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## FROM THE COORDINATOR

Dear TRIO Talent Search Students, Parents, and School Staff,

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate your hard work and perseverance. The third quarter has been filled with challenges and accomplishments, and now, with the fourth quarter ahead, it's time to finish strong! Whether you're preparing for end-of-year exams, final projects, or making plans for summer opportunities, know that your efforts today are shaping your future success. Keep pushing forward, stay organized, and reach out for support when needed—our TRIO team is here for you every step of the way.

For our high school seniors, the countdown to graduation is on! Be sure to finalize your college applications, complete your FAFSA if you haven't already, and watch for scholarship deadlines. Juniors, now is the perfect time to register for the ACT or SAT and start researching colleges. Middle school students, use this time to build strong study habits and explore different career pathways. No matter where you are in your journey, remember that education is your gateway to endless possibilities. Stay focused, stay motivated, and let's make this last quarter one to remember!



Paul, ETS Coordinator

## UPCOMING EVENTS

3/31 - 4/4

SPRING BREAK

MAY 1

GRADUATION CORD DEADLINE

JUNE 14

ACT TEST DATE

JULY 12

ACT TEST DATE



# SCHOOLS SERVED



OREM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
TIMPANOGOS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
WASATCH HIGH SCHOOL

SHORELINE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PROVO HIGH SCHOOL

ROOSEVELT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
UINTAH RIVER HIGH SCHOOL  
UNION HIGH SCHOOL

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## NEWS & UPDATES FROM YOUR ADVISOR

### FROM LESA IN ROOSEVELT



During the month of March we have been exploring STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) in our monthly meetings. We talked about the job growth in fields related to STEAM subjects and tried to think of a job that doesn't use some or all of those topics (ask your student how they did). Adults, during the next lull in conversation around the dinner table, take a minute and talk with your student about how you use STEAM in your job/daily life.



As always, one of the most important things students can do to distinguish themselves on scholarship applications is be involved in some kind of volunteer service. Spring break is a great time to spend an hour or two volunteering at the food bank or helping a neighbor clean up their yard. These acts of service help your student see the value of giving the gift of their time, which helps them be better people and makes the world a better place. After an act of service, spend a few minutes talking with your student about how they feel. Challenge them to find more thorough ways to talk about their feelings, encourage them to go beyond "tired" or "good" and share your feelings with them. It will be

important for them to be able to write about their feelings and experience volunteering and talking about it will help them learn to put feelings into words.

You have remarkable children!



**ADDING ART IN ANY FORM TO YOUR EDUCATION (TAKEN FOR 4 YEARS ON AVERAGE AT SCHOOL OR OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL) MAY HELP YOU AVERAGE 4 TO 5 POINTS HIGHER ON THE ACT EXAM.**

DREAM CATCHER CURRICULUM, "STEAM"





MANY UNIVERSITIES HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO STUDY ABROAD. STUDYING ABROAD ALLOWS YOU TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A NEW COUNTRY AND CULTURE FOR A FEW MONTHS – ALL WHILE COMPLETING CLASSES FOR COLLEGE CREDITS!

[HTTPS://WWW.UOPEOPLE.EDU/BLOG/10-MUST-KNOW-REASONS-TO-STUDY-ABROAD/](https://www.uopeople.edu/blog/10-must-know-reasons-to-study-abroad/)



## NEWS & UPDATES FROM YOUR ADVISOR

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### FROM MANDY IN HEBER



Hello, Wasatch Students and Families!

These past few months have been busy and full of exciting opportunities for our students. In March, some of our juniors participated in the annual TRIO ETS College Tour. They were able to visit four university campuses: Utah State, Weber State, University of Utah, and Utah Valley University. They also enjoyed an exciting outing to a Utah Jazz game. Back in February, many ETS students attended a UVU men's basketball game, which was a fun way to experience campus life firsthand. Thanks to those of you who were able to take full advantage of these opportunities to visit college campuses.



TIMPANOGOS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**HIGHLANDERS**  
CLIMB HIGHER

Seniors, most of you have already applied to colleges, completed your FAFSA applications, and submitted scholarship applications—great job! If you haven't done these things yet, please make sure you complete them this month. Don't let "senioritis" get in the way. Stay focused and finish strong so you can end your senior year on a high note. And don't forget: once you graduate, you'll need to send your final high school transcripts to your chosen college.

Juniors, good luck on your ACT tests this month! Remember, you can get a voucher from me to retake the ACT. I strongly recommend taking the ACT 2-3 times. You have a good chance of raising your score, and your top score is the one that will be sent to colleges and scholarship organizations next year.



With only a few months left in the school year, let's focus on finishing strong. Keep up the hard work, and use the resources available to you. Attend TRIO ETS monthly meetings. Talk to your teachers if you are worried about your grades. Take advantage of the free tutoring offered afterschool on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the college access center. Check your grades often, and, as always, feel free to stop by Wasatch High School Room 221 or email me with any questions. I'm here to help!

### FROM TRESSA IN PROVO



We made it into the fourth quarter of the year! Make sure you end the year strong and with your best effort. In some of our February groups, we discussed study skills. I urged students to choose one or two areas to focus on, such as making a study timetable, getting enough sleep, setting clear goals, revising tough ideas, and discovering different study approaches that suit their individual personalities.

As the school year comes to a close, I encourage all of our ETS students to perform their best and focus on the last two months of school. You can achieve academic success by taking one step at a time. The future is bright.

We had our juniors' Mini College Trip earlier this month. It was an informative couple of days touring four different college campuses in northern Utah and attending a Jazz game. I hope that those who were able to attend were able to get more of an idea about some of the different college campuses Utah has to offer and an idea of where they would like to apply next year.



I'm looking forward to learning about STEAM and participating in a coding exercise in our ETS groups in April, as well as celebrating the end of the year with a year-end activity and party in May. It's been a wonderful year so far, and I'm confident we'll finish strong.



**DID YOU KNOW THAT VOLUNTEERING OR GETTING INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE CAN BE JUST AS VALUABLE AS ACING YOUR CLASSES WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING INTO COLLEGE? COLLEGES LOVE SEEING APPLICANTS WHO SHOW LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, AND A DESIRE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. PLUS, IT'S A GREAT WAY TO DEVELOP SKILLS THAT WILL HELP YOU LATER IN LIFE—WHETHER YOU'RE APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS, OR EVEN JOBS!**

[HTTPS://WWW.ACADEMICAPPROACH.COM/HOW-IMPORTANT-IS-COMMUNITY-SERVICE-FOR-COLLEGE-ADMISSIONS/](https://www.academicapproach.com/how-important-is-community-service-for-college-admissions/)



## NEWS & UPDATES FROM YOUR ADVISOR

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### FROM KAITLYN IN PROVO

Our students at Timpview High School have been thriving! I've had the pleasure of getting to know students from every grade and have enjoyed collaborating with the incredible staff as I continue to build relationships within the school. Recently, our Juniors embarked on an exciting two-day college tour, visiting campuses from Orem to Logan and even catching a Utah Jazz game along the way! Meanwhile, our Seniors have been working diligently on scholarships and college applications—soon, they'll be making their final decisions on where they'll attend. It's been an exciting journey, and I am so proud of their hard work!



At Centennial Middle School, our students are also doing fantastic as we near the end of the school year. We are close to fully recruiting our 7th-grade class, which is an exciting milestone given my late start in this role. Our 8th graders are eagerly preparing for their transition to high school, and I'm here to support them every step of the way. I can't wait to see them continue to grow and flourish in the years ahead! It's been a rewarding experience working with these students, and I'm looking forward to all that's to come.



### FROM AIMEE IN OREM

Hello students and parents!

At Mountain View HS and Orem Junior, we have been focusing on goals and grades. We have learned that getting good grades is easy if you follow these 6 steps:

1. Show up! On time, every time. Unless you are really sick, be at school in your class, and at your TRIO activities! You can't learn if you aren't there.
2. Do all assignments and turn them in on time. It's SO MUCH EASIER to keep up than to catch up.
3. Do your best work. It can really make a difference.
4. Study for tests and quizzes. Set aside time to do this early, not just the night before. Go over the material several different times.
5. Keep track of all assignments due. You can use a planner, calendar, your phone, canvas, whatever works best for you. Just check it often. Make sure it contains every assignment, what teacher/class it is for, and when it is due.
6. Be prepared. Show up with all materials needed for that class: chromebook and charger, notebook, pencil, etc.



I hope you are all working hard now in order to improve your future possibilities!



**RESEARCH SHOWS THAT MISSING 10 PERCENT OF THE SCHOOL, OR ABOUT 18 DAYS IN MOST SCHOOL DISTRICTS, NEGATIVELY AFFECTS A STUDENT'S ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE. THAT'S JUST TWO DAYS A MONTH AND THAT'S KNOWN AS CHRONIC ABSENCE. WHEN STUDENTS IMPROVE THEIR ATTENDANCE RATES, THEY IMPROVE THEIR ACADEMIC PROSPECTS AND CHANCES FOR GRADUATING.**

[HTTPS://WWW.ATTENDANCEWORKS.ORG/CHRONIC-ABSENCE/THE-PROBLEM/10-FACTS-ABOUT-SCHOOL-ATTENDANCE/](https://www.attendanceworks.org/chronic-absence/the-problem/10-facts-about-school-attendance/)

# SENIORS, ARE YOU ON TRACK TO EARNING A GRADUATION CORD?



**To earn a graduation cord, earn 12 points by the May 1, 2025 deadline**

TASK TO COMPLETE	POINT VALUE	EARNED
1. FASFA completion	1 point	
2. Senior Resume (with photo) submission	1 point	
3. Apply to college	5 points	
a. Apply to a college in Utah (1 pt each, 3 pts max)		
b. Apply to a college outside of Utah (2 pts each, 2 pts. max)		
4. Apply for scholarships	5 points	
a. Application to a scholarship that requires an essay (1 pt each, 3 pts max)		
b. Application to Daniels Fund Scholarship (2 pts, 2 pts max)		
5. Check in with advisor (monthly) re: Sr. Guide Checklist	1 point	
6. UB: attend 1 summer program over 4 years, or ETS: attend mini college trip	2 points	
7. Submit a student spotlight to advisor with photo (Sr. yr.)	1 point	
8. Take the ACT	3 points	
a. First time (1 pt), Retake ACT (2 pts), 3 pts max		
9. Attend GGA's in senior year (ETS 6, UB 10)	1 point	
10. Complete Senior Exit Survey	1 point	
11. Register for National TRiO Alumni Association with COE	1 point	
12. Recruit one "both" student into either ETS or UB	3 points	
a. Each application is 1 pt, 3 pts max		
	<b>25 points possible</b>	

I certify, as the **TRiO** Academic Advisor for \_\_\_\_\_ (student name), that named student has earned at least 12 points to earn a 2025 graduation cord from the UVU **TRiO** Program. Signed,

Approved  
09/23/2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Academic Advisor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date