



## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Rose Sita Francia  
Director  
SASOP/Talent Search

I am very happy to share the good news that the Federal Department of Education has granted HSU Talent Search the funds to continue serving schools in Humboldt County as well as expand our services into Del Norte County. Our College Access Advisors, including three recent HSU graduates, come to us with experience in mentoring, tutoring, and advising, and they are excited to work with our students!

TRIO Talent Search is celebrating 50 years, and HSU has been part of the program for almost 25 years! The program's mission is to remove barriers and support our students' goals to pursue higher education, whether at a university, community college, or vocational and trade school. It's all about supporting you in developing a passion for work you will love, providing a service that the world needs, and that earns a good living; it's about helping you navigate a pathway to higher education and a rewarding career.

The beginning of the school year is truly the best time to explore your interests and set SMART goals. A SMART goal is a goal that is specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and timely. Simple SMART goals, like working hard in your classes, taking A-G requirements, daily attendance, and doing your homework are powerful in helping you achieve your dreams and pursue higher education.

HSU Talent Search has been busy building partnerships around college campuses and with your schools. We work closely with Humboldt State University, College of the Redwoods, and their student services, financial aid, academic, and admissions departments to help you successfully prepare for and transition to our local campuses. Advisors will also support you in applying to universities and other programs out of the area. They

will work with you, your parents, academic counseling departments, and teachers. With the new round of funding, we will expand our tutoring services by hiring current college students with academic skills to support our high school and middle school participants. They will not only provide excellent academic assistance to help students pass their A-G requirements, but will be role models of what it looks like to be successful in college. Be sure to let us know what subject or subjects you need help in early in the school year so you can start tutoring early, before you fail a class!

As you continue through your academic career, I encourage you to build your resume for scholarship and job applications. Returning advisor Michelle Cartier refers to it as a "brag sheet" because that's what you're doing--bragging about yourself! Think of it as a list of all the awesome stuff you're involved in that will help you get admitted to college, earn scholarship money, and land a great job.

Please be aware that financial aid applications are now open on October 1st. Historically, applications weren't available until January 1st, so this is a huge change. Our advising team is committed to helping Talent Search seniors apply for financial aid before Halloween. Doing so is essential because some funding is first come, first serve, and we want our students to maximize their financial aid benefits!

Students, make sure to look for your College Access Advisor on your campus. They will keep regular schedules to support you in pursuing your academic goals and career dreams. Expect to attend four workshops college access workshops with your school site advisor this year. Seniors, get in touch with your academic counselor and your Talent Search advisor as quickly as you can to start the financial aid and college application process. 6th graders through Juniors, drop in and say hello, get to know your advisor, and take advantage of all the help available to you! Our advisors and tutors are here to help YOU succeed!

Respectfully,  
*Rose Sita Francia*  
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## SUPPORT STAFF

Hi, I'm the ETS Office Manager. I'm most likely the one answering when you call our office. I have been working in education related positions the last 16 years, and I've been with ETS for five. My education is in languages and business.  
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TALENT SEARCH

# MEET YOUR ADVISORS

South Fork HS | Miranda Jr HS | McKinleyville HS | Curriculum Coordinator



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After receiving my BA in Film Studies from HSU, I went on to pursue graduate studies with the European Graduate School in Saas-Fee, Switzerland. There, I completed an MA and PhD in Philosophy for the Division of Media and Communications. I am very proud to have been able to remain dedicated to the Educational Talent Search program and my students for the past 4 years as a part-time advisor in Miranda and McKinleyville. I currently teach Film Studies and Critical Theory at HSU, as well as Cinema Studies and Composition at College of the Redwoods. When I'm not writing, teaching, or making things, you can find me out on the track with Humboldt Roller Derby.

Arcata HS | Eureka HS | Tutor Coordinator

Greetings Families, I'm Elva. I've recently moved to Humboldt County from Los Angeles where I was an instructional assistant and writing tutor at Santa Monica College. I am a proud product of the CSU system. I earned both my Bachelor's (English) and Master's (Rhetoric & Composition) degrees from CSU San Bernardino. As a first generation college student, I learned to navigate the higher education world on my own, learning lessons the hard way. My goal here at ETS is to make sure the students I work with have a better experience than I did. I will be serving both Arcata and Eureka high schools.



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Del Norte HS | Castle Rock Charter | Crescent Elk Elementary



Shawn Dean II  
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Hello, my name is Shawn Dean. I'm all about integrating new technologies with educational and career pathways, especially 3D-printing! I was born in California's San Fernando Valley. After going to two community colleges and taking a year off to find a way to pay for college, I graduated from HSU in the fall of 2015. My goals as an Educational Talent Search Advisor are to help students learn about the bright future they have inherited and to teach that, with hard work and dedication, hobbies can turn into bright careers!

Fortuna HS | Fortuna MS | Fortuna area schools

Hi, I'm Coley! I began my college career at the University of San Diego, where I was a Division 1 athlete playing softball. After an injury ended my softball days, I transferred a couple of times, ultimately graduating with a BA in Linguistics with a minor in French from Brigham Young University in Utah. I grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and knew I wanted to go to college from a young age. It is exciting for me to have a job where I can help high school and middle school students learn what they need to do to go to college because education is truly a pathway to incredible opportunities. I plan on furthering my own education in the future, studying for a Master's degree and eventually a PhD, subject matter to be determined.



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I'm originally from Los Angeles, and I transferred to Humboldt State in the Fall 2013 from LA Valley College. I graduated this year with a BA in History, making me the first in my family to graduate from college. Nothing is more valuable to me than the empowerment of students, and having experienced the benefits of having many people in my corner, I wish to do the same with my students. Since making the move up north, I've immersed myself in work involving local K-12 education. For the past two years, I've volunteered as an academic coach and a judge in Humboldt county's History Day. I have a deep love for the classroom and an appreciation for the academic setting. We never stop learning, and education is not only beneficial for individuals, but for the greater good of the community. Consequently, one of my main goals is to further my education.

Mattole Valley Charter | Hoopa HS | Trinity Valley Elementary | Hoopa Elementary

¡Hola! I'm a recent graduate from HSU where I received my degree in Critical Race, Gender, and Sexuality studies with a minor in Ethnic American Literature. I am the first in my family to graduate from a college. During my time at HSU, I was a peer mentor and advisor for the EOP/SSS program and for the past three summers, I've been a resident mentor/Bridge mentor for TRiO Upward Bound. One of my goals with Educational Talent Search is to build strong relationships with students and assist them in their journey of finding their academic voice. I also hope to build relationships with student's families and communities at large in order to ensure equity in each participant's educational experience.



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# EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

FALL 2016

## TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Educational Talent Search is a federally funded program that prepares students for college. All services are free to improve academic strengths and college readiness of students in grades 6-12. We serve students who would be the first in their family to graduate from a 4-year college and/or are income eligible through one-on-one and small group advising as well as four annual grade level workshops.



Program includes:

- Academic Support & Guidance
- Scholarship & Financial Aid Information
- Preparation for the PSAT, SAT, & ACT
- College & Career Exploration
- Tools to Improve Study Skills
- Referrals to High Quality Tutoring
- ...and much more!



## TALENT SEARCH WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

| HIGH SCHOOL   | SEP-OCT<br>FINANCIAL AID | NOV-JAN<br>COLLEGE PREP | FEB-MAR<br>STUDY SKILLS  | APR-MAY<br>CAREER EXPLORATION |
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| MIDDLE SCHOOL | SEP-OCT<br>COLLEGE PREP  | NOV-JAN<br>STUDY SKILLS | FEB-MAR<br>FINANCIAL AID | APR-MAY<br>CAREER EXPLORATION |

## CALENDAR

### ETS & HSU EVENTS

- Thu, Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>: Career and College Expo Night @ Eureka HS, 5:30-8pm, for ALL HS students & parents
- Tue, Sep 27<sup>th</sup>: New Family Dinner @ HSU, 5-8pm @ Goodwin Forum; campus tour, dinner, & childcare provided; RSVP: aa2628@humboldt.edu, (707) 826-4791
- Fri, Oct 14<sup>th</sup>: American Indian College Motivation Day (AICMD) @ Humboldt State (for high school students) Register through your school OR through Astrid (aa2628@humboldt.edu)
- Fri, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>: Fall Admissions Day preferred registration deadline
- Fri, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>: Fall Admissions Day @ Humboldt State, 8:30 am; for high school seniors who have applied to HSU
- IBAC Events, Fridays @ HSU: Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

### COLLEGE DEADLINE INFORMATION

- Sat, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>: FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS OPEN
- Sat, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> - Wed, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>: CSU Application Filing Window
- Oct: Cash for College Workshops - FREE!
- Tue, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> - Wed, Nov 30<sup>th</sup>: UC Application Filing Window (available to work on NOW)
- \*Deadlines vary for private school applications, so make sure to check!

## 2016 CASH FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOPS

Humboldt County Office of Education's Decade of Difference Initiative is offering FREE financial aid application workshops throughout October for all High School Seniors. You may attend at any location.



*\*We advise that students complete financial aid applications in October.\**

### YOU MUST BRING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Driver's license (if you have one)
- Social Security card or number
- Alien registration number, if you are not a citizen
- 2015 income tax and tax information for student AND parent
- Any record of untaxed income such as child support payments, payments to/from retirement accounts, combat pay, short-term disability, or worker's compensation
- List of colleges you are interested in attending

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| Ferndale                 | Tue, Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| McKinleyville            | Wed, Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Eureka                   | Thu, Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| South Fork               | Mon, Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| Del Norte                | Tue, Oct 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Hoopa                    | Wed, Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| Arcata                   | Thu, Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| Academy of the Redwoods  | Tue, Oct 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Fortuna                  | Thu, Oct 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Northcoast Cal-SOAP/HCOE | Wed, Oct 26 <sup>th</sup> |
| EHS PTSA                 | TBA                       |

## TUTORING PROGRAM

We are in the process of revamping our tutoring program, starting by hiring several Humboldt State University students to work as tutors. In coordination with individual school sites, we will establish small tutoring groups that are specific to subject matter and grade level, with individual tutoring available as needed. Talk to your advisor about the tutoring program at your school. Remember, you do not have to do it alone!

For tutor referrals, contact:  
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