



Humboldt State University Talent Search

Annual Newsletter for Students · Parents · Community

Fall
2011

Talent Search Participants Earn College Credits

The Talent Search and Upward Bound programs at Humboldt State University have teamed up with local high schools to implement a revolution in TRiO programming: ***The TRiO Elective!*** The TRiO Elective is part of a concurrent enrollment program with College of the Redwoods, BYU, Santa Barbara City College and other participating community colleges.



South Fork High TRiO Elective Seniors

The TRiO Elective is designed to allow students to concurrently enroll in a college class 3 times per week; for the other 2 days they participate in the TRiO elective focused on study skills, college prep, financial aid, and careers.

We launched the elective at South Fork High School in fall 2010. Zoe Barnum began their elective in the spring of 2011. Both Eureka High and Hoopa High will begin the TRiO Elective in Fall 2011. This is an excellent way for students to gain college credits and meet high school graduation requirements.



TRiO Educator of the Year Hoopa High's Sydney Norton

On occasion, an exceptional educator goes above and beyond to assist and strengthen the services we offer. This year Sydney "Brunnie" Norton, Counselor at Hoopa High School, has been voted "Educator of the Year" HSU's Talent Search TRiO program for her unlimited support and assistance.

Every presentation, event and opportunity offered by our program was fully utilized by Mrs. Norton. She gathered permission slips, sent out flyers, arranged transportation, sat down with administrators, and had honest conversations with our staff to ensure that the students at her high school were going to be offered as many opportunities as possible with the resources available through our program.

Her commitment and energy demonstrate the epitome of service to students. Thank you "Brunnie" we look forward to serving you and your students!



LeFevere Moves

Montana is in for a treat, Stephanie LeFevere and her family are moving in. Her dynamic energy and creativity just might overwhelm the Big Sky State. As our Activities Coordinator she was a catalyst for the TRiO Elective and partnership with AmeriCorps. We will greatly miss her and wish her well.

A Message From The Director



We are happy to report that the Humboldt State University Talent Search TRiO program has been refunded for an additional five years, as we have been in existence since 1991. This year we celebrate 20 years of service!

In that time, we have served thousands of students and assisted them in enrolling in colleges throughout the nation. We are always thrilled to get a call or email from our former students wanting to share their successes. We commend their hard work, effort and family support; and, we hope that, in some way, we have provided them the tools and inspiration to obtain their educational goals.

We hope you enjoy this year’s newsletter. It highlights some of the activities of last year and it has a special slant, most articles are written by Talent Search TRiO students! Please enjoy the articles and know that we look forward to serving you for another year.

Adrienne Colegrove-Raymond

TRIO/EOP Fall Admission Day

Seniors, mark your calendar and reserve your spot for, Saturday, October 22, 2011. Join us for TRiO/EOP Fall Admission Day. You will have the opportunity to apply for, and be instantly admitted to, Humboldt State University for Fall 2012.

If you have met 4-year college requirements you will be instantly admitted to HSU! The day will be filled with workshops hosted by current college students who will provide you with the “inside scoop” on what to expect during college. We will assist you in filling-out an EOP and Student Support Services application. EOP/SSS will provide you with expert assistance, advising and academic support throughout your college years. And, we will fill you in on how to fund your college education.

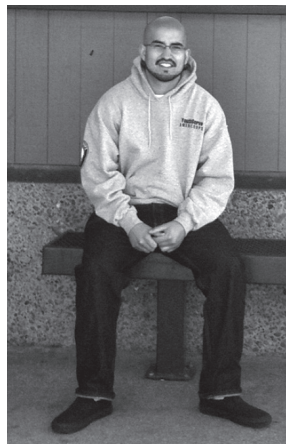
If you are interested in getting a jump start on applying to college and financial aid:

- **Complete your CSU application on www.csumentor.edu by 10/14/11**
- **Get a current copy of your highschool transcript**
- **RSVP by Calling us at 707-826-4791**

YouthServe AmeriCorps and Talent Search Partner Up

by Albert Rivas
Americorps Mentor

YouthServe AmeriCorps is a school-based community project serving Humboldt County placing mentors in various schools. This year, Talent Search TRiO was able to create a partnership with YouthServe and was assigned two mentors. I was one of the YouthServe mentors. Through this partnership I was able to work with Talent Search students at the various school sites; Trinity Valley Elementary, Hoopa Elementary, Hoopa Valley High, Zoe Barnum High, Fortuna Middle School, and Peninsula Elementary.



Albert Rivas

In addition to providing one-on-one and small group assistance in the classroom, I also worked with students to create Graduation Preparedness Plans by helping them set goals to meet academic requirements and overcome social and life skill challenges. Finally I assisted with Latino Mentor Day, the Student Leadership Conference, and various other events that Talent Search put on throughout the year.

Working with Talent Search has been a pleasant experience. I recently gradu-

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Recycled Youth

by Adrienne Ralston
South Fork High

Being part of Recycled Youth - a free after-school teenage theatre program sponsored by Mateel Community Center in Redway, CA. has been an unforgettable experience for me. Every year, the objective of our plays have been to raise aware-



Recycled Youth Theatre Group of South Fork High

ness of the problems youth face in our community; such as LGBT rights, bullying, peer pressure, and politics. Every skit is original and written by teams that volunteer for three months. After the writing is brought to a close, the auditions start and we begin to feel like a professional theatre troupe! The program has been very popular with the southern Humboldt community and we always receive positive reviews from our audiences. Not to mention the occasionally overwhelming numbers of people that have showed up to our performances; we have had to turn people away at the door once or twice! Aside from written skits, we also choreograph our very own trapeze performances. Sometimes they have a meaning, but usually they are just an awesome show. There are mask pieces - which can be difficult to pull off because they are very body oriented. They are very deep and thoughtful when done properly and I think those who have participated have done excellent jobs with their character-based work.

But the acting has always been my forte. I've been in Recycled Youth since my freshman year. I think what is great about RY is that every year the plays are so different, but they are all very relevant and

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SAT Workshop

by Hanna Nietzke
Fortuna High School

Being a part of the HSU Talent Search TRiO program, allows me to take advantage of the many benefits it has to offer. Recently, I attended the SAT Prep course Talent Search offered to all of the high school juniors, not only those who are a part of this program, but all who attend Humboldt County high schools. A few of my friends and I went to HSU one day during school to attend this workshop. We began with a short test from previous SAT tests, after which we split into small groups and went to class! The two classes I attended were very beneficial: one was registering for the SAT; Talent Search gave us all a fee waiver, so it was free; unfortunately I had already registered and missed out on the "free" aspect of the test. The other class I took included general information about the SAT (i.e. how many sections, time per question, and how to pace yourself depending on the difficulty of the question), and ACT tests. These two classes helped tremendously on the SAT, which I recently took.



Students attending the SAT workshop

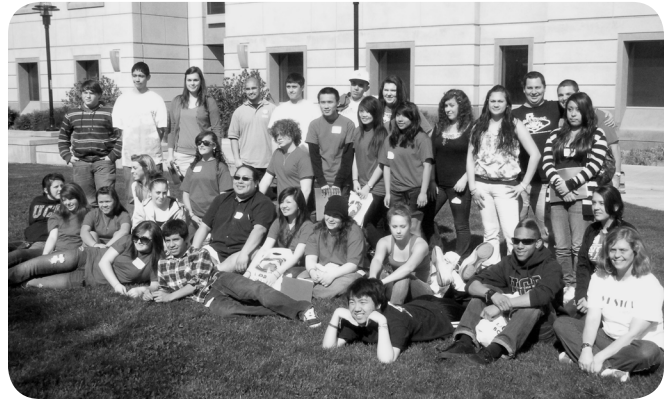
Not only did I gather a bunch of information on how to prepare for my test, I met many other juniors who were just as nervous as I was. A group of students from McKinleyville High attended the workshop and were scheduled to take the real SAT the same time I was. Before the test, we got reacquainted and went over some of the tips that Talent Search provided. This prep class definitely relieved my anxieties about the SAT and I met new people from other schools whom I now keep in touch with!

Davis or Bust

by Tommy Learmouth
Eureka High School

In the first few days of April, 2011 I attended the Student Leadership Conference at UC Davis with an amazing group of students and adults from HSU Talent Search and Upward Bound. Although the bus looked like we were all going to prison and we had a very bumpy seven hour ride, I will always remember how proud I felt to be part of this conference. Even though I didn't know the other students, they were all welcoming and as eager to meet new people as I was.

The conference itself was very educational. I had the opportunity to meet students from all over Northern California who enjoyed being leaders and experiencing new things. The most challenging part of the whole trip was opening up to people in our small groups and letting people into our lives, if

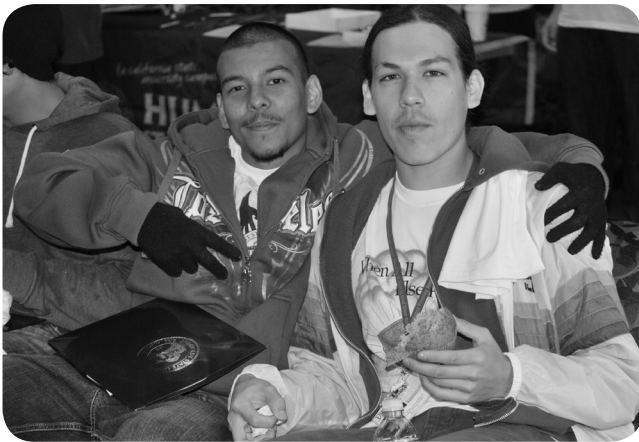


Student Leadership Conference attendees at UC Davis

only for such a brief time. I made many new friends on that trip and learned a lot about myself as a person, friend, and leader. It makes me see that everyone has something to offer the world and that we can all make a difference.

Latin@ Mentor Day

On Thursday, November 18, 2010 over 100 students showed up bright and early to take part in the 2nd Annual Latino Mentor Day. Talent Search, the Multicultural Center, and various HSU student led organizations came together to host this great event; in hopes of motivating Latino students to further their education after high school. Students from Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna, South Fork, and East Highschools took part in the various workshops and activities that were set up throughout the day.



Student and mentor at HSU Latino Mentor Day

In the morning, students were greeted with a small breakfast and, later were introduced to the A-G requirements. This workshop was put on by our new Academic Outreach Specialist, Kevin Santos Flores. HSU students proceeded the workshop by giving campus tours. Luckily the drizzle wasn't too bad! During this time, high school seniors were given the priority to shadow HSU students as they attended their classes and were able to experience the feel of a college class before graduating high school!

When the students came back from the tours and/or college classes, they took part in a Q&A session with the HSU students. The high school students were free to ask whatever questions they had. The HSU students seemed glad to shed light on topics such as study skills, financial aid, career planning and, of course, general college life. Once students had their questions answered, they were able to have lunch with the HSU students at "The J", the residential cafeteria. This allowed for the conversation between the high school and HSU students to continue in a less formal setting; the high school students were able to open up about major concerns in regards to college. Following lunch, Paul Wells and Cher-

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Latin@ Mentor Day cont.

yl Ash, both Academic Outreach Specialists with Talent Search, put on a Financial Aid workshop that touched on the importance of meeting dead-



lines and the various types of financial aid available to students. The last part of the day was reserved for our keynote speaker, Don Anton, an HSU professor in the Art Department. A very powerful PowerPoint presentation, with thought provoking images, was delivered in a very meaningful fashion. The message? "Why education is important."

Overall the event was a success and we are grateful for all of the high school students who attended! This event was made possible by the great collaboration of many organizations and volunteers. The high school students enjoyed the day and so did everyone who took part in this event!

YouthServe AmeriCorps cont.

ated from HSU with a B.A. in Social Science and earned my Teaching Credential in the same field. I know firsthand the impact programs like Talent Search have on youth as they have instrumental in my educational journey. When I first learned, from YouthServe that I would be placed with Talent Search, I was excited to have the opportunity to give back. As a YouthServe AmeriCorps mentor, it has been my pleasure to work with Talent Search and all the students they serve!

Recycled Youth cont.

everyone gets a chance to play a part that they have never played before. I will always remember the number of diverse parts I have gotten to play; from a sadistic queen to a socially inept nerd, right down to the iconic redheaded Wendy from the fast food chain. I have had the opportunity to become different people from all different points of a very diverse spectrum, and I think the rest of the cast has had just as many great opportunities as I have had. Even if you don't come to see our show for the deeper aspects of it, you'll still take home a very fun performance that spoke to you, and made you think. I believe that is what Recycled Youth is all about, mostly fun with just a little hint of perspective thrown into the mix.

California Business Venture 2011

Imagine practicing an "elevator pitch" in a real elevator with a CEO of a successful business. That is one of the many opportunities South Fork High School students Dolan Dillan and Jacqueline Reyes had as attendees of the 2011 California Business Venture held at the CSU San Marcos campus.



In addition to learning from business leaders about key concepts to establishing and running their own company, students were introduced to campus life. Participants were immersed in thought provoking discussions, decision-making exercises, presentations, computer simulations, and company development from the ground up.

Introducing New Staff: Kevin Santos Flores and Astrid Aspoy

We are very pleased to welcome our newest members to the Talent Search TRiO Team.

Kevin Santos Flores is a recent graduate of Ohio University where he received his masters of Arts degree in International Affairs with a concentration in Latin American Studies. Raised in the Los Angeles area he has developed an educational based background working with AVID for the Orange and Tustin School Districts. In addition, he has been working as a teaching assistant for the Center for Talented Youth Summer Program, held at the Johns Hopkins University each year. Kevin is the Academic Outreach Specialist for the Zoe Barnum, Fortuna Middle, Fortuna High and McKinleville Middle School. Kevin is bi-lingual Spanish and English, and a definite asset to assist with Spanish speaking families.



Kevin Santos Flores

Astrid Aspoy recently relocated to Humboldt County from Central California. She worked for many years at the Stanislaus County Office of Education. Originally from Norway, she recently spent the summer "back home" visiting family and friends. Very adept at creating flyers, brochures and the office organization. She will be the friendly person you reach when you telephone our office.



Talent Search Students Invade the Bay Area

Talent Search TRiO and the California Scholars Foundation partnered to take 21 students from South Fork High, Eureka High, Hoopa High and Arcata High on a Bay Area college tour:



"It prepared us for what it's like after life in high school. Seeing so many college and being able to compare them to each other was very motivational. By comparing colleges, I gained skills on how to choose the right one for me. The trip was very fruitful and I am glad I was able to attend such a life changing experience."

-Rachel Greenfield

"There are a million factors when deciding what college to attend and it was nice to see all the people on campus that will support me when I get there."

- Sydney Fishman

"The colleges we visited were all interesting and had beautiful campuses with many happy-to-be-there students, some of whom generously devoted their time to answering our questions and concerns."

-Isabel Maggiani

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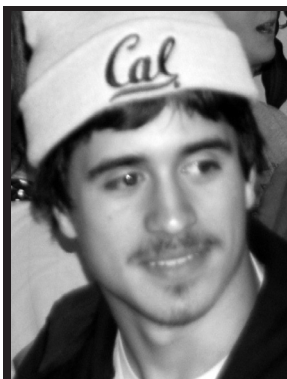
“Overall the trip was awesome! This goes out to anyone, who is interested in college - taking college trips makes a huge difference! Actually, looking around a huge campus and taking a tour with college level students really opened my eyes to what college is like. It’s no longer just a word that is thrown around that I am going one day, it’s actually a real place.”

-John Wilde



“ We were given the chance to see Sonoma State University, California State University, Monterey Bay, University of CA Santa Cruz, San Jose State University, California College of the Arts, and San Francisco State University, each college was unique and beautiful. The four day trip was amazing and I would like to thank Talent Search and everyone else who helped make it possible.”

-Rachel Greenfield



Congratulations goes out to Chance Carpenter, recent graduate of Hoopa High School, who was one of 3 local recipients of the Gates Millennium Scholars Award. This elite scholarship will come in handy since he will be attending Stanford University in Fall 2011.

This year’s Gates Millennium Scholars workshop will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2011.

Welcome Back Martha!



After a year of hiatus, Martha Johnson has returned to Talent Search TRiO. She will be our Interim Activities Coordinator in charge of planning and implementing upcoming events. In addition, she will be providing instruction for the Fall 2011 TRiO Elective at South Fork High School. There we will utilize her excellent teaching skills.

Talent Search TRiO

Talent Search is a pre-college program annually serving 1000 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:

Fortuna Middle School	Arcata High School
Hoopa Valley Elementary	Eureka High School
McKinleyville Middle School	Fortuna Union High School
Pacific Union Elementary	Hoopa Valley High School
Trinity Valley Elementary	McKinleyville High School
Zane Middle School	South Fork High School
	Zoe Barnum High School

Talent Search is a federal TRiO program. TRiO legislation was enacted in 1965 by Congress to provide educational opportunities for all Americans regardless of ethnicity or income.

Serving Humboldt County since 1991.

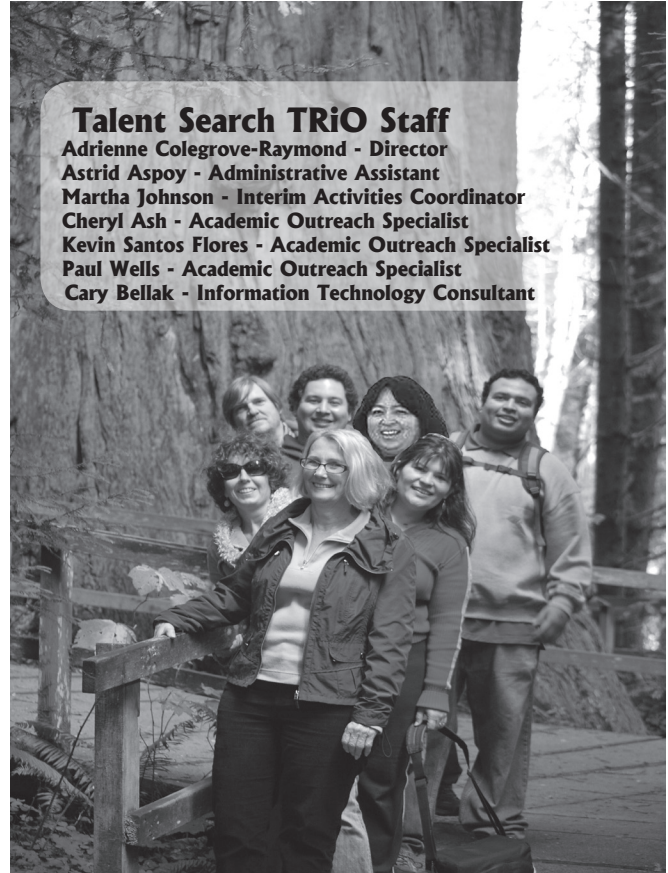
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visit our website at:
www.humboldt.edu/talentsearch

Talent Search Mission:

We identify, advise and mentor college bound students to actualize their full potential.



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