redding.

“The best thing is that we got to meet lots of people,” said Bao Cheng of Eureka High School. The tour of the campus and the presenters talking about their own experiences and dreams made a lasting

The Sky’s the Limit

**Lindsay Locke - Talent Search Participant
South Fork High School**

Three years ago I was interviewed on the radio for an “Interesting People in the Community” segment. Fred Baron, a local pharmacist, heard me talk on air and thought that for all my hard work with school and piano he would reward me with a ride in his J3 Piper Cub airplane. He managed to contact my parents through a friend and proposed the offer. My parents were not so excited about it at first, but after some time they allowed me to go.

On January 21, 2007, my dad and I drove to the Garberville airport where I had my first ride in a general aviation airplane. Not long after we were in the air, Fred leaned forward, put his hands on my shoulders and told me that I had control of the plane. It was so exciting. After the flight, Fred talked with my dad and me about taking flying les-



impression on Lia Vang, also of Eureka High.

The NorCal Student Leadership Conference happens annually at a different college in Northern California. Talent Search invites 10 students to participate. All of the costs are paid by the program. So keep your ears open this year for the date and location, and let your Talent Search Outreach Specialist know you are interested in attending.



Eureka High students at the Student Leadership Conference.

sons so I could earn my own Private Pilot Certificate. I showed great interest in the idea and was apparently a natural, so Fred was prepared to help me fly. This was the beginning of my love of flying.

Since then I have been flying about once a month with Fred, taken ground school with my ground instructor, Dennis Lichty, flown the airplanes of many other pilots, and become active in a number of aviation organizations on the northern coast of California and the southern coast of Oregon. I have even been elected secretary of Chapter 1418 of the Experimental Aircraft Association in Fortuna. I have close to 50 hours of instruction time and almost 20 hours of non-instructor flight time. On my 16th birthday, I soloed for the first time. On my 17th birthday, I hope to have my Private Pilot license and finally be able to take other people for rides in the airplane so they, too, can experience my greatest joy in life. I also have my own Van's RV-4. A Van's RV-4 is a light airplane with two seats that comes in kit form and can be built at home.

My love of flying has sparked my interest in attending the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs after high school. It is extremely tough to get in, and the curriculum and structure of the Academy is challenging to say the least. I feel that the Academy is my best choice for pursuing my goal to become a military pilot with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. I have been working hard on this goal and will continue until I achieve it. It's a challenge, but I am up for anything.

Spring Fling

On Saturday, May 22nd, Talent Search revived its Spring Family Picnic and BBQ. We took this opportunity to acknowledge our graduating seniors' uniqueness and achievements and to thank the outstanding principals, faculty and staff at Talent Search schools and Humboldt State University who help us help others.



TRiO Talent Search Student Saves Friend's Life

While they were walking around the track during P.E. class, Rachel Harmon of McKinleyville Middle School noticed that her best friend was choking and turning blue. Rachel quickly performed the Heimlich maneuver, and a cheese cracker popped out of her friend's mouth. "It looked like vomitey stuff and it was gross," said Rachel.

The Heimlich maneuver is performed by standing behind the person choking, wrapping one's arms around the person's waist, and pushing up on the stomach and rib cage to force air out of the victim's lungs. The flow of air is strong enough to dislodge whatever is stuck in a person's throat.

Rachel says she had no formal training; she just saw it done on TV. Because of her quick thinking and brave action, Rachel saved her best friend's life. Rachel is our *Talent Search Hero of the Year!*

Article courtesy of KIEM TV

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Professional athlete. Careers in athletics include sports medicine, public relations, photography, sports reporting, sales and accounting. "It really motivated me," said Charlie. "The odds are against you becoming a professional athlete. I learned you can make it in pro sports in other areas besides the court", he added.

They then went down to the floor of the Arco Arena for a group photo before taking their seats and watching the game.

The next morning, the students walked to the State Capitol and were treated to a private tour where they learned the history of the building and got to see where California's laws are created.

Source: Manuel Sanchez, "Upward Bound for Education," Two Rivers Tribune.

For lots of great information on careers in professional sports visit Jobs in Sports:

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

Talent Search Bucks?



Many of you may be wondering, what in the world are TS bucks? If you have not seen the postcards in the mail or talked with your TS Academic Specialist about this, now is the time. TS bucks are earned each time you show up for a workshop, one-on-one meeting, tutoring or other event. We track all of the bucks you have earned throughout the year, and you will have the opportunity to spend them in our TS store. The more you participate, the more you earn.

Students who attended the 2010 TS Spring Fling picnic were the first to experience the excitement of this new incentive. TS has been fortunate to receive generous donations from stores like Bed Bath and Beyond, Borders, Wild Berries, North Coast Co-op, Clair's Boutique and many, many more. Each item is fairly priced and students are able to shop and spend their hard earned "TS Bucks".

Talent Search Stellar Scholar

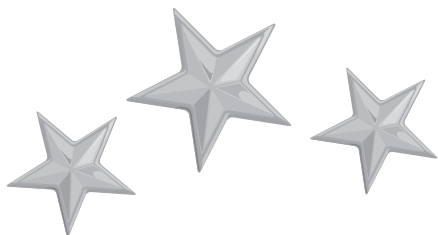
Gates Millennium Scholarship Lauren Chelsea Preston

Hoop Valley High School
*For exceptional academic achievement
and cultural and community service.*



Lauren will be attending Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon.

The Gates Millennium Scholarship was established in 1999 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to promote academic excellence and provide opportunities for outstanding minority students with significant financial need to excel at the college and university level. Student Academic Services Outreach Program at Humboldt State University presents a workshop each fall to teach students how to apply for the grant.



Talent Search Stellar Scholar

WESTOP NorCal TRiO Achiever's Scholarship

Ariana McShayne-Ananda

Fortuna Union High School
*For exceptional academic, community and personal
achievement in high school.*



We are pleased to announce that Ariana McShayne-Ananda, graduating Fortuna Union High School senior, is the 2009 recipient of the WESTOP NorCal TRiO Achievement Scholarship. This \$500 award will assist her with her college plans this Fall. Ariana was nominated by her HSU TS Academic Services Outreach Specialist for active participation in our program and her academic strength. She submitted a personal statement to explain what difference Talent Search has made in her life, noting any obstacles/challenges she may have faced. She clearly demonstrated that she was the best candidate for the scholarship. We wish her great success in her college endeavors at UC San Diego.

Welcome Stephanie LeFevre!

We have a new Activities Coordinator for HSU Talent Search, Stephanie LeFevre. She is an enthusiastic fire ball! She is a magnet for opportunity for your students. Already she has placed students in summer internships, developed a TRiO class at South Fork High School and designed an array of activities for the upcoming year. We welcome Stephanie and encourage you to get in touch with her if you have any information that can enhance our program!



Stephanie & her daughter, Lorelei

Fare Thee Well Martha

Academic Outreach Specialist, Martha Johnson has taken a leave from HSU Talent Search to rest up before pursuing a new job experience targeting foster youth in their pursuit of higher education. She started her career at HSU Talent Search TRiO Program in 1994. She has had the pleasure of serving the Fortuna, Southfork, and McKinleyville School sites. She has had a positive impact on many students and has gained personal friendships that we are sure will last a lifetime. We will miss Martha at TS, but will remain friends with her and value the expertise she left for us.



Martha Johnson

Giving Back by David Pham

My name is David Pham and I was a tutor for Talent Search TRiO at McKinleyville Middle School in the fall of 2009. I am proud to have been a part of this great program because it allowed me, as well as other Humboldt State University students, to give back to the community by helping students

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prepare for college. The relationships I developed with each student will stay with me for the rest of my life. Knowing that I have had a positive impact on another person's life is truly remarkable.

Initially, I entered the program not knowing what to expect. As time went on, I began to know more about McKinleyville Middle School students as individuals. Many of the students knew which career they wanted to enter as well as which college they wanted to attend. I was fortunate enough to be able to pass along good advice that I believe will help each student graduate from high school and go on to college.

With the start of a new school year, I am certain that this program will continue to provide students with the resources they need to achieve their educational goals.

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This fall, I will be starting my third year as a social work major at Humboldt State University. I am a work-study student assistant/intern for the Educational Talent Search program at Humboldt State University. Talent Search is very similar to the AVID program that I was a part of in high school. They both provide free tutoring, academic support and counseling. My duties at Educational Talent Search include assisting with development and implementation of large scale events, lesson plan revisions, the tutoring program, working on the electronic newsletter we send out to the schools, and other duties.

I was in the AVID program for three consecutive years. During my senior year, my AVID teachers helped me apply to colleges. And if it weren't for the AVID program, I wouldn't have known what a FAFSA was or how to apply. (FAFSA is the acronym for Federal Application for Student Aid.) I am in college now because AVID instilled in me the desire to be the best person I could be.

So far my experience with this program has only helped me grow and improve my skills. I plan to work for Talent Search as long as I can. The experience has been so positive, and I know I still have a great deal to learn.

Gear Up Winners Earn Money For College

California GEAR UP is pleased to announce the awardees for the Education Trust Award to Humboldt State University's Talent Search students Shayna Skye McCullough (Hoopa Elementary) and Huilin Chen (Pacific Union)!



Shayna Skye McCullough



Huilin Chen

These students were nominated by their Talent Search Educational Outreach Specialist based on their academic efforts and their participation and attendance at TS workshops, activities and events.

Since 1999, 5,065 California GEAR UP students have received Education Trust Awards from the program. Of that number, 2,016 graduated from high school in 2008 and claimed their awards. Education Trust Awards provide \$2,000 (plus interest) in resources to defray the costs of college attendance. The awards are available to students within one year of high school graduation and upon college enrollment.

Help Wanted

Talent Search is looking for Juniors and Seniors to serve as Ambassadors at the following schools; Hoopa High, Arcata High, Eureka High, South Fork High, Zoe Barnum, and Fortuna High. The Talent Search Ambassadors will work closely with counselors at their schools to promote Talent Search, recruit new students and provide additional outreach to the school community.

Please contact Stephanie Lefevre 775-622-6103 or Stephanie.lefevre@humboldt

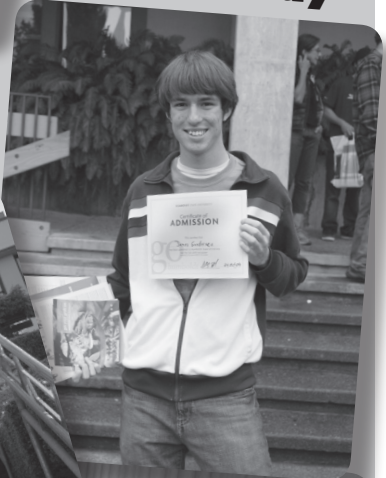
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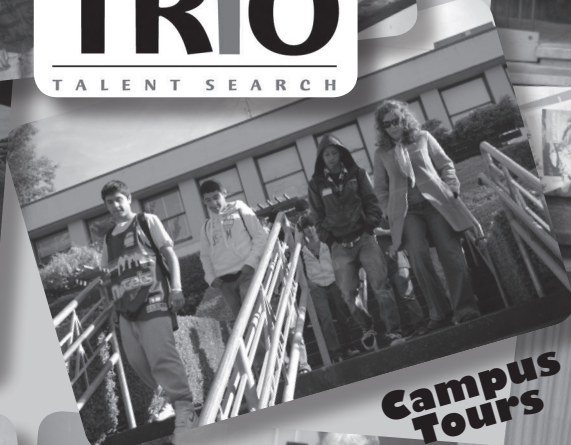
Latino High School Day



Student Leadership Conference



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Family Picnic



Campus Tours



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Talent Search TRiO

Talent Search is a pre-college program annually serving 1000 for 6th-12th grade students. 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 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:

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

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