Message from the Director

What a fantastic summer it has been! The Middle School Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) was a huge success with over 75 students participating in the eight-week long program that ended on July 31st with an awards and talent show. Congratulations to all students who completed the program and especially to those who increased their academic skills. Special thanks goes out to the SEP instructors (Mark Erickson, Deznee Soza, Olline Jackson, Regina Foust, and Sherry Carter-Marks) who constructed meaningful lessons for the students in computer technology, Spanish, math, language arts, and life skills. The SEP was expanded this year largely due to a grant awarded by the Kansas Board of Regents. Also, the Kansas Department of Education awarded the program a grant to provide breakfast to the students each morning. As a result, students were the beneficiaries of a more academic and comprehensive program. Other important donors and supporters of the SEP include Lamar’s Donuts, Pizza Hut, McDonald’s, Tropicana, Delinda Royse of Campus Life and University Relations, and Deltha Colvin, Assistant Vice President for Campus Life. Finally, Stephanie Haynes, Middle School Director, and the Talent Search staff is to be commended for their leadership in coordinating the SEP. The staff is already looking toward next summer.

~Larry Ramos

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As the new School year begins and students move through a rush of new activities, it is an excellent time to look at the world of possibilities that lie ahead. TRIO Talent Search is dedicated to helping students expand their horizons and begin to see themselves as the successful and intelligent future professionals that they will become. Here is a list of items that will help begin the school year with a mental framework for success.

- **Time Management** - Effective time management is so ingrained in successful people that it becomes second nature. Now is the time to begin working on this habit. Friends and family should have top priority, but that does not mean that they are always at the top of the list. Try starting with the one item that is the least fun to complete. Once this task is checked off, the other items will seem to take little effort to get done.

- **What do you want to do when you grow up?** Many students feel anxiety when they don’t have an answer to this question. It’s actually quite normal for high school students to be undecided. It is important to remain open to new experiences. Successful people have learned to seek out new challenges that might give them a taste of new possibilities.

- **Variety is the spice of life.** Successful college applicants have a record of accomplishment and seeking out challenges. They take harder courses, run for student government, or join a club that interests them. They know that learning to love a challenge is more important than being the best at everything they try.

- **Don’t be afraid to ask for help.** Successful people don’t hesitate to take the time to seek out people that are great at something that they would like to learn more about and asking them to share their expertise with them. The experts are usually honored to be asked for help.

- **Successful people know that they are not required to like everyone they work with while they are achieving their goals.** One of the best skills to develop in High School is how to work with different people. Successful people know that to get respect, they must first show respect. They are always respectful. They have learned how to listen to what other people have to say. If they must disagree, they do it agreeably. It is almost a guarantee that today’s college experience will involve a lot of group work, regardless of major.

- **Lack of money will not prevent anyone from attending college.** A college candidate may have to work a little harder and spend more time to find extra financial aid, but the world will open up for those who chose to go the extra mile.

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**Let’s get down to BUSINESS**

**Stephanie Haynes, Middle School Director**

**B** Be at school on time everyday.

**U** Understand what is expected.

**S** Seek help when needed.

**I** Invest by doing the best possible.

**N** Never give up.

**E** Be a good example for others.

**S** Stay focused.

**S** Study, study, study even when there is no homework to be done.

*Remember your success depends on you!!*
Student Spotlight
Myron Richard, Educational Development Assistant

TRIO Talent Search would like to take this time to acknowledge Jessica Hayden for her hard work and dedication to graduate and become the first to graduate from high school in her family. Mr. Richard has been acquainted with Jessica for two years while she was attending South High. Jessica has been a very diligent student whose hard work is a constant source of inspiration for other students. She has always excelled in her academics and stands among the top of her class. She has won many prizes in both academics as well as extra-curricular activities, most recently being awarded a drama scholarship from Cowley County Community College.

Jessica’s achievements stand out all the more because of the financial problems that she has had to deal with on a daily basis. She works part time to earn extra money for college since her family has limited income. However, Jessica has not lost her dream to become the first in her family to graduate from college. Jessica completed the Jump Start program at Cowley County Community College this summer where she earned ten credit hours.

Even though Jessica has so many things going on in her life she still takes time to help out in the community. She has several community service hours by helping with church functions, organizing bake sales, and chaperoning field trips for youth. Her sincerity and dedication have earned her the respect from her family and peers.

Talent Search would like to commend and congratulate Jessica for all of her hard work and dedication.

High School Curriculum~
Taking the challenging classes or graduating with the minimum number of required units of credit?

Johana Salas, Educational Development Assistant

**Hopefully the first because...**

- Taking challenging classes will help prepare students to succeed in college level classes and score better on the ACT and SAT test.
- Students and families save lots of money! By taking those classes in high school, students won’t have to take them in college, where education is no longer free.
- Colleges believe that taking those classes is far more important than having near perfect grades

**On top of that...**

- A group of challenging courses, called Qualified Admissions, is required to attend a state university in Kansas, such as Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, University of Kansas, and Wichita State University.
- Similar courses are required to join Division I or Division II sports, as well as to compete for state scholarships. On top of that, you could receive the Academic Competitiveness Grant from the government ($$).

**In general,** challenging classes include: algebra II, geometry, trigonometry or calculus, chemistry, physics, biology, foreign languages II, and computer technology. To know which classes exactly are needed, talk to TRIO Talent Search and visit a school counselor.
JumpStart Workshop

TRIO Talent Search high school seniors are invited to attend this year’s JumpStart Workshop. This program is designed to assist eligible students to graduate from high school and enter post-secondary education. Talent Search is offering a workshop to help students and parents understand what is needed during the senior year of high school to prepare for post secondary education. The following information will be discussed:

ACT Tests  Financial Aid/Scholarships
Campus Visits  College Applications

Join TRIO Talent Search at the JumpStart Workshop and get answers to questions. Find out what the program can do to help prepare students to attend the college of their choice.

When: September 8, 2009
Time: 6pm-7:30pm
Where: Wichita State University, Brennan Hall I, 2nd Floor Commons, 17th & Yale
Enter through the Southwest door off the parking lot.

RSVP by September 4, 2009 at 978-6757 or manivone.souriya@wichita.edu

ACT Prep Workshops

Tia Owens, Educational Development Assistant

To help students prepare to take the ACT, Wichita State University offers ACT test preparation workshops during the year, and would like to invite TRIO Talent Search high school participants to register and attend the workshops. Each workshop will provide information and samples for the English, Math, Reading, and Science sections of the ACT.

September 19, 2009 (Math Only)
*October 3, 2009
*November 21, 2009
*January 16, 2010
*March 6, 2010
March 27, 2010 (Math Only)
*May 8, 2010
*August 7, 2010

Workshop dates are all on Saturday
*ACT Prep 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
*ACT Math: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
*for all 4 sections of ACT

The reduced fee for Talent Search students is $15.00 (regular cost is $28.00).

TRIO Talent Search participants wishing to attend should complete a registration form found on the Talent Search website at www.wichita.edu/talentsearch or contact a Talent Search Educational Development Assistant-EDA to submit a registration form by the Monday before the scheduled workshop.

Talent Search staff must sign the completed “ACT Prep Workshop” registration form and send it to the WSU C&T Center by the day before the workshop along with a check or money order made payable to: ACT Prep Workshop.

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Ready, Set, BREAKFAST!!!

Manivone Souriya, Assistant Director/Statistician

It’s back to school! It can be difficult for students to return to the routine of early mornings, structured days, and homework. Sometimes school schedules can feel overwhelming, which can cause skipped breakfasts. Students who don’t eat breakfast are less likely to learn at school, have less iron in their diets, and usually have a higher body mass index (BMI). Here are some quick and healthy choices to jump start your day that can be grabbed on the way out the door:

* single serving of whole-grain, low-sugar cereal
* yogurt
* fresh fruit
* whole-grain muffin
* trail mix of nuts, dried fruits, pretzels or crackers