
Educational Talent Search



Humboldt State University

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Youth to College Grant Brings Students to HSU

What an exciting year for the students! We were able to bring 12 of our 19 schools to HSU for a day of campus fun. Students enjoyed the Wildlife Building with its beautiful architecture and amazing displays. They strolled down the interactive, multi-faceted hallway of the Art Department with its many paintings, jewelry and photography displays. They viewed the herbarium with its separate chambers allowing students to observe the different growing environments of plants. After tours of the Music



Department, the P.E. Complex, Founders Hall, the University Center, the Science Complex, the Forestry Building and residence halls, the students became extremely comfortable interacting on campus.

The day was topped off by a free, all-you-can-eat, lunch at the "J", also known as the Jolly Giant Commons. The best treat of all for us Talent Search Counselors was that the students loved it, and 98% of them said that they were more likely to attend college now that they had experienced a day on campus. HOORAH!



A Message From The Director

Welcome back! Hope you had a great summer. We are eager to hear about your summer activities and your plans for the school year. We have a great year planned for our participants and their families. Watch for upcoming flyers and post cards explaining when and where events will be hosted. Counselors will present “College Preparation” and “Financial Aid” workshops at all school sites and a one-day “Test-Taking Strategies” course.



Adrienne Colegrove-Raymond

We will be offering tours of Humboldt State University where students will have the opportunity to explore the campus and get a hands-on experience of higher education. These tours will include workshops on “Study Skills” and “Career Exploration.” Finally in early spring we will be having our annual “Ice Cream Social.” So, watch your mail and make sure you keep in contact with your counselor. Visit our website often (<http://www.humboldt.edu/~hsuets>) to keep up-to-date on upcoming events at your school.

Seniors, this will be one of your busiest years; but don't fret we are here to assist you with college applications, financial aid, tutoring, career exploration, etc. If you need personal assistance call us at (707) 826-4791 to make an appointment.

My Parents Went To “College: Making It Happen” and All I Got Was This iPod

American filmmaker Woody Allen said that “Eighty percent of success is showing up.” Kalyssa King and Dakota Rich-Fallon proved him right when they each won an iPod at the annual College Making It Happen (CMIH) event at McKinleyville Middle School on March 7, 2007.



Humboldt State University Student Academic Services Outreach Program (SASOP) sponsors CMIH, under the direction of the California Educational Roundtable. Workshops are designed for families and school educators of students in grades 6-9 at school sites in Fortuna, Eureka, McKinleyville, Crescent City and Hoopa. Presenters stress the importance of early academic and financial planning in middle

school as key to college readiness. Most importantly they provide families with the tools to help students succeed.

It's fun and informative! Open discussion is encouraged and all members of a student's family are welcome. Refreshments and prizes have become an integral part of the program. So mark your calendar for upcoming 2008 CMIH events.

2008 College: Making It Happen

- March 3 – Fortuna Middle School
- March 4 – Zane Middle School
- March 5 – McKinleyville Middle School
- March 6 – Crescent Elk Middle School
- March 10 – Hoopa Elementary

Talent Search Students Making History

On January 27th, 2007, three Blue Lake students received awards for their exemplary work at History Day, a county-wide history fair hosted by Humboldt State University. The Blue Lake community then held a spaghetti feed that raised enough money to send Jasmine Brown, Shannon Ervin and Sharon Plumlee to participate in the Junior Division of the 2007 History Day in Long Beach, California. This year's theme was Triumph and Tragedy in History. Their presentations covered such topics as the effects of small pox on native communities.



History Day winners Jasmine Brown, Shannon Ervin, and Sharon Plumlee

HSU Higher Education Day

It is challenging to convince a high school student who is just tired of going to school that college is different, inspiring . . . even fun! The Higher Education Day at Humboldt State University was a better demonstration than any Talent Search Counselor's words could ever describe. On March

ovens to bake bread, etc.); and on computer software developed by HSU Natural Resources students, they learned how local fish ladders are being redesigned to help restore streams. These are just a few of the 19 classes that were available to students.



Lunch at the "J"

23, six local high schools arrived on campus for a day of tours, college classes and lunch. Students broke into groups and went to pre-selected classes with college professors and the hands-on learning tools to jump right in.

What a selection of classes they had! In the nursing class, some students learned how to take a person's blood pressure and the importance of eating healthy foods; at the CCAT (Campus Center for Appropriate Technology) building, they learned how to save the environment by using human powered electrical generators (a bicycle-powered TV, solar powered

It was the first visit for many students to a college campus, and their energy and excitement were evident by the exuberant chatter in the cafeteria at lunch. "The computer science class ruled!" said one student from Arcata High, and a Del Norte student proclaimed the day as "freakin' awesome!" After lunch, students learned what high school classes they need to take to be eligible to attend HSU, and any other California State University in California.



Students talk radio with KRFH dj

By the end of the day, students were closer to making decisions about their future. A student from Hoopa High said, "It made me start thinking more seriously about college."

Talent Search Students Attend Prestigious Leadership Conference

Two Talent Search students were selected to participate in the 2007 Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project Conference in Sacramento this summer (CLYLCP). These high achieving Latina



Maria and Isabel
with Senator Patricia Wiggins

students participated with others from all over California in a weeklong series of workshops, seminars, speeches by lawmakers and mock legislative hearings designed to strengthen the leadership skills of the selected Latino youth.

Maria Cortes and Isabel Cortes, seniors at Fortuna High, met with Senator Patricia Wiggins from our second district and Assembly member Patty Berg from our 1st assembly district they also heard a speech by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. They wrote bills to present to the student mock assembly and senate, and the group voted to pass or reject their issues. Isabel was the speaker of her group and also ran for the position of CLYLCP president for next year. Maria was immersed in the art of running a political campaign. Both girls learned campaign skills from professional campaign managers and activists who are veterans of state legislative politics in Sacramento.

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National TRiO Day and the 17th Annual Indian Island Candle Light Vigil

This year, National TRiO Day was celebrated nation wide on February 24th. TRiO day was established by a Congressional Resolution in 1986, setting aside the last Saturday in February each year to recognize TRiO programs, students, alumni and staff for their efforts and success in helping thousands of underrepresented students pursue an education beyond high school.

In honor of this year's 2007 National TRiO day, TRiO Upward Bound alumni Jen Dyke and Kristina Horn and TRiO Student Support Services advisor Tracy Smith attended the 17th Annual Indian Island Candle Light Vigil held at Woodley Island Marina in Eureka.

The Indian Island Candle Light Vigil commemorates the February 26, 1860 massacre of the residents of Tuluwat Village on Indian Island, now called Woodley Island. The inhabitants had gone to sleep after celebrating a week-long World Renewal Dance. Because the men had left the island to gather supplies, women, children and the elderly were the victims of settlers who came armed with hatchets, clubs and knives. The Wiyot population was reduced from several thousand to 200 overnight.

The Humboldt Upward Bound Alumni Association at HSU provided candles and holders to community members who came to support the vigil.

For more information on Wiyot tribal history and culture visit <http://www.wiyot.com/history.htm> or call (707) 733-5055 or 1(800) 388-7633

For more information about TRiO programs, please visit <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/index.html> or call (707) 826-4791.



The Namedropper



Congratulations to the Talent Search Senior Class. We are proud to share with you the numerous scholarships, awards, commendations and educational grants our students received over the last academic year. The list is so extensive that we do not have space to print all of them here. We have made an effort to represent at least one or two students from each of the schools we serve. Some students received many more awards than we could possibly list here.

Arcata High School

Lindsey Bryie – Soroptimist International of Arcata. **Melynda Nielsen** – Pacific Union PTO Scholarship. **Eric Garcia** – Oral Roberts University Achievement Scholarship. **Molly Larsen-Wakeman** – Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship, Blue Lake Union School District Hall of Fame Award. **Melanie Casillas** – Jacoby Creek Children’s Education Foundation. **Colin Hernandez-French** – Elmhurst College United Church of Christ Scholarship.

Eureka Senior High School

Naomi Medley, Brian Butler, Chris Davenport & Pa Kou Yang – Bank of America Achievement Awards. **Ashley Salazar** – Eric & Earline Johnson Memorial Scholarship. **Kayanne Wahlstrand** – Theodore Roosevelt & Ingrid R. Olander Memorial Scholarship. **Roselie Freixas** – Violet Richardson Award, Soroptimist International Club of Eureka Distinguished Youth Citizenship Award, O’Dell Foundation Humboldt Group Scholarship. **Brianne Krouse & Karlo Collamat** – Cal SOAP College Knowledge Scholarship. **Darian-Leah Clark** – National Achievement Scholarship Program Outstanding Participant. **Margaret Tice** – Ermel Katherine Buck Scholarship & HSU Emily Poindexter Jacobs Scholarship. **Bakha Komak** – Soroptimist International Club of Humboldt Bay Distinguished Youth Citizenship Award.

Fortuna Union High School

Nick Flenghi -- Bank of America Achievement Award, Excellence in Community Service Award,

President’s Award for Educational Excellence, American Citizenship Award. **Brooke Cathey** -- American Citizenship Award, President’s Award for Educational Excellence. **Corinne Losey** – Excellence in Community Service Award, American Citizenship Award. **Hannah Cooney** -- President’s Award for Educational Excellence. **Jerrica Rice** – President’s Award for Educational Excellence, Follow Your Dream Award & Humboldt State University/National Science Foundation Scientific Leadership Scholars Program Scholarship. **Andy Hiller** – American Citizenship Award, President’s Award for Educational Excellence. **Chris Bender, Allyssa Ivey, Justina Jones, Kyle Hudson, Yanira Cruz & Kirsten Iversen** -- Follow Your Dream Award.

Hoopa Valley High School

Talbert Alvarado – United Indian Health Services Scholarship. **Billy Aubrey, Fawn Colegrove-Bussell, Katrina Perry & Anna Powell** – Tribal Grants. **Zack Britton** – Round Valley Higher Education Program and NAVTEP Scholarships. **Lillian Davis** – American Legion Scholarship & Tribal Grant. **Kyle Doiron** – Outstanding Actor and Outstanding Choir Awards, Bank of America Academic Excellence Award. **Kassandra Gammill** – Bank of America Academic Achievement Award. **Helena Gibbens** – Coast Central Credit Union Scholarship. **Cole Hall, Jeffery Hodge, Samantha Martinez & Gino O’Rourke** – Humboldt State University/National Science Foundation Scientific Leadership Scholars Program Scholarship. **Billy McGlathery & Rico Tello** – American Legion Scholarships. **William Sylvia** – College Knowledge Scholarship.

McKinleyville High School

Isak Brayfindley – Coast Central Credit Union Scholarship, McKinleyville Grandma & Grandpa’s Scholarship. **Kalynne Hanna** – McKinleyville Classified School Employees Association Award, Louis Lonn Memorial Scholarship. **Katelyn Walsh** – Douglas Mack Memorial Scholarship, Dow’s Prairie Grange Scholarship. **Ivan Mattos** – Dow’s Prairie Parent’s Club Scholarship, Classified School Employees Association Awards. **Maia Werronen** – Soroptimist of McKinleyville Violet Richardson Award.

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2007 NorCal Student Leadership Conference Amazing, Interesting, and Fun! By Isabel Cortes

The 2007 NorCal Student Leadership Conference was held on February 3, 2007 at UC Davis. This year's conference theme was "Your Future is Today's Change." It was an amazing experience and the students who attended learned many things that will help us with our on-going education.

Interesting workshops offered this year included "Am I a Good Leader?", "Leadership In Action: Show Your Skills!", "Creating Your Personal Action Plan," "Who Am I?", and "Making Connections Through Leadership." The workshops gave students the opportunity to meet and work together with new people. We spent time evaluating our leadership skills, discussing the qualities that make a good leader, and choosing the areas in which we feel we might need more improvement to become better leaders. When we separated into groups we participated in debates and discussed the most important issues affecting our county, our state, and the country.

The workshops were lead by UC Davis students who told us about their experiences at the university. They also gave us tips on how to succeed in high school, what classes to take, and how to become involved in our schools and our communities.

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South Fork High School

Lily Haas – Cabrillo Civic Club Scholarship, Redwood Tole Folk Scholarship, Bank of America Award, Mateel Arts Cooperative Scholarship. **Angelina Terry & Lianne Banyasz** – Mal & Melba Coombs Scholarships. **Casey Bruckenstein** – Jan Iris & American Legion Scholarship, Culinary Arts Scholarship, Soroptimist International of the Redwoods Scholarship. **Danielle Stewart** – Garberville Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Masonic Foundation Scholarship.

Zoe Barnum High School

Bai Her – Arny Millsap Scholarship. **Apollo Claybon & Freedom McCovey** – Jacob Education Center Scholarship. **Devin Harrison** – Eureka Breakfast Exchange Scholarship.

Visiting the University of California Davis and attending the NorCal Student Leadership Conference was an amazing, interesting and fun experience for all of us who attended. And now we have the tools we need to become better leaders and give back to our communities and our schools.



Student Leadership Conference Attendees

Isabel Cortes and Chris Bender from Fortuna Union High School, Freedom McCovey and Camilia Genshaw-Kay from Zoe Barnum High School, Kody Turner and Meghan Walsh from McKinleyville High School, Lillian Davis from Hoopa Valley High School, and Marya Edgar from Eureka Senior High School.

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"It was a life changing experience!" Maria said. She met students from all over California. Some were seniors and others were on their way to colleges like UCLA, Mills College, Stanford, and many other lofty institutions.

Isabel says, "I'm so much more jazzed about political science than ever before!" Both students plan to return next year as peer counselors. It was an inspiring experience, one that will shape their future.

If you are interested in applying to go to this leadership conference or the many others that are held during the school year and summer, contact your Talent Search Counselor at your school. You'll meet many new friends, and it's an inspirational way to spend the break you have from school.

Get with the Game and Be Prepared for College

Every fall, the Talent Search Program offers information-packed College Preparation Workshops because it's never too early to begin planning for college.

For example, our middle school students just love College Bingo. After playing this game, future college-goers know what classes they need to take to be eligible to apply to college, how much college costs and so much more.

When they play College Pursuit, our high school students learn that there are many types of colleges, universities and vocational schools to choose from and many different ways to fund their education. If students are serious about continuing their education past high school, there's something for everyone who really wants to get ahead.

When senior year rolls around, students learn how to fill out a college application and are offered hands-on assistance with fee waivers, financial aid applications and finding scholarships that suit their specific needs.

College Prep Workshops are not to be missed, so keep an eye out for the postcards we send out announcing our workshops. Our program's Counselors enjoy helping students with their search for a college or vocational program that's just right for them **and** finding the means to finance it. Don't hesitate to call our office (707-826-4791) or your child's school to speak to your child's Talent Search Counselor about preparing for college now.

Talent Search Alumnus Comes Full Circle

When Tony Snow was a senior at Arcata High, he was enthusiastic about attending college. Although he was accepted at several universities, he decided HSU met his needs and signed up to live in the dorms.



Cheryl presents an award to Tony

he have good grades and take challenging courses, you can go to college without great grades and a ton of college prep courses."

One thing Tony would change looking back, he would have spent more time getting better grades and applied to more universities.

Living on campus provided Tony with easy access to resources, activities and other students, making the transition to college go more smoothly. Embracing college life, even if you don't live on campus will be more fun and more rewarding.

I agree with Tony – don't be discouraged if things in school aren't going as you planned. Also, college provides many more opportunities and rewards than high school can.

Tony currently works at the admissions office on campus when he's not in class, attending meetings, studying or relaxing. If you go on a Talent Search campus tour this year, watch for Tony. He may be your tour guide extraordinaire!

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Tony's many accomplishments include serving as Associated Student Body President and interning at the Panetta

Institute for Public Policy with Leon Panetta, chief of staff under President Clinton. He was very active in Books Building Bridges, a student group formed after Hurricane Katrina. Students collected and delivered thousands of books to an elementary school in Mississippi destroyed by the hurricane and stayed to help residents rebuild.

Tony's advice includes not letting people discourage you from going to college. "Although it helps to

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Talent Search is a pre-college program for 6th -12th grade students. With more than 1000 local students involved, the purpose of Talent Search is to help students improve their academic skills and attend the college of their choice.

Workshops offered at the students' schools include information on

- College Preparedness • Careers
- Study Skills • Financial Aid

Activities include special seminars for parents, campus tours and group tutoring. Talent Search serves students who are the first in their family to attend college, and/or are income eligible. Services are offered at the following schools:

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| Blue Lake Elementary | Pacific Union Elementary |
| Eureka Adult School | Peninsula Union School |
| Eureka High School | South Fork High School |
| Fortuna Middle School | Sunny Brae Middle School |
| Fortuna Union High School | Toddy Thomas School |
| Hoop Valley Elementary | Trinity Valley Elementary |
| Hoop Valley High School | Winship Middle School |
| McKinleyville High School | Zane Middle School |
| McKinleyville Middle School | Zoe Barnum High School |

Talent Search is a federal TRiO program. TRiO legislation was enacted in 1965 by Congress to provide educational opportunity for all Americans regardless of ethnicity or income.

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