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TRiO

Talent Search

Federally-funded TRiO comprises various programs, which, since 1965, have promoted opportunity in education.

Educational Talent Search (ETS), launched at CCC&TI in 2002, currently serves 600 middle-school and high-school students. Its mission is to get academically talented Caldwell County students enrolled in college.

Student Support Services (SSS) has served 1000 participants at CCC&TI since its inception here in 1993. Its mission is to provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and serve to motivate students towards the successful completion of their post-secondary education.

Visit www.cccti.edu for more information on TRiO at CCC&TI.

For further information on TRiO programs, please visit www.ed.gov.

Ice Castle Skating Rink

By: Ashley Bowen,
WLMS, 6th grade

Do you want to know about the Ice Castle in Newton? Well read this. Kim Johnson, her husband, and son started the rink. Kim Johnson is a professional ice skater and master pair instructor. She has been a teacher for 22 years. She was also in the Ice Capades for one and a half years.

Becoming a professional ice skater and instructor was not easy. When Kim was young, she skated two hours before school and four hours after school. Ice skating can even be dangerous. Once when Kim and her husband were performing a lift called the "headbanger", Kim hit her head on the ice and had to go to the hospital.

About ten years ago, after Kim's husband was injured, they decided to build the Ice Castle. Kim's husband now skates again and they do a show or two a year. Their son, Bobby, pair skates also. Katie, Bobby's ice skating partner, is from Greensboro. She often comes to stay with Bobby's family so they can practice.

The Ice Castle will soon move to a new location in Hickory. The new rink is going to be a lot larger than their current rink. The rink should be open by the middle of the summer.



On February 18, 2005 TRIO/ETS students who made A Honor Roll for Fall Semester 2004 went on a reward trip to Ice Castle in Newton, NC.



This trip was made possible through private funds given by the Beaver Family Foundation.



Kim Johnson shares with TRIO/ETS students about the discipline it takes to be successful in ice skating.

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FAFSA Day and Important Reminders

On February 19, 2005, FAFSA Day was hosted by Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute to assist high school Seniors in applying for financial aid. Completing the FAFSA form is important in order to determine if a student is eligible for grants (free money) or loans.

TRIO/ETS staff is available to help parents and students in completing the FAFSA form. All colleges have different deadlines for completing the FAFSA, but the earlier the application is submitted after January 1, the better the chance a student has of receiving any financial aid. Here is a quick checklist *after* you have submitted the FAFSA form.

- *Make sure you review your SAR- (Student Aid Report) and correct any errors you see and resubmit the corrections.*
- *Check your email or mail regularly because colleges will be communicating their financial aid packages to you.*
- *Respond quickly and completely to any verification that may be requested by colleges. Meet any deadlines.*
- *Communicate any specific questions you may have to the financial aid office of the institution you plan to attend.*

Any Senior planning to attend college this fall who has not filled out the FAFSA should talk to his or her TRIO/ETS counselor immediately and plan to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible.

The Dream Scholarship

The Dream Scholarship began in 1989. Dream Scholars are nominated in the sixth grade by teachers, guidance counselors, and/or principals because they demonstrate academic achievement, show potential for success through leadership qualities, group involvement, or community activities, and neither parent has a Bachelor or Associate degree. The Dream Scholarship is made possible through the Foundation of Caldwell

Community College and Technical Institute. It guarantees the recipients two years paid tuition at CCC&TI. Debbie Yount is the Dream Scholarship Coordinator. Currently there are 81 TRIO/ETS students who are also Dream Scholars.

Chanel Aquilera, Michelle Barrier, Aaron Belcher, Carla Bentley, Kelsea Bolick, Paula Bradshaw, Amber Campbell, Angelica Church, Caleb Coffey, Beverly Coffey, Chelsea Coffey, Joshua Collins, Nikki Conner, Reva Cook, Taylor Cox, Maegan Craig, Johnna Creech, Michelle Day, Tabitha De Guzman, Nicci Dellinger, Anisha Dula, Randall Ferguson, Sarah Ford, Sue Ann Fowler, Miranda Fox, Kimberly Franklin, Matthew Frazier, Scott Harmon, Brandon Hatley, Lacey Heskett, Holly Hollar, Wesley Hollar, Asia Honer, Jessica Hoyle, Shatney Jones, Asia Joyner, Miranda Koning, Trista Lee, Christopher Logan, Aunjai Logan, Jarvis Logan, April Lovins, Michael Mabe, Kasey Miller, Kisha Miller, Fisher Minton, Cassandra Mullinax, Leah Nelson, Seth Oliver, Joey Owens, Erica Pagan, Yvonne Palermo, Sarah Pennell, Michael Perkins, Jessica Persinger, Amanda Philyaw, Lacy Philyaw, Crystal Powell, Jessica Prince, Laurissa Proffitt, Mack Reid III, Adolfo Rodriguez, Brittany Scott, Devin Scott, Michael Setzer, Jessica Shatley, Quinn Smith, Heather Smith, Mark Spears, Diana Stevens, Jacqueline Tellez, Daniel Teniente, Lisa Thomas, William Tsang, Amber Vance, Elizabeth Watson, Vontenea Williams, Tara Wood, Zachary Woodruff, Aelee Yang, Nathan Young



Nicci Dellinger, Joey Owens, Asia Honer, and Chelsea Coffey are a few TRIO/ETS-Dream Scholars who attend WCHS.

G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholarship

The G. Lewis Bernhardt scholarship is a gift from the Bernhardt family to TRIO/ETS students who choose to further their education at CCC&TI. It is a testament to the generosity of Mr. Bernhardt and to the positive impact on Caldwell County youth that is envisioned for TRIO/ETS. Only TRIO/ETS students can be awarded this scholarship. Each spring TRIO/ETS Seniors are invited to compete for the G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholarship. Since its inception in 2003, ten TRIO/ETS students have benefited from this scholarship.

For TRIO/ETS Only

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Help, I Need a Scholarship!

Although some students will be eligible for grants and loans as a result of filling out the FAFSA form, it is important for TRIO/ETS students to be constantly searching for scholarships to help pay for college. Here are some helpful hints.

- *When you are a Senior, see your TRIO/ETS counselor each week at school. They have most scholarship applications. For some scholarships you will need to see your guidance counselor directly.*
- *Check your high school's announcements each day. They are constantly updating the scholarship information.*
- *Persist and persevere. Scholarship deadlines are year round. You may not get every scholarship you apply for, but the more you apply for, the better your chances of receiving a scholarship.*
- *Think positively about yourself and communicate those positives effectively in applications.*
- *Apply for every scholarship of which you meet the criteria..*
- *Make sure your application is complete and get your parent, TRIO/ETS counselor, or teacher to look over it.*
- *Meet deadlines or even turn in your completed forms early.*
- *Ask for recommendations from people who truly know you well and give them several weeks to complete their recommendations. Give them reminders of when your forms are due. They are human too and sometimes forget.*
- *Ask for help. That is why TRIO/ETS is here.*

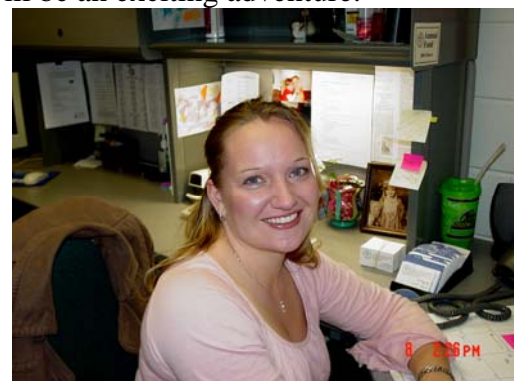


Parents' Corner

Although many students are eligible for federal student aid, it is important for parents to know that the basic philosophy of the federal financial aid programs is that the primary responsibility for paying for higher education rests with the student and his family. The federal government has a formula to determine if a student needs assistance. It is wise for parents to begin thinking about a savings plan as early as possible and save whatever amount, small or large, they are *able*. Please check www.cfnc.org/savings/cv0021.jsp for a tax-free educational savings plan option. As a reminder, if your family's income is significantly limited, it is likely the student will be eligible for financial aid.

Introducing Julie!

Hi! I'm Julie Parsons the new Administrative Assistant for TRIO/Educational Talent Search. I am very excited to be working with the TRIO/ETS program. I can't wait for an opportunity to meet many of you and to help plan and participate in some of the upcoming activities and events. I have lived in Caldwell County all my life and until recently worked at the Information Desk in the Student Services Department at CCC&TI. I look forward to the months ahead and expect that each one will be an exciting adventure.



Julie Parsons, new TRIO/ETS Administrative Assistant

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El Mundo de Sam por Virginia Ochoa SCHS, 12th grade

¡Hola! Mi nombre es Virginia Ochoa. Estoy en mi último año en South Caldwell High School. TRIO/ETS es un excelente programa que ayuda a prepararse para universidad o colegios comunitarios.

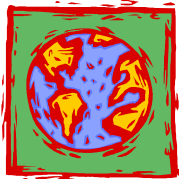
Sam's World by Virginia Ochoa SCHS, 12th grade

Hello, my name is Virginia Ochoa. I am in my last year at South Caldwell High School. TRIO/ETS is an excellent program that helps prepare one for a university or community college.



TRIO/ETS Events

April 5 Annual Diversity Celebration at ASU
Students must see their TRIO/ETS counselor to sign up for this trip.



April 18-22 TRIO/ETS Open House for Parents and Students

Come by the TRIO/ETS office in B- Annex on the CCC&TI campus any day this week from 3:00- 5:30. This will be a time for us to meet with parents and for students to register for Summer Trips!



Tutoring for TRIO/ETS students

is available on Monday evenings 5:00 pm- 8:00 pm at CCC&TI in the TRiO/SSS suite of John A. Forlines Building. If there is no school on a Monday, there is no tutoring!



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