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this QR code or gohttps:// ing to uvu.edu/trio/ets/

FROM THE COORDINATOR



Hello everyone!

As the days get shorter and the temperatures get a bit colder I find myself doing more activities inside such as reading. Currently, I am reading a book titled 'No Barriers' by Erik Weihenmayer who is a blind adventurer who has kayaked down the

Colorado River in the Grand Canyon and climbed Mt. Everest.

In this book, he travels to the country of Nepal where he is asked to lead a group of students who are blind up a 22,500 foot tall mountain. The author has concerns, but the director of the school shows him their "Dream Factory." In the Dream Factory, the blind students are "encouraged to dream about what it is they want to do. They should not limit those dreams in any way. We then try to find ways to turn these dreams into reality."

These blind students had dreamed of climbing a mountain and to feel the fresh air and the warmth from the sunlight at the mountain's peak. With the help from the author, these students were able to leave their familiar and safe school surroundings to go out to a foreign and unfamiliar area to climb a mountain. In doing so, the students gained the confidence to believe they can do anything!

Each one of us has our own mountain to climb, for some it could be math, history, or a P.E class. For others, it could be meeting and making a new friend. Your Talent Search advisor can be your guide to help you climb and conquer your own mountain.

Happy Thanksgiving & Happy Holidays!

Paul Belvin - ETS Coordinator

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



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MEET THE ADVISORS



Lots of exciting things are happening at Mountain View and Orem Junior this time of year! Personally, I have had so much fun getting to know each and every one of our students - they really are incredible kids with endless potential. In Orem we are so excited as we have gone from 16% recruited at the beginning of the year to now nearly 50% recruited. We still have more to go but are excited about the growth of the program. One general focus of mine has been working hard to establish a relationship with the students that are in our program, making sure they know just how much I really care about

them and that I am truly here for them. I have deep appreciation for the staff at both schools for supporting our program, I can see it transforming lives!

Orem Junior High has been so much fun, the kids I am working with there are truly phenomenal. I have really enjoyed helping all our students gain a vision of their potential and a realization of the doors that are standing wide open to them. Recently, at Mountain View High I have been focused working with TRIO students on their FAFSAs, college applications, organizing tutors where needed, and ACT registrations. 90% of our seniors have *already* sent in their college applications! Before the end of the year, we have college tours coming up to USUE, SLCC, and



MTECH available to all of our students. Our upcoming December monthly meeting will be a Christmas party at both schools. I will also start holding one-on-one meetings with all the MVHS and OJHS students to discuss



their individual needs and goals and to understand the best way that I can help them reach for the stars! I absolutely love and believe in all of the students I work with. As Dr. Seuss famously said, "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."

Kaitlyn Dyshkant — ETS Advisor



What do you see when you think about your future? I hope you see yourself going to college and living your dreams with an amazing career that fits you! Maybe you know you want to go to college but aren't so sure about what you want your career path to look like. Luckily, there are many tools to help you find out! Explore career ideas with career aptitude tests. Take elective classes



that seem interesting to you. Volunteer for organizations that you like. Look for internship opportunities or part-time jobs. If you are considering becoming a teacher, ask your teachers what it is like to be them. Many studies have shown that career exploration activities

like these have a "quantifiable positive effect on student academic achievement." (Evans & Burck, 1992). In addition, these experiences can always be added to your resume or college application and will help people to notice who you are as an individual. If you don't know where to start, I am here to help!

Shaylee Scott — ETS Advisor



Evans Jr., J. H., & Burck, H. D. (1992). The Effects of Career Education Interventions on Academic Achievement: A Meta-Analysis. Journal of Counseling & Development, 71(1), 63–68. https://doi.org/10.1002/j.1556-6676.1992.tb02173.x

Upcoming ACT Test Dates
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College graduates are more likely to own homes; three -quarters of bachelor's degree holders are homeowners, compared to 64% of those with high school diplomas.

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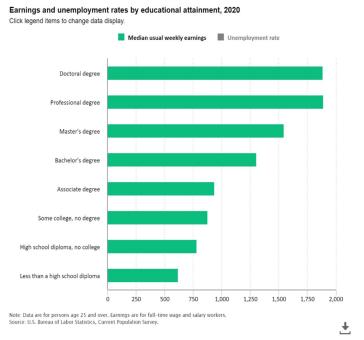


Happy Fall! The school year is in full swing and hopefully school is going well. Here are a few reminders:

Seniors: Apply for college!! Sign up for FAFSA! If you haven't started applying for college yet, start applying now! If you need help with applications or FAFSA please contact me. Juniors: If you haven't taken the ACT yet, now is the time to sign up and start preparing. I have fee waivers that include the test and the Online Kaplan ACT prep class. Let me know if you need one and I can get you one.

All students: Do your best to always attend class and turn in your work. If you need help with your grades contact me and we can meet for tutoring.

Also, here's a reminder on how a college education can impact your future income potential.





It's been great to meet everyone and put names to faces! I hope you all have a great Holiday season!

Whitney Parry — ETS Advisor





Hello! Congratulations on surviving UCAM (Utah College Application Month). I am so proud of our Seniors! Almost all of them completed the FASFA, applied to at least one College/University, applied for a scholarship and some even squeezed in an ACT exam!

This is a great time to share Personal Educational Plans (PEP) with the significant people in your lives, so they can help you make choices which will help you achieve your goals. Parents be sure and ask your student about their PEP if you haven't already discussed it.

Did you know that Americans eat about 95 BILLION packs of ramen instant noodles every year? That's enough for every college student in the US to eat about 13 packs of ramen every day! This month I will definitely be giving thanks that I don't have to eat ramen noodles everyday.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Lesa Dixon — ETS Advisor

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Students and parents, I am so excited to join with you in the Educational Talent Search program. I have already learned so much from meeting you and can't wait to learn more. As a high school student, I assumed that I would go to college, but I never really knew what I wanted to study. I spent two years earning an associate degree but still was unsure about what I wanted to be when I grew up. A program like ETS would have saved me from the pitfalls of taking easy classes and enrolling in classes just because my friends were taking them. All was not lost however, and I did eventually graduate with a bachelor's in art educa-

tion and a master's in special education. Some of you may still be unsure of what direction you would like to go with a career. It's a common misconception that you must pick a major before you start college. By taking general requirements and a variety of classes, I started to recognize my skills that would later help me in my career in education and more specifically as a special education teacher.

Taking concurrent enrollment classes offered by UVU creates a great advantage academically and economically. You are learning skills now that will help you be a successful student and professional. Knowing your existing skills, learning new ones, and having purpose and direction in your education can help you know the "why" of what you are doing. Many of you have already set college and career goals. As we work our way

through the various forms and requirements together, know that you are not just writing another paper or filling out another form - you are preparing to be successful, fulfilled members of society. You are preparing to work in fields that you love and in which you will excel. Your vision and planning now can change your future forever. I cannot wait to see what you bring to the world.



Lisa Child — ETS Advisor



"College grads are 44% healthier then non-grads, are 4 times less likely to smoke, are more likely to exercise, wear a seatbelt, and live 7 years on average longer than those with a high school diploma." - retrieved from www.dreamcatchercurriculum.com

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