

TRIO Talent Search: Annual Report 2006-2007

Introduction: The staff of TRIO Talent Search would like to thank parents, students, school and community members for all their time and support assisting students in preparing for college. The 2006-07 school year was a huge success and we met all of our goals/objectives as detailed in this annual report. So, thank you again for all you do!! This report is an effort to let the community know how the program is performing and receive feedback from individuals who have recommendations on how to make the program even stronger.

Mission/History: The mission of the TRIO Talent Search Program is to motivate and prepare students for college. This TRIO program has served 600 students per year in six schools in the Tacoma School District since the 2002-2003 school year including Baker, Gray, Gault, Mellaigh, Lincoln, and Mt. Tahoma.

Services: To accomplish our goals we offer a variety of college preparation services including college visits,



Students at Central Washington U. during college visit

tutoring, mentoring, enrichment events, service learning, advising, test preparation, study skills resources, assistance with college admissions and financial aid, and career development.

Contact info: If you wish to hear more about our program please contact our office at 253-692-4674, or go to our website at www.triomdc.org

Goals and Outcomes for 2006-07

Goal #1: 85% of non-senior students will be promoted to the next grade.

2006-07 Outcome: 86% (431/501) of students were promoted to the next grade.

Goal #2: 85% of seniors will graduate each year.

2006-07 Outcome: 97% (96/99) of seniors graduated from high school

Goal #3: 75% of seniors will apply for financial aid each year.

2006-07 Outcome: 79% (78/99) of seniors applied for financial aid.

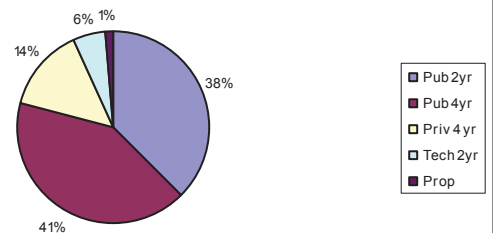
Goal #4: 75% of seniors will apply to college each year.

2006-07 Outcome: 81% (80/99) of seniors applied for college admissions.

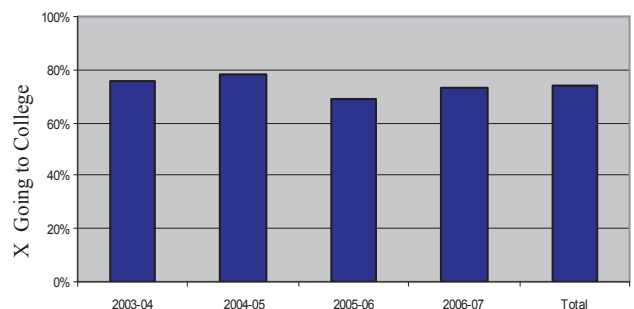
Goal #5: 65% of seniors will enroll in college each year.

2006-07 Outcome: 73% (72/99) of seniors enrolled in college.

Types of colleges attended 06-07



Annual College Entrance Rates for TRIO



Program Highlights

Middle School

- 150 middle school students served
- Colleges visited (Average of 32 students per trip)
 - * University of Puget Sound
 - * Seattle Pacific University
 - * University of Washington-Tacoma
 - * Western Washington University
- Workshops included:
 - * College exploration
 - * Career Development
 - * Transition to high school
 - * Leadership development
- Cultural enrichment:
 - * Attended “Lion, Witch, and Wardrobe at Tacoma Little Theater
 - * Attended “Heart Sparkle Players” Theater
 - * Pike Place Market in Seattle with High School Mentors
 - * Tacoma Art Museum
- Service Learning at local food bank
- Matched 15 8th graders with TRIO seniors to develop leadership and help in transition to high school

High Schools

- 450 high school students served
- Colleges visited (Average of 38 students per trip)
 - * Seattle Pacific University
 - * National College Fair (Various schools)
 - * St. Martins College
 - * Pacific Lutheran University
 - * Western Washington University
 - * University of Washington
 - * Art Institute
 - * Bates Technical College
 - * TCC and Pierce Community Colleges
- 40 students attended a 3 day, 2 night trip to visit colleges in Eastern Washington including:
 - * Eastern Washington University
 - * Washington State University
 - * Whitworth University
 - * Central Washington University
- Workshops included:
 - * College Admissions and Financial Aid
 - * Study Skills
 - * Career Development
 - * College Exploration
- 240 hours of tutoring provided to over 50 students

Student Profiles

Why do you want to go to college?

What influenced me to go to a four-year college is the world. My dreams and goals in life are to travel the world and see it from a whole new perspective, understand people's different cultures and unique lifestyles and I believe college will give me that experience.



Thavy Chhun– Lincoln Senior

What colleges did you apply to?

SPU, WWU, ST. Martin's, EWU and PLU.

Why did you apply to those schools?

SPU is my top choice. I believe I would get the best education possible. The atmosphere there is just awesome! Western because the place is just absolutely gorgeous and they are welcoming. St. Martin's, because it's smaller and conservative, EWU because they're really big on international and foreign studies, PLU because of its location.

What will you major in at college?

Elementary Education and French.

How has TRIO helped you prepare for college?

TRIO is such a wonderful program! It has helped me so much in achieving one of my goals, which is getting accepted to the college. They have done a superb job. Especially Mrs. Staloch who is like a mom to me. She is totally beyond awesome!

Why did you join TRIO?

The reason why I joined TRIO is because I think it would help me get good grades and GPA. I also will learn new stuff to help me to get ready for high school and be prepared for college.



Linda Ky– Mellvaigh 8th Gr.

Why are you interested in going to college and what college do you think you'd like to attend?

I want to go to college to get a good job and be able to do what I want to do. I do not know what college I am going to yet. Maybe later on I would know with the help of TRIO.

What do you want to do for a career?

I would like to be a fashion designer when I grow up because I LOVE fashion and I would like to have my own brand name stores in the mall, kinda like Abercrombie, Hollister, Anchor Blue, and American Eagle.

What else are you involved in at school besides academics?

After school I am involved with SPARX where I do art projects and clubs.