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We are actively recruiting students at all of our locations!! If you know of a 7th-12th grade student who needs help navigating their path forward, contact the advisor at your school.

You can find more information and



apply online by scanning this QR code or going to <https://uvu.edu/trio/ets/>

FROM THE DIRECTOR



On behalf of UVU's Educational Talent Search program and as the director, I welcome each of you to the program. We anxiously look forward to you meeting with your individual advisors in each of your schools.

The ETS program has been at UVU for 25 years. We lost the grant 5 years ago and are elated to have it back. This is our first newsletter with the new grant we received last fall of 2021.

You have become part of a nationwide educational program that is over 50 years old. UVU is fortunate to have four TRIO programs on campus. Two are at the college level and two are pre-college programs, Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound. In the ETS program we will serve 500 students. If you know anyone that is planning on going to college and would like to benefit from this program, please send them our way. We would love to help them achieve their academic goals.

I did not have the opportunity as a student to have the TRIO programs in my school. However, as a Native American, I did come from a low-income and first-generation family. I know firsthand the struggles that exist in trying to achieve one's higher educational goals. I am grateful to have found the TRIO program and work in a field that is truly making a difference in student's lives and their families.

Again, WELCOME to the ETS program. I look forward to meeting you. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office. We are here to serve you and help wherever we can.

TRIO WORKS!

Dr. Michael Campbell
ETS & UB Director

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Website: <https://uvu.edu/trio/ets>

Instagram: [uvuets](https://www.instagram.com/uvuets)

Facebook: [uvu ets](https://www.facebook.com/uvuets)

FROM THE COORDINATOR

Greetings students, parents, and administration:

I'm so excited to welcome you to the Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program sponsored by Utah Valley University. By joining ETS, you have made a great decision that will both benefit you by helping you reach your educational goals while being exposed to skills and concepts that will assist you throughout your life.

Your advisors are eager to assist you on your journey as you navigate through your junior/middle and high school years. They will be there to help you learn more about yourself and guide you in reaching your goals and dreams. Your advisors will help you in generating educational momentum by encouraging a productive mindset and helping you choose relevant classes based on your personal academic goals.

Growing up and being raised in a single-parent household, I would have qualified for ETS, but my school was not fortunate enough to have the program. Being from a first-generation home, I know first-hand what it is like to choose and decide on my own on which classes and courses to take to help me achieve my goal of graduating from high school and enrolling in college. Being part of ETS means that you will not only have an ETS advisor helping and supporting you, but you will also belong with a group of like-minded students who will be able to offer you encouragement and friendships.



Again, I'm excited to welcome you to the program and look forward to seeing you grow as a person and reaching your dreams and goals. If you know someone who you feel may benefit from this program, please let me or your advisor know so we can share this great program with others. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to reach out to our office.

Paul Belvin
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MEET THE ADVISORS



My name is Vanessa Neal, and I am the ETS Advisor for Wasatch Schools! This includes Wasatch High School, Rocky Mountain Middle School and Timpanogos Middle School. I am excited about this opportunity to work in my area schools because I love my community! I am also passionate about working with people and about education. I was a first-generation college student. I am thankful every day that I was able to get a college education. I graduated with a BS in Marriage, Family and Human Development with a minor in Psychology from Brigham Young University. It is a privilege to help my ETS students achieve their college goals! I love the students that I've had the opportunity to work with. I enjoy getting to know their personalities and seeing their potential.

I live in Midway, Utah with my husband and 3 children. I love to be outside as often as possible. Hiking is what I love best! My husband and I try to get out on a hike as often as we can! I also love to travel and take every opportunity I can to experience new places.



My name is Cindy Hansen and I am the advisor for Provo High and Dixon Middle School. I was born and raised in Salt Lake City, but have lived in Provo since I got married. I attended the University of Utah and then transferred to BYU to pursue my education in Social Work. I graduated with my bachelors of Science in Social Work and worked in the field before I started raising my family. I have 3 children, 2 girls and a boy.

After my children were in school, I started working as an elementary librarian and shared my love of reading for 13 years! I loved to see students learn and grow through reading. Some of the books they read planted a seed for different careers they may be interested in as they get older. I loved my time as a librarian, but decided I wanted to explore different opportunities as well.

I have always valued education, I love working with children and youth, and I enjoy helping others. I wanted to combine those interests and help students realize their potential and help them on the path to

gain an education. I have seen the difference gaining an education can make in the lives of individuals. Being able to provide for yourself and your family brings great satisfaction. I have seen and worked with families who struggle, relying on hourly positions. Gaining an education can enrich your life and provide you opportunities that wouldn't be available without a degree.



I look forward to meeting with all of you and I hope I can help the steps to college seem a little easier!

Did you know: College-educated workers enjoy a substantial earnings premium. On an annual basis, bachelor's degree holders earn about **\$32,000** more than those whose highest degree is a high school diploma. The earnings gap between college graduates and those with less education continues to widen.



MEET THE ADVISORS



Hi y'all! I am Rachael Tanner, and I'm so excited to be your new outreach advisor for The Educational Talent Search (ETS) Program at Mountain View High School and Orem Junior High School! I am excited about this program and have been amazed at how much it can benefit students and prepare them for college! I am passionate about ETS because it is exactly the kind of program that would have benefited and prepared me for college during my junior high and high school years.

I am originally from south Utah County and still live there with my husband, two daughters (9 & 12), and our pet kitty, Theo. Spending time with my family is when I am at my happiest. We love to kayak, hike, travel, camp, and watch movies together! Once my girls began school, I decided to begin my own adventure of pursuing a college education, which was one of the scariest and best decisions I have ever made. I am a first generation and non-traditional student myself, and attending college has benefited me in so many ways—too many to list here! I am graduating with my Bachelors degree in Psychology this spring! But I'm sure I won't stop there, continuing my education has turned into a passion and that passion is something I hope to share with all of you. Sharing my knowledge, and guiding students as you begin to explore the opportunities that college can offer, is my dream job that I feel so lucky to have.

Please come see me and say hi when I am in your schools, I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you!



My name is Jax Jex and I am the ETS advisor at Timpview High School and Centennial Middle School. I know the importance of education through the challenge of trying to figure out how I learn and perform in school. It is a privilege to be able to work with students and share what I learned so you might have productive years in school.

At one time I was in junior high and high school like you, my parents had me go to them in Lehi. Later on, I went to college at Brigham Young University, University of Utah, University of Miami, and now getting my teaching credentials at Utah Valley University. I am married to my amazing wife Yene, who is studying to be a nurse. She works in the medical field and I have been in business development. We do all this to raise our family and stay in contact with our friends and family. Sometimes we play pickleball and I do a little basketball.

I look forward to working with you through Education Talent Search. May each of you find your education dreams.



Did you know: The oldest school in the USA is older than the state itself. Detail.....The oldest public school in the United States was opened on 23 April 1635, the Boston Latin School. In 1776, five people from 56 who signed the United States Declaration of Independence were graduates of this school.

Source: [Where is the Oldest High School in America? - WorldAtlas](#)



TRIO DAY IN UTAH



Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Declaration

Whereas, TRIO is the first set of federal programs to address the serious social, economic, and cultural barriers to higher education in the United States;

Whereas, today, more than 800,000 students in nearly 3,000 programs at host institutions, both urban and rural, make higher education a reality for students who are often the first members of their family to enroll in and graduate from college;

Whereas, on Feb. 24, 1986, concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 278 declared the sense of Congress that Feb. 28, 1986, should be designated as "National TRIO Day" and the achievements of the TRIO programs should be recognized;

Whereas, TRIO emerged from an understanding that low-income, first-generation students need more than financial aid to overcome systematic obstacles in the way of them acquiring a college degree;

Whereas, by recognizing the untapped potential and talent of low-income, first-generation Americans, with diverse racial and economic backgrounds, TRIO programs open the doors to education access and opportunity for all; and,

Whereas, on the 34th anniversary of National TRIO Day we reaffirm our commitment to educational equity, access, and opportunity for all;

Now, Therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare Feb. 26, 2022, as

TRIO Day in Utah

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer J. Cox".

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

We are excited to announce that Governor Cox signed an official declaration which declared that February 26th was TRIO day in the state of Utah.