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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 COORDINATOR



Welcome back, everyone! We hope you had a fantastic and rejuvenating summer break filled with relaxation, adventures, and memorable moments. As the leaves begin to change and the air starts to cool, it's time to embark on a new academic year filled with exciting opportunities and challenges. The start of a new school year is like the opening of a fresh chapter in a book, full of promise and potential. It's a time to set new goals, make new friends, and dive into the subjects and activities that inspire you. Your dedicated advisors are here to support you every step of the way, providing guidance, encouragement, and knowledge to help you thrive.

Last year's student leadership conference and college tour trip were truly remarkable experiences that left a lasting impact on our students. The leadership conference brought together students, providing a platform for collaboration, idea exchange, and personal growth. The college tour trip was equally transformative, offering students the opportunity to explore various campuses, learn about different academic programs, and envision their future educational paths. Visiting these institutions not only broadened their horizons but also ignited a sense of excitement and motivation for higher education.

This year we have a lot to look forward to and be excited about, including taking a group of seniors on a college tour this month. We are also happy to announce that Ms. Marlene Neptune is our newest advisor. She will be serving students at Dixon and Provo High. Welcome Marlene!

Enjoy catching up with your advisors and we look forward to working with you all this upcoming year!

Paul Belvin - ETS Coordinator

Upcoming ACT Test Dates

October 28, 2023
April 13, 2024

December 9, 2023
June 8, 2024

February 10, 2024
July 13, 2024

We have a Blog! You can find news and updates about our program at: <https://uvu.edu/trio/ets/blog/index.html>

You can find us online and on social media

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



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



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

FROM THE ADVISORS



I have so much excitement as I return to the schools this fall with your students! September saw me coming back to work after having my first baby this past July - you might notice some extra pep in my step as my sweet little girl has me on cloud 9! After last year's hard work, the TRIO Talent Search programs at MVHS and OJHS are nearing full! I am excited to get to know OJHS' new 7th graders and introduce them to TRIO, and to build much stronger relationships with current TRIO students in both schools. I also hope to build closer relationships to school administration and staff. There are a lot of fun things in the works for this school year, including 2 college trips, pizza parties, workshops, some fun collaborations, and more! My goal for this school year is to build trust and strong relationships with each and every one of my students - to make sure they know that I am truly here for them. I have deep appreciation for the staff and administration at both schools for supporting our program, I can see it transforming lives!



I love helping the kids I work with realize their college dreams. The opportunities for education are endless and are possible for everyone - regardless of family background or finances. Did you know that approximately [1 in every 10](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2019/11/18/open-doors-data-show-continued-increase-numbers-americans-studying-abroad#:~:text=IIE%20estimates%20that%20about%2010.9,point%20during%20their%20degree%20program) undergraduate students complete a study abroad program? My study abroad in Poland which I completed during my 3rd year at BYU was transformative to my education, my worldview, and my career potential, and holds many of my fondest memories. The best part? The school funded these study abroad programs through scholarships. I am so grateful for the many incredible opportunities that my college education has given me and continues to give me. My hope for each and every youth I work with is for them to grab hold of all the amazing opportunities that are available to them! The stars are their only limit!



<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2019/11/18/open-doors-data-show-continued-increase-numbers-americans-studying-abroad#:~:text=IIE%20estimates%20that%20about%2010.9,point%20during%20their%20degree%20program>

Kaitlyn Dyshkant — ETS Advisor

Welcome Back!!



Students and parents, welcome back to another great year of learning. I hope it has been an outstanding summer of working, playing, and trying a few new things. There are so many opportunities for TRIO students at Wasatch High School this year. We will be planning college tours, investigating careers, reviewing study skills and more. We have so many dedicated counselors and mentors that are making sure our students are on track for graduation and prepared to fulfill their future goals in careers. If you are like most students, you may not be sure what type of degree you want to pursue in college. Many careers have clear education paths, such as becoming a doctor or an attorney. But you can also have several different careers over your lifetime. For example, a firefighter might work on shift for 24 hours, then have 48 hours off in which they attend business college.



Many of you are challenging yourselves by taking rigorous classwork. You are taking concurrent enrollment classes, in CAPS programs, or nursing school at MTECH. With all this, it can be difficult to find time to fit in study, exams, and papers. Tutoring services are available to anyone that is interested in the college prep room 221 Wednesdays and Thursdays. A slight increase in your GPA may make you eligible for more scholarship money so it's worth it to invest that little bit of extra time. So excited to see all the wonderful things you will accomplish this year.

Lisa Child — ETS Advisor



Did you know? The Benefits of Dual and Concurrent Enrollment: Students completing college courses in high school, compared to their peers who complete no dual enrollment credits, are substantially more likely to graduate high school, go to college, stay in college and complete a degree, often in less time than their non-participating peers.

<https://www.nacep.org/resource-center>

FROM THE ADVISORS



Welcome back Timpview and Centennial TRiO students! My name is Whitney Parry, and I am the TRiO Academic Advisor at Centennial and Timpview. A few fun facts about me: I have a husband named Kirk, 3 daughters, and a cat. I have a bachelor's degree in Geography and a master's degree in U.S. History. I love to read, run, bake, and be outside. I have visited 37 states and have lived in 5 states.

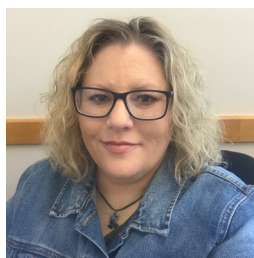


I hope you had a great summer and are getting settled into your classes for the semester. As you progress through your education it is important to be aware of and participate in Concurrent Enrollment and Advanced Placement classes. These classes help reduce the cost of college and increase the likelihood of obtaining a college degree. When in high school taking these classes can save you thousands of dollars and help you gain a better understanding of what career path you will want to take once you get to college. The U.S. Department of Education has said that concurrent enrollment can "be a means for students to save time and money and for them to develop a college-going identity with confidence in their ability to enroll in and be successful in higher education." Timpview offers many Concurrent Enrollment and AP classes so try to take advantage of them when you can! If you have any questions about Concurrent Enrollment stop by during lunch and we can chat! Centennial students can prepare to take Concurrent Enrollment and AP classes by doing well in their middle school classes and building good study habits that will help them be successful in high school.



<https://blog.ed.gov/2022/09/the-power-of-dual-enrollment-the-equitable-expansion-of-college-access-and-success/>

Whitney Parry — ETS Advisor



As we approach the end of the first month of the new school year, I hope you have had a positive experience so far.

There are 4 major types of Financial Aid available to college students:

1. Student loans
2. Grants
3. Work study
4. Scholarships



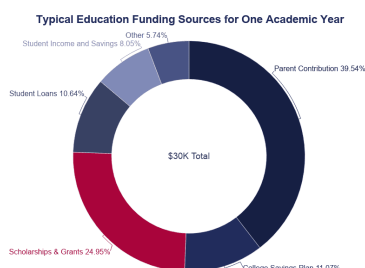
The website, [Educational Data Initiative](#)¹ breaks down the funding sources for college costs and explains that parents are bearing the majority of the financial burden of paying for their student's educational expenses. On average, parents pay for 39.4% of their child's college education while scholarships and grants only pay for 24.95% of higher education costs. At Union and Uintah River High Schools, we are working hard to buck that trend by being a resource for finding and securing scholarships and grants. Parents, be sure and talk with your student about the resources for scholarships and grants that have been shared with them. Ultimately, the student has to be the one to apply but parents can help and support with occasional check-ins, offering to proof-read essays and gentle reminders about approaching deadlines.

Underclassmen and Jr. High School students can prepare for college by finding a way to make the world a better place and doing their homework. Find something that you love and then find a place to volunteer doing that thing. Earning good grades remains the most important thing a student can do to prepare for college.

Here's to finishing the first quarter strong by staying caught up on homework and meeting assignment deadlines!



¹Hanson, Melanie. "How Do People Pay for College?" *EducationData.org*, April 23, 2022,



How People Pay for College [2023]: Financing Statistics

A detailed analysis of how students pay for college, financial resources, amounts available to students, and how to apply for financial aid.

educationdata.org

FROM THE ADVISORS



Hello!

My name is Marlene Neptune. I am delighted to be a new member of this TRIO team. I am a proud UVU graduate. My family and I have recently relocated to Utah. We are from the island of Grenada, a tiny island in the Caribbean. I love cooking, singing and teaching Cultural diversity folk dances, specifically the maypole dancing. I am a high school Social Studies teacher by profession, so I am very happy to be part of this team that helps shape and prepare our youth to make meaningful contributions to their family, community, and world.



I have been given the opportunity to be the Academic Advisor for the Educational Talent Search Program at Dixon Middle School and Provo High School.

My Schedule

Dixon Middle School - Mondays and Tuesdays 10am – 2pm

Provo High School - Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am – 2pm

Office – Friday 10am – 2pm

Consider This:

As students, you may sometimes feel like your life is being navigated by people and circumstances outside of your control. The **Great News** is that this is or can be temporary. You have the ability to acquire the knowledge and skills to change that and college experience is waiting to provide you with the exciting opportunity to demonstrate that you can do just that.

One thing that can really help as you begin your college journey is to decide to **Make College Meaningful**. Seek out opportunities to connect with your college and the communities it serves. Get involved, serve, experience the journey. These experiences will help you develop invaluable qualities and skills.

Did you Know:

You have Greatness within you. We are here to help you discover it.

Ms. Neptune — ETS Advisor



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College Tour—Spring 2023



Talent Search students touring the campus of Utah Valley University



Students in front of our TRIO office on the campus of Utah Valley University



Talent Search students on the University of Utah's campus



Talent Search students after seeing 'See How They Run'
at Hale Centre Theatre

TRIO students outside of Alcatraz Escape Games after working together to solve puzzles and escape four different escape rooms.



TRIO students on a college tour at Westminster University



Daniels Scholarship Application Opens Today!

September 15, 2023

Applications for the [Daniels Scholarship Program](#) open today and we need your help getting the word out to students in your community!

The Daniels Scholarship Program helps make college possible for motivated students from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming, allowing them to attend the college of their choice. Daniels Scholars receive financial and personal support, plus a new laptop computer. Scholarships range from \$30,000 over four years to [a full ride](#), depending on college choice.

The application for the Daniels Scholarship Program will be open from September 15 through October 15, 2023 at 4:00 pm MT and typically takes students less than one hour to complete.

Please encourage students to learn more and apply online now at DanielsFund.org/scholarships!

