



# TRiO Newsletter

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Wallace Community College

## Talent Search Conducts Summer Enrichment Programs

Summer is often viewed as a total break from all things educational for students of today. However, **TRIO Educational Talent Search (ETS)** on its mission to assist youth in the positive development of their futures is working to the contrary. During the month of June, ETS conducted Summer Enrichment programs for its middle and high school participants. The events were attended by a total of eighty-six students.

Middle school enrichment was bursting with experiences that are sure to produce immeasurable benefits for participants. Activities began with Financial Literacy, Etiquette, and Public Speaking workshops presented by the Barbour County Extension Service followed by instruction in *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* and ending with a remarkable trip to Atlanta. The program also integrated a series of purposeful writing lessons conducted via Skype by Ms. Karla Guilford of Tidewater Community College in Norfolk, Virginia. During these lessons, participants chose to compete in the “Patriot’s Pen” competition sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) or the “Angela Award” sponsored by the National Science Teachers Association. In addition to entering national and local competitions, these students are also competing within Talent Search. The author of the winning essay, as determined by Ms. Guilford, will receive a Visa gift card.

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Jordan Turner and Antavius Laster demonstrate a proper introduction during the Etiquette workshop.



Ms. Catherine Pierce and Ms. Mary Pearl Morris lend a hand by demonstrating the results of procrastination during “Last Minute Losers” skit.



Middle school participants marvel at the sight of fossils at the Fernbank Museum in Atlanta, GA.



Pooja Patel and Aniya Davis prepare to tour the World of Coca-Cola.



Taylor Hicks, B.J. Hunter, Jordan Turner, Emari Henderson, and Kenston Erkins (rear) march along with life-size replicas at the Martin Luther King, Jr. & Jimmy Carter D.R.E.A.M. Gallery in downtown Atlanta.



Middle school participants pause and reflect at Ebenezer Baptist Church



Talent Search participants pause for a moment before leaving the gravesite of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King.

**Highlights of the middle school TRiO Educational Talent Search participants' visit to Atlanta, GA.**

**High School Talent Search Participants Enjoy a Wallace Campus Tour**



Mr. Derek Crawford explains facets of the Engineering Graphics and Design program to a group of middle school ETS participants during a campus tour.



Alyssa Alaniz displays the handiwork of WCC students during a stop in the cosmetology department.



Ariel Martinez pays close attention as Mr. Danny Brabham explains the processes involved in cooling air for comfort.



Enrichment for high school participants was equally as productive with the group benefitting from Barbour County Extension Service workshops, ACT test preparation, and information on Career Tech & Entrepreneurship. These students also profited from writing instruction. Ms. Guilford made special visits to the Sparks Campus during the high school enrichment program to educate participants in formulating and organizing thoughts as they prepared to enter the “Voice of Democracy” competition (VFW) or complete essays for scholarship applications.



Ms. Karla Guilford gives individual attention to high school ETS participants during Summer Enrichment writing lessons. Pictured are Jeremiah Nolan and Zakoya Banks.



Emanie Brascom places her negative sayings in the casket as ETS participants prepare their “reactive” language for a proper burial.



Jasalyn Jernigan and Naviya Dawkins prepare boxes to deliver arts & crafts supplies to the Abbeville Boys & Girls Club.

### Talent Search Students Participate in Community Service Projects

Although Talent Search participants were engaged in numerous other activities, one of the highlights of middle school and high school Summer Enrichment was community service. Prior to attending Summer Enrichment, middle school participants received letters asking them to bring certain arts & craft supplies to donate to the Abbeville Boys & Girls Club.



Shakira Reeves, Sherrie Page, and A'Jacia Floyd tend the rose bushes at the Clayton Senior Center.



Quoterrious Pledger ensures that Senior Center patrons are greeted with sparkling windows upon their arrival.



McKenzie Hunter clears the debris in the rose garden.

## ETS Students Work at Clayton Senior Center



Jessica Ross participates by straightening the brick border around plants.



Erin Hogan and Shaqori Morris fill planters on the stoop of the Senior Center.



Chauncey Lightner and Jeremiah Nolan dig holes for planting shrubbery.



Educational Talent Search participants are all smiles after donating their services.

During Summer Enrichment, participants attended workshops on the importance of involving themselves in community service for scholarship purposes and for self-fulfillment. As a culmination to this component, high school participants visited the Clayton Senior Center to work on grounds beautification projects. Tasks included: weeding flower beds, straightening brick borders, dead-heading rose bushes, planting, laying pine straw, and cleaning. The director of the Center expressed appreciation for the work being done by the Talent Search participants saying that it was very helpful since the Center operates on such a small budget.

Even though many students use summer break for various lackadaisical behaviors, eighty-six Educational Talent Search participants chose to engage in activities that will help them succeed in education, career, and life.

—Ms. Buffae Howard





TRiO on the Wallace Community College Sparks and Dothan Campuses is made up of three programs: Student Support Services, Upward Bound and Talent Search. They are federally

funded programs by the U. S. Department of Education that provide support and opportunity for eligible students—middle school through college. To reach any person on this list, call 983-3521 or 687-3543 and then the extension below:

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*“What light is to the eyes,  
what air is to the lungs,  
what love is to the heart,  
liberty is to the soul.”*

*—Robert G. Ingersoll*

## Scholarships and Financial Aid Information

### 2016 ASCENT (Alabama Space Grant Community College Engineering Transfer Program) Scholarship

The ASCENT (Alabama Space Grant Community College Engineering Transfer Program) Scholarship supports a student while attending an Alabama Community College who will transfer to an engineering program at USA or another Alabama university to complete their degree. It provides up to \$2000 per semester toward tuition and fees for courses that will transfer to the university and apply to an engineering degree.

**Application Deadline: July 29, 2016.**

**For more information and applications, go to:**

**[www.wallace.edu](http://www.wallace.edu)**

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