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WHAT'S NEW!

- New academic advisors
Mandy MacKay
Tressa Atkinson
- New Applications
Both English & Spanish
Both available online
and in paper format
- TRIO turns 60!



FROM THE COORDINATOR

Welcome to the new academic year! As the TRIO Talent Search Program Coordinator, I am thrilled to kick off another year of supporting our students in their journey toward academic success. This year, we are excited to welcome two new advisors to our team, each bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to help guide you on your path. Mandy and Tressa are eager to work with you, providing the individualized support and advice needed to help you navigate the challenges of school and beyond.

The start of the school year is always an exciting time filled with fresh opportunities, new faces, and renewed energy. However, along with that excitement comes the hard work of staying focused and committed to your goals. Achieving success requires discipline, perseverance, and making the most of the resources available to you. Our team is here to support you every step of the way, whether it's helping with academic planning, college preparation, or connecting you with resources to ensure you stay on track.



As we embark on this journey together, remember that the effort you put into your studies now will set you up for success after high school. Whether you're aiming for college, technical training, or another post-secondary path, the foundation you build today will carry you toward your future goals. We are committed to helping you succeed, and we're excited to see what you will accomplish this year. Let's make it a great one!

Paul, ETS Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 26

ACT TEST DATE

DEC 1

FASFA OPENS

DEC 14

ACT TEST DATE

DEC 16

SENIOR RESUMES DUE



SCHOOLS SERVED



OREM JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOL

MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH
SCHOOL



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TIMPANOGOS MIDDLE
SCHOOL

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HIGH SCHOOL

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SCHOOL



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CENTENNIAL MIDDLE
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SCHOOL



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NEWS & UPDATES FROM YOUR ADVISOR

FROM LESA IN ROOSEVELT

Hello students, parents and school administrators!

And a special welcome to all of you who are new to Educational Talent Search this year. My name is Lesa Dixon and I am the advisor for Roosevelt Jr. High, Uintah River and Union High Schools. I am excited for another school year and for all the adventures that await us.



Just a couple of reminders for the new school year: remember to check GroupMe for reminders, updates, and useful information. Also, we are moving classrooms at Union. So, if you go to the old room and no one is there, don't worry, I am still around. I will post the new room number in GroupMe when I know where it will be for sure.

If you have a friend that you think might be interested in ETS, bring them along. We still have room for students at all 3 schools.

One last thing, it is not too late to join a club, if you haven't already. There is a club for almost every interest. I am happy to help you choose one that will match up with the things that interest you.

As always, do your homework the day it is assigned and don't procrastinate!!!! I look forward to seeing you as we start our monthly GGA meetings in September.



EMPLOYERS RESPONDING TO NACE'S 2023 RECRUITING BENCHMARKS SURVEY SAID AN AVERAGE OF NEARLY 70% OF THEIR ENTRY-LEVEL JOBS REQUIRE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

Source: National Association of Colleges and Employers' 2023 recruiting benchmarks survey, conducted in April and May 2023, with 334 organizations taking part, including 269 NACE members.



20% OF TOTAL LATINA ADULTS HAVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER IN 2021 (3.5 MILLION), UP FROM 5.4% IN 2000 (1 MILLION).

Source: poll of 1,073 young adults, aged 18 to 34, conducted February 3 to 14 by Generation Lab and Axios.



NEWS & UPDATES FROM YOUR ADVISOR

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FROM MANDY IN HEBER

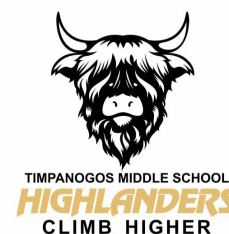
Hello, Students and Families!

I am Amanda MacKay, and I am excited to be the TRIO ETS Advisor for Wasatch High School, Rocky Mountain Middle School, and Timpanogos Middle School. My family and I have been living in Kenya for the last seven years and have just moved to Heber Valley. I have been a teacher for many years, and I am excited to continue working with students here in Wasatch through the ETS program.



As you settle into your new classes and routines, remember that there are many opportunities for TRIO students in Wasatch School District this year. We will be meeting in grade levels each month to help you build the skills and experiences you will need to succeed in college and beyond. We will cover topics like career exploration, study skills, and college applications. And of course, there will be an opportunity for juniors to be part of the annual TRIO college tour in the spring.

Thank you so much for being part of this program. I look forward to meeting you and supporting you in your journey to college!



FROM TRESSA IN PROVO

Hello Students and Parents!

I am excited to join ETS this school year at Shoreline Middle School and Provo High.

My name is Tressa Atkinson. I grew up in Utah, but I have also lived in the southern United States and three other countries. I recently moved back from Europe, where I had been living with my family for 5 years. I have been involved with higher education for many years and am very passionate about helping students attain their higher education goals. Higher education will open so many doors for you as you learn, grow, and gain many opportunities that you wouldn't otherwise have. I am a big believer that higher education is for everyone; it is for YOU!

In the coming weeks, group meetings will begin. Keep an eye out for emails from me soon, and please don't hesitate to email or text me with any questions! This is going to be a great year!



73% OF STATES HAVE IDENTIFIED MIDDLE SCHOOL CAREER EXPLORATION AS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF A STUDENT'S EDUCATION; ONLY 20% OF STATES, HOWEVER, MEASURE AND SUPPORT THE QUALITY OF THESE PRACTICES BY COLLECTING DATA.

Source: White paper, "Extending the Runway: A 50-State Analysis of Middle School Career Exploration," published in March 2024 by American Student Assistance.



THE 2025-26 FAFSA WILL BE RELEASED ON DECEMBER 1ST, 2024 TO ALL STUDENTS. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WILL BE CONDUCTING A TESTING PERIOD FOR THE 2025-26 FAFSA AND ISIR PROCESSING, STARTING OCTOBER 1ST BUT THIS WILL BE FOR A LIMITED SET OF STUDENTS AND INSTITUTIONS.

[HTTPS://FSAPARTNERS.ED.GOV/KNOWLEDGE-CENTER/LIBRARY/ELECTRONIC-ANNOUNCEMENTS/2024-08-07/2025-26-FAFSA-PROCESSING-TIMELINE-UPDATE](https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/library/electronic-announcements/2024-08-07/2025-26-fafsa-processing-timeline-update)



NEWS & UPDATES FROM YOUR ADVISOR

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FROM KIMBER IN PROVO

Hello TRiO students and families!

My name is Kimber Furr and I have been with TRiO since April. I am still getting to know the students, but have thoroughly enjoyed our interactions so far. I am the advisor at Centennial Middle School and Timpview High School.

A little about me: I graduated from BYU a number of years ago with a bachelor's degree in Health Education and taught high school for a short while before staying home to start a family. I have been married for 17 years and have 4 children. I enjoy running, camping, riding 4-wheelers, and yard work. I love watching football and being involved in community organizations and events.

This year's meetings will begin next week. Please watch your email for more information about the program. You'll get important information in our weekly newsletter.

I look forward to working with you this year!



FROM KAITLYN IN OREM

Hello Students and Parents!

As the new school year begins, we're excited to kick off another chapter with our TRiO Educational Talent Search programs! I am so excited for this new year - we start the year with full programs for every continuing grade! There's so much good going on every day in TRiO in our schools and so many opportunities for growth are available to our students this year. Our dedicated team is eager to support and inspire students as they embark on their academic journeys. This year, we have an array of enriching workshops planned that are designed to help TRiO students on their paths to success. I am also always available and eager to help with individual academic counseling as well - whether you're navigating the complexities of college applications or seeking guidance on academic challenges, our program is here to provide the tools and support you need.

We encourage all students to actively participate in our upcoming events and take full advantage of the resources available. Keep an eye out for announcements about special workshops, college tours, and mentorship programs designed to empower you in reaching your full potential. Together, let's make this school year a remarkable one filled with growth, learning, and success. Welcome back, and here's to a fantastic year ahead at Mountain View and Orem Junior with TRiO Educational Talent Search!



BY THE WAY, DID YOU KNOW THAT OVER 90% OF COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS REPORT THAT THESE EXPERIENCES SIGNIFICANTLY BOOST THEIR CAREER PROSPECTS? INTERNSHIPS PROVIDE REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE, NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES, AND A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF CAREER PATHS, OFTEN LEADING TO JOB OFFERS UPON GRADUATION. DID YOU KNOW THAT MOUNTAIN VIEW OFFERS MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF PERSONALIZED INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS? TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES - THEY MIGHT JUST BE A GAME-CHANGER FOR OUR STUDENTS! THE STARS ARE YOUR ONLY LIMIT!

TRIO TURNS 60 YEARS OLD!

THIS ACADEMIC YEAR MARKS A MONUMENTAL CELEBRATION AS TRIO TURNS 60! SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1964 WITH THE LAUNCH OF TRIO TALENT SEARCH, THESE PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS. OVER THE DECADES, TRIO TALENT SEARCH HAS TRANSFORMED COUNTLESS LIVES, OPENING DOORS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND CREATING PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS. OUR PROGRAM ALONE HAS PROUDLY HELPED THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR ACADEMIC DREAMS, AND WE CONTINUE TO SERVE AS A BEACON OF HOPE AND SUPPORT. HERE'S TO 60 YEARS OF EMPOWERING FUTURES, WITH MANY MORE TO COME!

CELEBRATING

60 YEARS

OF TRIO!

1964 - 2024

TRIO
TALENT SEARCH

UTAH VALLEY
UVU
UNIVERSITY

TRIO
UPWARD BOUND

NEW APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE!

WE ARE EXCITED TO UNVEIL OUR BRAND-NEW APPLICATIONS, NOW AVAILABLE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH! WHETHER YOU PREFER COMPLETING THE APPLICATION ONLINE OR IN PAPER FORMAT, WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED. THE UPDATED DESIGN IS MORE USER-FRIENDLY THAN EVER, MAKING THE PROCESS FASTER AND EASIER—TAKING EVEN LESS TIME THAN PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS. FOR THOSE APPLYING ONLINE, REST ASSURED THAT THE PROCESS IS SAFE AND SECURE, USING ADOBE SIGN ENCRYPTION TO PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. APPLY TODAY IN THE FORMAT THAT SUITS YOU BEST AND TAKE A CONFIDENT STEP TOWARD YOUR ACADEMIC FUTURE!

¡ESTAMOS EMOCIONADOS DE PRESENTAR NUESTRAS NUEVAS SOLICITUDES, AHORA DISPONIBLES TANTO EN INGLÉS COMO EN ESPAÑOL! YA SEA QUE PREFIERAS COMPLETAR LA SOLICITUD EN LÍNEA O EN FORMATO DE PAPEL, ¡TENEMOS TODO LO QUE NECESITAS! EL DISEÑO ACTUALIZADO ES MÁS FÁCIL DE USAR QUE NUNCA, LO QUE HACE QUE EL PROCESO SEA MÁS RÁPIDO Y SENCILLO, ¡TOMANDO INCLUSO MENOS TIEMPO QUE LAS SOLICITUDES ANTERIORES! PARA QUIENES APLICAN EN LÍNEA, TODO EL PROCESO ES SEGURO Y PROTEGIDO GRACIAS AL CIFRADO DE ADOBE SIGN, QUE GARANTIZA LA PROTECCIÓN DE TU INFORMACIÓN PERSONAL. ¡APLICA HOY EN EL FORMATO QUE PREFIERAS Y DA UN PASO SEGURO HACIA TU FUTURO ACADÉMICO!

ENGLISH VERSION - CLICK ON IMAGE BELOW TO SEE DETAILS

Student Name: _____ Grade: 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th
 School: _____ Date: _____



STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: Last First Middle Initial to be listed

Mailing Address: Street/P.O. Box # City State Zip

Student Cell Phone (if applicable): _____

Personal Email: _____ School Email: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Native American ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Ethnicity: ☐ Asian ☐ African American/Black ☐ Caucasian/White ☐ Hispanic/Latino

If you mark "No" for U.S. Citizen, are you a Permanent Resident? ☐ Yes ☐ No Place of Birth: _____

Are you currently participating in any other college preparatory programs? If yes, please list the program: _____

Do you have any siblings who were previously or currently in Talent Search? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Reason for any younger siblings and grades: _____

Let us know if you are interested in joining TRIO Talent Search because it would give you access to information or assistance with:

Tutoring	College Admissions	Character Development
Academic Advising	Career Information	Academic Counseling
College Exam Preparation	Communicative Skills	Cultural Awareness & Education
Scholarship/Financial Aid Info	Study Skills	Decision Making
Financial Literacy	College Visits	Conflict Resolution

What do you plan to do after you graduate from high school? (Check one)

☐ Work ☐ Community College ☐ Four-Year Institution ☐ Military ☐ Trade/Vocational School ☐ Other

If selected, how can Talent Search help you meet your goals after high school graduation? _____

If accepted into the Talent Search Program, I agree to meet with my Talent Search Academic Adviser, attend workshops, and complete all assignments and activities as required. I agree to remain in the program after high school and attain a college degree within 6 years of high school graduation (sign below).

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Please list the name(s) of the adult(s) the student lives **MOSE** of the time and select the contacting relationship.

☐ Both Parents ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Grandparents ☐ Aunt/Uncle ☐ Foster Parents ☐ Guardians ☐ Other

What is the **HIGHEST** level of education achieved by either parent? _____

Are you employed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a U.S. Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TRIO ADVISOR ONLY

Student Motivation: ☐ Low ☐ Average ☐ High

Student Attendance: ☐ Poor ☐ Good ☐ Excellent

Student Behavior: ☐ Poor ☐ Good ☐ Excellent

Verification: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Based on the available information, it is my belief that the above named individual possesses the academic potential to successfully enroll in and complete a postsecondary education program.

TRIO Official: _____ Date: _____

VERSIÓN EN ESPAÑOL: HAZ CLIC EN LA IMAGEN DE ABAJO PARA VER LOS DETALLES

Nombre: _____ Grado: 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th
 Escuela: _____ Fecha: _____



INFORMACIÓN DEL ESTUDIANTE

Nombre: Apellido Primer Nombre Segundo Nombre Nombre Pseudónimo

Dirección Postal: Calle/P.O. Box # Ciudad Estado Código Postal

Celular del Estudiante (if applicable): _____

Celular Electrónico Personal: _____ Correo Electrónico Escolar: _____

Género: ☐ Femenino ☐ Masculino ☐ Ciudadano de EE. UU. ☐ No Fecha de Nacimiento: ____/____/____

Etnicidad: ☐ Asiático ☐ Africano Americano/Negro ☐ Blanco/Caucásico ☐ Hispano/Latino

☐ Nativo Americano ☐ Nativo Hawaiano/Pacífico

Si marca "No" para Ciudadano de EE. UU., ¿es usted un Residente Permanente? ☐ Si ☐ No

¿Está participando actualmente en otros programas de preparación universitaria? Si es así, por favor enumere el programa (Ejemplo: Spurred Bound, ISSAT, etc.): _____

¿Tiene hermanos que hayan participado o estén participando actualmente en Talent Search? ☐ Si ☐ No

Si es así, enumere sus nombres y grados: _____

Por favor, enumere cualquier hermano menor y sus grados: _____

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¿Qué planes hará después de graduarse de la preparatoria (Marque uno)?

☐ Trabaja ☐ Colegio Comunitario ☐ Institución de 4 Años ☐ Militar ☐ Escuela Técnica/Vocacional ☐ Otro

Si es seleccionado, ¿cómo puede Talent Search ayudarle a alcanzar sus objetivos después de graduarse de la escuela secundaria? _____

Si soy aceptado en el Programa Talent Search, acepto reunirme con mi Asesor Académico de Talent Search, asistir a reuniones, mi mayor esfuerzo académicamente, prepararme para ingresar en la educación postsecundaria después de la preparatoria, y obtener un título universitario dentro de los 6 años posteriores a la graduación de la preparatoria (firma y fecha a continuación).

Firma del Estudiante: _____ Fecha: _____

INFORMACIÓN DE LOS PADRES/TUTORES

Por favor, enumere el nombre(s) de los adultos con los que el estudiante vive **LA MAYOR PARTE DEL TIEMPO** y seleccione la relación.

☐ Ambos Padres ☐ Madre ☐ Padre ☐ Abuelos ☐ Tío/Aunt ☐ Padres Adoptivos ☐ Otros

¿Cuál es el **NIVEL MÁS ALTO** de educación obtenido por alguno de los padres, abuelos o adoptivos (CON GRADUACIÓN)? _____

¿Alguna de las personas que viven en su hogar **RECIBE** alguno de los siguientes beneficios?

☐ Asistencia suplementaria gratuita / reducida

☐ Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas (TANF)

☐ Seguro de Seguro Social (SSI)

☐ Seguro de Seguro Social (SSD)

☐ Seguro de Seguro Social (SST)

Si alguno de los padres (abuelos o adoptivos) tiene un título universitario, ¿cuál es el programa de estudio y dónde lo obtuvo? _____

¿MARQUE AQUÍ SI LA DISCRIMINACIÓN POR LA RAZA O EL ORIGEN ÉTNICO ES UN FACTOR EN SU SELECCIÓN PARA PARTICIPAR EN EL PROGRAMA?

☐ Sí ☐ No

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Firma de Padre/Tutor: _____ Fecha: _____

PARA SER COMPLETADO SOLAMENTE POR EL ASESOR DE TRIO

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