

# Talent Search/SASOP

Quarterly Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

*Rose Sila Francia*



It has been nine months since I became the SASOP and Education Talent Search Director, and much has happened since then. We sent a group of students to the TRiO Leadership Day in Sacramento; a group to the Youth Summit at College of the Redwoods, and we delivered college access workshops at all 13 school sites.

Upcoming events include TRiO Transition workshop at College of the Redwoods, Latin@ Empowerment Day (April 22), and the first annual Parent Leadership & College Access Workshop.

For the Parent Leadership & College Access Workshop (April 30), we are excited to partner with HSU Gear Up and HSU Upward Bound. Bring your family and friends for fun, food, and detailed information on college pathways and degrees, the registration process, financial aid & scholarships, and support services available at College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University. Register today by calling 826-4791!

Spring is an important time of year for all students. High school seniors are logging into their online college applications and confirming plans for their first year of college; while juniors are preparing to score 'college ready' using the CAASPP State Standardized math and English tests; sophomores are preparing for PSAT, and freshman are finishing their first year of high school coursework.

## SAT/ACT TESTS UPDATE

### TRiO Talent Search SAT and ACT Updates - Test dates and Registration Deadlines:

SAT Test Dates:

May 7, 2016 (Register by April 7, 2016)

June 4, 2016 (Register by May 11, 2016)

ACT Test Date

June 11, 2016 - (Register by May 6, 2016)

Register with the Kahn Academy to prepare for the SAT today! [www.satpractice.org](http://www.satpractice.org)

On the new SAT, you simply earn points for the questions you answer correctly. So go ahead and give your best answer to every question — there's no advantage to leaving them blank.

For more information on the changes to the new SAT and how to register, visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

## COLLEGE ACCESS & PARENT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

HSU State University – Kate Buchanan Room

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Parents of 6-12th grade students are invited to an informative day of workshops on topics like getting your students on track for college early and preparing older students for the transition into college!

Breakfast, Lunch, and Child Care Provided!

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!**

In middle schools, 8<sup>th</sup> graders are graduating and checking/selecting A-G checklist classes for their freshman year; 7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are staying focused on building a strong academic foundation for future successes.

Stay positive, do your homework, ask questions, and make sure you are setting a path that is right for you. You have the support of the Educational Talent Search Program as you work towards high school graduation, college entrance, and defining your careers goals!

After high school graduation, you can start at a four-year university or complete your transfer requirements at a California Community College and later transfer to a four-year college CSU or UC. If you are not 'college ready' or did not complete 'a-g' checklist, I want to encourage you to look at the transfer pathway from a community college as a viable option for your educational journey to success. I myself started out at community college and transferred to Humboldt State University.

I am looking forward to what the future holds for each of you!

Respectfully,

*Rose Sila Francia*

Director, SASOP/Talent Search  
Humboldt State University

Don't forget to meet with your Talent Search Advisor to receive a Waiver for the SAT and ACT Registration Fees. The new SAT is officially out!

The new SAT includes a Reading Test, Writing and Language Test, and a Math Test. The SAT has an optional essay component, which some colleges will require. The new SAT questions focus on skills that matter most for the latest research on college readiness and success. The strongest difference about the new SAT is that there is now 'No Penalty for Guessing'

Registration link:

<http://tinyurl.com/parentregistration>

Or Phone: 707-826-4791

### SESSIONS TOPICS

Application Workshop

Junior & Senior Year

Tasks and Transitions

1<sup>st</sup> Year College Experience

Middle School: Laying the Ground Work

College Prep Part 1 en Español

Application Workshop

Financial Aid Seminar

## LATIN@ EMPOWERMENT DAY

Humboldt State University – College Creek, Great Hall  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
This motivational event will be open to high school students and pre-registration is required.  
Students register with their school counselors.

## TRiO Transition Workshop at College of Redwoods (Seniors)

This field trip is for seniors who are going to College of the Redwoods this Summer and/or Fall. To be considered for this workshop your CR application need to be complete prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited and pre-registration required so call the Talent Search office today to reserve your space!

## TALENT SEARCH SUCCESS STORY

### Interview with James Wilde

### South Fork High School senior

By Michelle Cartier  
Talent Search Academic Advisor at South Fork High School

#### 1. What are your plans for Fall of 2016?

I will be going to Pomona College in Claremont to begin my college career!

#### 2. Was that your school of choice? Why?

I never had one particular school of choice, but Pomona was one of my favorites. (I liked it enough to do a binding application). There are a lot of reasons I liked the look and sound of Pomona, but the greatest were the promised financial aid if accepted and the relative proximity to home. I decided midway through my college application process that I would like to stay close to home, and out of the Questbridge College Match affiliated schools. Stanford and Pomona are the only two in California besides Caltech. I applied to both and Pomona accepted me. Other than that, Pomona's top-notch, diverse curriculum couldn't help but be a huge attraction.

#### 3. What are your plans while you're there? (Subject of focus, major, ideal career track...)

I'm not entirely sure yet. I'm considering majoring in either astrophysics or some sort of conservation biology, but I might also throw in a minor in English or anthropology. I'm interested in both scientific research and writing creatively and journalistically, so I hope to find some sort of balance that lets me pursue it all. That's probably unlikely, but I'll at least explore a little with my classes before I settle into one specific career track.

#### 4. Has TRiO Talent Search helped you with the resources you needed in achieving your high school and college goals? What has been the most helpful to you as a TRiO TS High School Student?

TRiO (aka Michelle) has definitely been a helpful resource throughout high school. It's always beneficial to have a guiding service to advise and recommend, and that's what TRiO has always done. Primarily, I've come across community service and scholarship opportunities that I wouldn't have otherwise. It also never hurts to

## OUR TUTORING PROGRAM IS UP AND RUNNING!!

Location: Humboldt State University Library,  
1st floor next to Circulation Desk.

**Tutoring is EXTENDED** to 4 times weekly

DROP IN times are:

Monday - Thursday afternoons from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

or you can call to schedule a tutoring appointment:  
707-826-4791.

Subjects covered are:

English - essay writing, resumes, reports

Math - algebra, geometry, statistics, no calculus.



have someone reminding you of important due dates for things like the FAFSA... And, it's nice to get out of class every once in a while.

#### 5. What would you recommend for high school students so they can achieve similar goals?

I think the most important thing is valuing your own education. High school might be a drag to some, but if you're spending most of your days in one place, there's not much reason to squander your time. In the end, you'll only hinder your own future. So I guess I'd recommend identifying what you'd like to pursue and then understanding how school can get you there. While school might not be ideal for all pursuits, it won't hurt, that's for sure.

#### 6. What are you most excited about, in going to college next year?

All the new people and experiences and classes! South Fork and Southern Humboldt are great, but they have their limitations. I can't wait to take advantage of the resources available at a college, and to meet a more diverse population. And, of course, I look forward to being able to take a little more control of my education thanks to an array of interesting courses.

#### 7. Any other amazing tips or insight on this college application process? :)

The best tip I have for the college application process was to be yourself. That's a pretty standard tip, but it seems like a lot of people don't really listen to it. I wrote one of the two Questbridge personal statements about my interest in different board games, and how I got my friends to enjoy them almost as much as I do. Pomona seemed to like it enough. To add to being yourself, I would also suggest that applicants don't take themselves too seriously. Students are humans with peculiarities, not robots without interests. Focus on what you care about!

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