



Humboldt State University Talent Search

Annual Newsletter for Students • Parents • Community

TRiO Seniors Get a Jump Start at HSU's Fall Application Review Day

Fall 2013

Talent Search seniors, who have been working hard to meet the requirements for a 4-year college, attended Humboldt State University's (HSU) Fall Application Review Day to have their applications reviewed for potential "instant admittance". We are very proud to report that 15 Talent Search and Upward Bound TRiO students received certificates, guaranteeing them a spot at HSU for Fall 2013 if they successfully completed their high school requirements. Students were able to attend college classes, sit in on a valuable financial aid presentation given by EOP Director, Dan Saveliff; on-campus tours were offered. Another popular attraction was a "Students Only Panel" designed to give high school seniors the opportunity to hear what college life is like from college upperclassmen. Chaperones, counselors, parents, and other adults waited outside the venue to allow student panelists the freedom of discussion, without intimidation.

"The professor was very entertaining and easy to follow," said one South Fork student after sitting in on an environmental science class. An Arcata High student found the music class she sat in on more interesting than she expected because, "they were rehearsing the tenor's part of an opera piece we were singing in our summer choral group" How cool is that!

To "experience" college, the Fall Application Review Day proved to be a golden opportunity for participating high school seniors. Juniors interested in attending the Fall Application Review Day on October 25, 2013 should contact their Talent Search Academic Outreach Specialist at their school.



South Fork High students displaying admittance certificates they received at this year's HSU Fall Application Review Day! Congratulations Seniors!

Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events:

October 25	Fall Application Review Day
November 21	American Indian College Motivation Day
December	Cash for College Presentations
January 25	Ambassador Training
January 29	New Parent Night
February 14	National TRiO Day
March 7	Latino High School Day
March 12	Latino Parent Night
May 7	Financial Literacy Family Workshop

A Message From The Director



I have just completed my seventh year as director of Talent Search TRiO and I have to say each year tops the last. Our staff have completed a tremendous amount of work in reaching out to Humboldt County youth to aid in creating a "college going culture" in our region. They have brought tons of energy to the table and I love

the way they worked together to create a "on the road" SAT/ACT test strategy workshop and that was then presented at each high school. This triggered a new format for the upcoming year.

This year they will be combining efforts by presenting several quality workshops as a team.

October & November - for 11th Graders

English Placement Test (EPT) and Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) College Exam Success Arcata, McKinleyville, Eureka, Fortuna, South Fork and Hoopa high schools.

December & January - for 12th Graders

Financial Aid/ Cash for College McKinleyville, Eureka, Arcata, South Fork, Hoopa, Zoe Barnum, Fortuna high schools.

February - for 9th Graders

College Preparation Courses and Self-Assessment Eureka, Fortuna, Arcata and McKinleyville high schools.

April - for 10th Graders

Career and Self-Assessment Fortuna, Eureka, McKinleyville, Hoopa, Arcata and South Fork high schools.

I look forward to serving all of you this upcoming year. Please contact me if you have suggestions, ideas, comments or would like to receive additional services. abc1@humboldt.edu or 707.826.4791

Sincerely,
Adrienne

Honoring Excellence: Talent Search Advisors



Talent Search is blessed to have an extremely gifted, hardworking team. Over the course of each academic year, these devoted members serve nearly 1000 students in grades 6-12 in 14 schools in Humboldt County. They provide one-on-one sessions, monthly workshops, events and activities to inspire and motivate students to reach their full potential.

Cheryl Ash - serves Arcata High, Pacific Union, and Hoopa High. She is a graduate of HSU majoring in Natural Resource Planning. She has worked for Talent Search for 18 years. She has a phenomenal amount of knowledge in regards to college planning and preparation.

Kevin Santos Flores - serves McKinleyville Middle & High, Fortuna Middle & High. He has a master's degree in political science from Ohio University. He is part-time lecturer at HSU.

Michelle Cartier - serves South Fork High and teaches the TRiO Elective course. She holds a Ph.D. in Media Communications from European Graduate School, Saas-Fee, Switzerland. She is an associate faculty at College of the Redwoods.

Paul Wells - serves Eureka High, Zane Middle, Winship Middle and Zoe Barnum. He has a bachelor of arts degree in Native American Studies from HSU and has begun the masters program in education. He is also a part-time basketball coach.

Keduescha Lara Colegrove - serves Hoopa Elementary & High, and Trinity Valley Elementary. She has a teaching credential from Cal State Monterey Bay and HSU.

Talent Search TRiO Ambassador Program



2012-13 Ambassadors Talon Chamberlain, Fortuna High, Jerad Sherman, South Fork High, Ruby Bibanos, Hoopa High, Maite Cortes, Fortuna High, Jasmine Brown, Arcata High, Shasta Carr, South Fork High, Triston Topham, Eureka High.

Two students from each Talent Search high school have been selected to be Ambassadors for our new Talent Search Ambassador Program.

Their duties are to assist the Talent Search Advisors in tasks such as recruiting new students, updating Talent Search bulletin boards with important deadlines such as SAT/ACT registration dates, college application deadlines and posting summer job announcements or summer opportunities available in the area. They will also be asked to help at their schools with college information on days when the advisor is not there.

It is our hope that the Ambassadors will be able to attend eighth grade orientation events to encourage the 8th graders to apply for Talent Search when they get into high school.

The Ambassadors from the 2012-2013 school year helped Talent Search with the New Parent Dinner held at the Samoa Cookhouse in January. They participated in a leadership training at Humboldt State, and they attended The Northern California Leadership Conference at Chico State.

The Talent Search Ambassadors will have direct leadership experience to list on their applications for college and for scholarships, which is always high on colleges' priority lists.

Talent Search is proud of our Ambassadors this year, and look forward to adding opportunities in which future Ambassadors can participate.

Who is Eligible to be a Talent Search Ambassador:

- Junior or Senior in High School
- An active Talent Search TRiO participant (attended a minimum of 4 workshops or enrolled in TRiO elective class at school site)

Benefits:

- Leadership training
- Attend leadership conference
- Letters of recommendation for college and scholarship applications

If you would like to be an Ambassador contact us at 707.826.4791 or stop by and see your Talent Search advisor at your school site

South Fork TRiO Highlights

by Michelle Cartier

Talent Search makes a difference! Serving as the Talent Search TRiO Adviser for South Fork High School students this past year, I have had the true pleasure of getting to witness first hand the extraordinary benefits of such a rewarding program. Of the many great highlights that I could ramble on and on about, I have to say that one of my most memorable moments is connected to the Fall Ap-



South Fork High Advisor Michele Cartier

plication Review Day at Humboldt State University. Out of the twelve students that I drove up that day from Southern Humboldt, almost all of them were guaranteed early admissions to HSU

for the Fall of 2013. This was exciting news! In fact, looking back at the highlights from that day, this year's most celebrated stories must include the accomplishments of Ismael Lopez. Luckily, I was able to catch Izzy in the halls this last week for an exclusive interview! He was happy to share his thoughts about Talent Search and give some insight to the common uniqueness of his fellow students involved in the TRiO program.

M: Hey Izzy, has Talent Search been an important resource for you?

I: Yes! If it wasn't for Talent Search I would probably be lost right now.

M: What do you mean?

I: Well, I probably wouldn't have understood how to really apply for colleges, what that FAFSA is, or ever be able to get it done!

M: And so, you got into HSU... how does that feel?

I: It feels great... I feel happy! That was one of the most important moments of my life. I'm never going to forget that day!

M: Why was it so special?

I: It was the first college I've been accepted to, and it felt like all of the hard work was paying off (although I have one more hard semester to get through.)

M: What was it like when you found out you got accepted?

I: It was like a dream come true. I never thought I would actually be accepted to a university. Suddenly it was real. It was an amazing day.

M: Are you the first in your family to go to college?

I: Yes! So, it's exciting... they're very excited! And, it's also a lot of pressure, but my parents are really happy about my education and look forward to me being very successful one day.

M: So, what does the future hold for you?

I: I still don't know, but I think I want to be in the area of Environmental Science or Law Protection. I really don't know exactly yet, but I have my mind set on those two goals. I was thinking I could do a double major and put those two together by being someone who protects the environment through the law—kind of like being a lawyer but more like an undercover spy.

M: Awesome! Okay, last question. Would you recommend Talent Search to other students?

I: Definitely!

M: Why?

I: Because if you don't have anyone to help you figure out college and how to apply, you're going to be really stuck and confused. You're not going to have the extra help you need to fill out college applications, the FAFSA, or apply for scholarships. And, Talent Search actually gives you more options—like going up to HSU for the early admissions day, and getting to sit in on an actual class, which was a really good experience. After I sat in on that class, it kind of made me feel more confident. I felt more confident about college life... like it won't be *that* tough... and that, I can do it!

Humboldt County Student Leaders Make a Lasting Impression at the NorCal Leadership Conference at Chico State University

Chosen for their leadership potential, two students from each of Humboldt County's Talent Search TRiO programs partnered up with their fellow peers at Upward Bound to participate in this year's NorCal Leadership Conference at Chico State University.

At this year's conference, students were provided a unique opportunity to engage in discussions about leadership and to participated in a variety of workshops that were aimed at strengthening their leadership skills. Motivated to take their leadership roles to the next level, these students were given the chance to collaborate with a great diversity of student leaders from all over the Northern California region. Students from over a hundred different high schools, coming from as far away as San Francisco, San Jose, and Humboldt County



Talent Search and Upward Bound Students at NorCal Leadership Conference

One of the most highlighted moments was actually getting to hear from the current Chico State students that are TRiO alumni. They shared stories about their achievements, involvement in various clubs on their university campus, and appreciation for the many bridges that TRiO has created for



TRiO Students at Chico State

worked together to collectively determine and develop their path towards leadership and success.

TRiO students leaders representing South Fork, Fortuna, Eureka, Arcata, and Hoopa high schools were completely dedicated to a full-packed day of ice-breakers and activities that would challenge their comfort levels and, in turn, explore ways in which they could best contribute their own particular style of leadership to the interests of their own community.



Talent Search TRiO student Jerad Sherman of South Fork High

them in their overall success as a future college graduate. Upon return from the conference, all participating students had unanimously decided that it was a weekend well spent!

Sustainable Grades and Attainable Goals

by Michelle Cartier

At the beginning of the new quarter, South Fork's Talent Search 8th graders agreed to set new goals for academic success. Challenged to identify and address their most difficult subject of study, each of the students participated in a shared discussion on how they could best create and commit to a reachable goal for the present quarter.

In a parallel effort, the study skills workshop implemented in the Talent Search curriculum provided an excellent component to support these 8th grade visionaries. Each week, the students would meet to participate in a variety of activities centralizing on one particular topic of learning or study skills—test preparation, memory tips and strategies, and time management guidance.

The learning style assessments turned out to be very successful in being able to direct particular study suggestions for each of the students. Knowing what kind of environment was necessary for the most effective studying to take place helped to foster the right sense of self-confidence to get their work done, especially when struggling with homework that can be initially hard to understand. Being aware of their needs and knowing how to set up the proper study environment for themselves proved to be of significant value for these students.

For instance, one student realized that music was a key necessity for her to stay motivated, while one of the others discovered that his need for personal space and integrated breaks was the only way he could stay focused. The surprising force of a "To Do List" inspired one of the others highlighted epiphanies shared by group.

As much as they all admitted their initial resistance to taking any extra time to write things down, they each agreed that when they did, it made a noticeable difference on their ability to keep up with weekly assignments.

Each of the tips and strategies gained throughout the workshop encouraged the students to stay focused on their personal goals, as well as, build their self-confidence to apply their strengths toward the overall improvement of their academic standing.

Hoopa High - Gates Millennium Scholar - Manuel Mattz



We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Hoopa High graduate, Manuel Mattz for being selected as a Gates Millennium Scholar. He will be attending Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon.

Basically, this award means that Manuel will not have to take out loans or work while attending college. He can focus on his studying and grades!

This year's Gates Millennium Scholarship Workshops will be held November 23 @ HSU, October (TBA) Hoopa High School and December 11 @ Del Norte High School.

North Coast College Access Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the 2013 North Coast College Access Scholarship winners. The awards range from \$1,500-\$3,000 and are renewable each year recipients are officially enrolled in college. The following HSU Talent Search TRiO students won scholarships: Tamia Conrad, Lucy Gahm, Thomas Mlakar, Emily Murphy, Oliver Gonzalez, Sandy Hang, Tony Lee, Ana Lee, Melysha Ngiraibiochel, Tristan Topham, Salina Vang, Adam Vang, Betty Yang, Brianna Ellis, Karina Manzo, Jaime Osorio, Amy Vang, Sydney Fishman.

Welcome Dinner at Samoa Cookhouse

We held our 2nd annual Welcome Dinner at Samoa Cookhouse for the new Talent Search TRiO students and families. It was great to see our students with their families having a good time and enjoying the food. Despite the stormy weather, Samoa Cookhouse was to full capacity. Thanks to all the families that attended! We had families from places as far as South Fork and Hoopa make it to the event. Once the families had been served dinner, we did a presentation that covered topics such as financial aid, the California college systems, and career goals. We held a raffle and were able to give out prizes from the donations that we received from local businesses. We had a great time and look forward to meeting next year's families.

The families also enjoyed the event. Thanks to the donations that we received from local organizations, every family took home a gift. We plan to host a similar event next year so check your mail for announcements!



Talent Search TRiO families enjoying a meal at Samoa Cookhouse.

Latino Parent Night

In order to reach out to parents and students more effectively, Talent Search hosted its first parent dinner with college information presented in both Spanish and English. We modeled the event after parent nights held at Eureka High School over the past several years. The goal was to create a comfortable space for parents and students to ask questions and get answers in their own language as well as connect with the staff from Talent Search and their high school.

The F.R.E.E. (Finding Resource & Empowerment Through Education) Club from HSU had several students come and speak about their experience in high school and support programs in college such as EOP and Latino Peer Mentoring. There were students from Southern California as well as a local student from Fortuna who experienced a similar situation to the current high school students here in Humboldt County. HSU financial aid was represented by Jay Schock and a student assistant



who went over the FAFSA and the DREAM Act. McKinleyville High counselor Heather Quigley spoke about the graduation requirements at McKinleyville High School and the Principal, Roger McDonald, introduced himself and mingled with parents throughout the evening.



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



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