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WHAT'S NEW!

- New Advisor
Sam Wilson @ Heber
- Talent Search funded
for 2025-2026 School
Year



FROM THE COORDINATOR

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

As we begin a new academic year, TRIO Talent Search is excited to continue supporting our students and families on the path to college and beyond. We are pleased to share that our program has been awarded funding for the 2025–2026 school year, allowing us to continue providing the resources, guidance, and opportunities that help students succeed. This year, our advisors will be visiting schools regularly to provide guidance on academic success, college preparation, and career exploration. Students can look forward to workshops on study skills, financial aid, scholarship applications, and more, while parents will have opportunities to learn how to best support their child's educational goals. Together, we are here to help every student see college as an achievable and worthwhile next step.



In addition to one-on-one advising, we will offer college campus visits, cultural enrichment activities, and informational events designed to inspire students and connect them with valuable resources. We encourage both students and parents to stay engaged, ask questions, and take advantage of everything TRIO Talent Search has to offer. With the continued support of our grant, we look forward to another great year of learning, growth, and achievement for all our participants.

Paul, ETS Coordinator



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 21

UVU 1ST GEN
CONFERENCE

DEC 1

FAFSA OPENS

DEC 13

ACT TEST DATE

DEC 15

SENIOR RESUMES DUE



SCHOOLS SERVED



OREM JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOL

MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH
SCHOOL



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NEWS & UPDATES FROM YOUR ADVISOR

FROM LESA IN ROOSEVELT

Scholarship committees are often interested in investing in students who are committed to making the world a better place. After asking applicants to share their personal narrative, applications often ask a question like "Talk about your most meaningful volunteer experience and why it was meaningful to you." It may be helpful for students to keep a list of volunteer experiences they have had throughout high school and why participating mattered to them.



a club that matches their interests, reach out to your ETS advisor and we can help them get connected with the right people.

If your student needs a little encouragement finding and participating in volunteer experiences, they might want to consider joining a club at school. Most clubs are committed to providing students with an opportunity to serve others in some way and some clubs, such as Interact Club, have service as their sole objective.

Knowing what your student is passionate about can help you guide them in finding a club to match their interests and provide a place for them to serve others which helps to make our world a better place. If your student needs help finding



VOLUNTEERING STATISTICS FOR 2024: HOW CHARITABLE ARE WE?

EVERY DAY, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE VOLUNTEER FOR THOUSANDS OF DIFFERENT COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS—READ THE LATEST VOLUNTEERING STATISTICS.

<https://teamstage.io/volunteering-statistics/>



STATISTICS LIKE:

70% OF VOLUNTEER WORK IS DONE INFORMALLY

VOLUNTEERING CAN ASSIST IN JOB-HUNTING

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE!](#)



WHILE COLLEGE DEBT IS THE SINGLE GREATEST CAUSE FOR CONCERN AMONG STUDENTS AND PARENTS (ACCORDING TO OUR COLLEGE HOPES AND WORRIES SURVEY), A WHOPPING 85 PERCENT OF STUDENTS ARE AWARDED FINANCIAL AID.

WWW.PRINCETONREVIEW.COM/COLLEGE-ADVICE/11-SURPRISING-FACTS-COLLEGE-ADMISSION



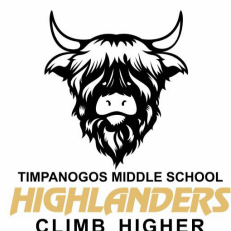
NEWS & UPDATES FROM YOUR ADVISOR

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FROM SAM IN HEBER

Happy fall, students and parents!

My name is Sam Wilson and I will be the TRIO ETS Advisor for Wasatch High School, Timpanogos Middle School and Rocky Mountain Middle School. I recently moved to the Heber Valley from Dusseldorf, Germany, but spent most of my childhood growing up in Utah. I'm very happy to be back in this beautiful state!



Students, I look forward to working with you this year and getting to know each of you! Attending Excel periods monthly with me is important as we will cover a variety of helpful subjects ranging from goal setting, to study skills, to college applications and beyond. Junior students, I can't wait to take a fun college tour trip with you in October! I plan to communicate with all ETS students via email, so please make sure you check your Wasatch email frequently.

Thank you for being a part of this amazing college prep program. I look forward to meeting you and supporting you during your journey to college!



FROM TRESSA IN PROVO

Welcome back!

I am thrilled to welcome you to a new school year with Education Talent Search at Shoreline Middle School and Provo High School!

We have changed classrooms at Shoreline. Students will be meeting in room 413 once a month during advisory.

At Provo, we will be meeting during lunch at the College and Career Center. Please bring lunch and come when we have group! College may feel like far away for some of you, but it is important to prepare now for your future!

Some important upcoming dates:

October 9: FAFSA night for seniors. Students and Parents both need to make accounts at studentaid.gov Come for help getting your FAFSA filled out.

October 21: First Generation Conference at UVU. Grades 9-12 are invited. There is no school this day but there will still be a bus leaving from Provo High if you want to go! Pick up a permission slip in the College and Career Center.

Please email me at Tressa.Atkinson@uvu.edu with any questions or concerns. I am here to help. College may feel like a big step—but you're not taking it alone.





THE TRIO TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM HAS THE AIM OF HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION AND POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT. IT ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL, ENROLL IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, AND HELPS STUDENTS APPLY FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

[HTTPS://WWW.CONGRESS.GOV/CRS-PRODUCT/R42724](https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/R42724)



NEWS & UPDATES FROM YOUR ADVISOR

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FROM KAITLYN IN PROVO

Hello students, parents and school administrators! My name is Kaitlyn Dyshkant and I am the advisor for Centennial Middle and Timpview High Schools.

I'm excited to begin a new school year with TRIO! This year is full of opportunities for growth, and our team is ready to support and inspire students as they continue their academic journeys. We have a strong lineup of workshops, college visits, and mentorship opportunities this year designed to help students succeed. I'm also available for individual academic counseling—whether you're navigating college applications or working through academic challenges, TRIO is here to help.

We encourage all students to get involved, take advantage of our resources, and make the most of what's ahead. Together, let's make this year one of learning, growth, and success!

Just a couple of reminders for the new school year: remember to check your school email and texts for reminders, updates, and useful information. Also, we are moving our office location at Timpview High. So, if you go to the old room and no one is there, don't worry, I am still around. I will send the new room number out via text and email when I know for sure where it will be.

Welcome back to school and cheers to a new year of growth and opportunities! This will be a great year!



FROM AIMEE IN OREM

Welcome to a new school year with TRIO/ETS! We will be setting goals for our future and working towards those goals by finding our strengths and interests, developing good study habits, life skills, and financial literacy.

Here are a few reminders:

1) Student attendance at our monthly meetings is mandatory. I can't teach you anything if you are not there! If for any reason you are absent that day, make sure you check your email and complete and return to me any assignments.

2) Parents, I will email you monthly with information from our meetings so that you know what we are learning. Please discuss with your student what they did or learned that day! Please check your email regularly for important information.

3) The TRIO/ETS program requires a minimum 2.5 GPA, but the higher your GPA is, the better your chances of getting college scholarships, and succeeding in college. Please work hard to keep your grades high!

I am so excited for the learning and growth opportunities we will have this year in TRIO ETS! Please feel free to email me anytime with questions.



US FACES SHORTFALL OF 5.3M COLLEGE-EDUCATED WORKERS BY 2032

NURSING, TEACHING AND ENGINEERING WOULD EXPERIENCE THE LARGEST GAPS, PER A STUDY FROM GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY'S CENTER ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE.

[HTTPS://WWW.HIGHEREDDIVE.COM/NEWS/US-FACES-SHORTFALL-OF-53M-COLLEGE-EDUCATED-WORKERS-BY-2032/760155/](https://www.highereddive.com/news/us-faces-shortfall-of-53m-college-educated-workers-by-2032/760155/)



TRIO EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH JUNIORS FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL, PROVO HIGH SCHOOL, ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL, TIMPVIEW HIGH SCHOOL, AND WASATCH HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATED IN A TWO DAY TRIP TOURING COLLEGES IN NORTHERN UTAH LAST MARCH.

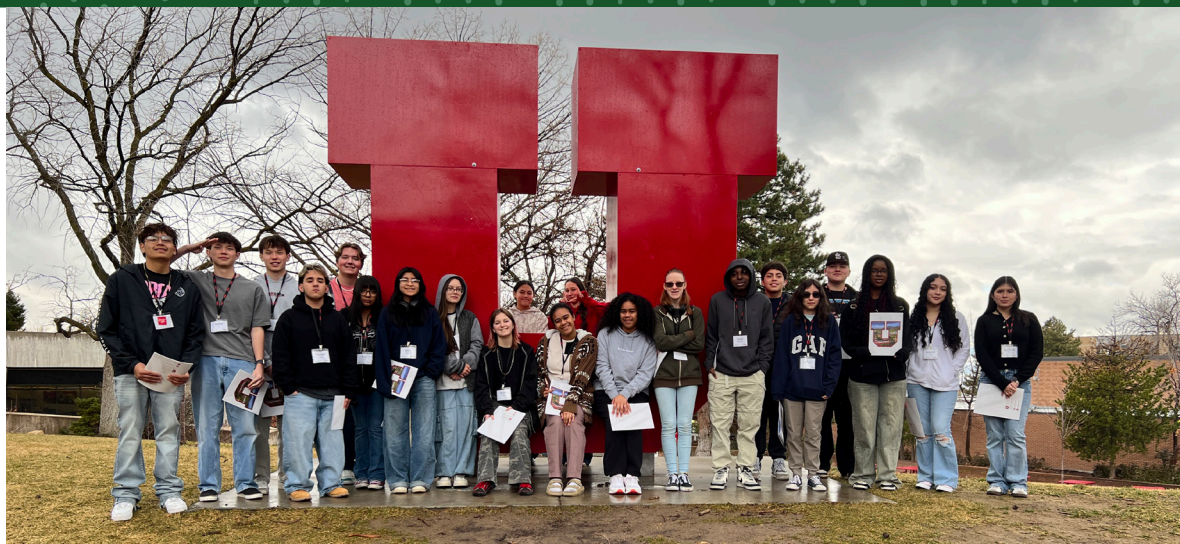
THE JUNIORS TOURED UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY, WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, AND UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY.

THEY ALSO ATTENDED A UTAH JAZZ BASKETBALL GAME THEIR FIRST EVENING. FOR MOST, IT WAS THEIR FIRST TIME SEEING AN NBA GAME IN PERSON.

(ABOVE) TRIO TALENT SEARCH STUDENTS GATHER AROUND THE BLOCK "A" ON THE CAMPUS OF UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY.



(RIGHT) TRIO TALENT SEARCH STUDENTS POSE NEXT TO THE BRONZ STATUE OF LOUIS F. MOENCH, WEBER STAKE ACADEMY'S FIRST PRINCIPAL..



(LEFT) TRIO TALENT SEARCH STUDENTS ON THE CAMPUS OF UNIVERSITY OF UTAH STANDING IN FRONT OF THE BLOCK "U".



(RIGHT) TRIO TALENT SEARCH STUDENTS STANDING OUTSIDE THE DELTA CENTER NEXT TO THE UTAH JAZZ LOGO. THE STUDENTS TOOK IN THE GAME AFTER TOURING USU AND WSU. THE NEXT DAY THEY TOURED U OF U AND UVU.



(ABOVE) TRIO TALENT SEARCH STUDENTS IN 'GROUP 1' STAND IN FRONT OF THE BLOCK UVU SIGN ON THE CAMPUS OF UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY.