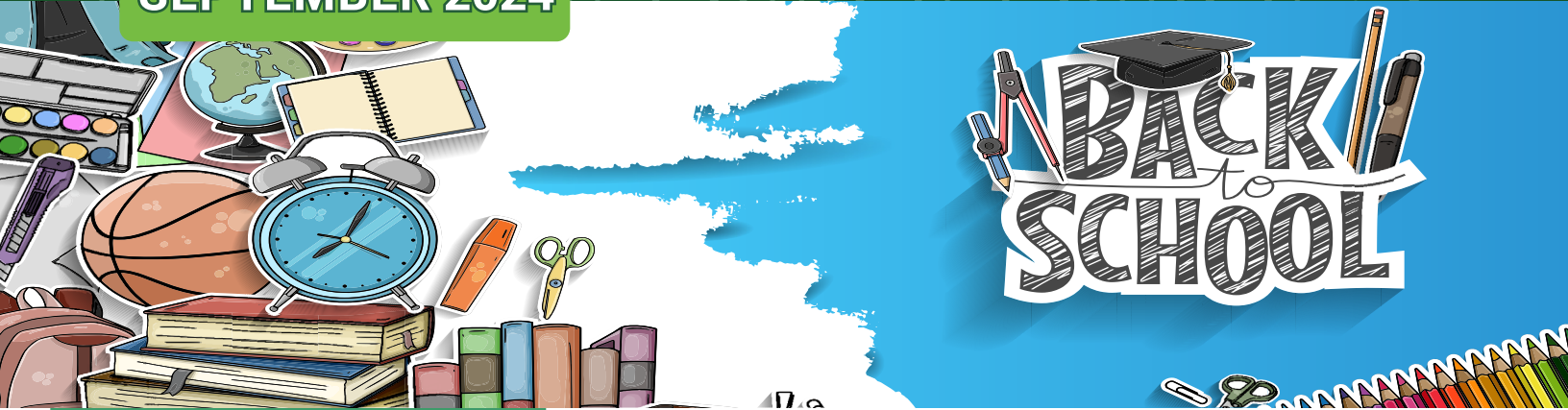


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WHAT'S NEW!

- ▶ 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

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

CENTENNIAL MIDDLE 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!



TIMPANOGOS MIDDLE SCHOOL
HIGHLANDERS
CLIMB HIGHER

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



