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Breanna McCray, Louisville, AL, is a sophomore at Wallace Community College. She is currently a member of Phi Theta Kappa and The Leadership Development Program. She came to Wallace to complete her general studies and plans to further her education by transferring to Troy University or Alabama State University to major in Psychology. She plans to obtain employment in her field of study and enroll in a Master of Science degree for

counseling. Breanna desires to be a counselor in order to help others overcome situations and problems they thought they could not. With this degree, Breanna believes she can make a difference in the world.

Dallas Nowell is a sophomore from Abbeville, AL currently taking general courses. He has had the privilege of being a part of TRiO, SGA, and being a diplomat during his freshman year. Dallas has also been inducted into the English Honor Society, Sigma Kappa Delta. His future plans are to transfer to a university and major in Sports Medicine.



Kierra Stabler is a sophomore from Ozark, AL completing her core courses at Wallace Community College. In her first year at Wallace, she was a member of the Leadership Development Program, Student Government Association, and member of Student Support Services. She has served as a Diplomat for one year and is returning as a Diplomat for the 2017-2018 year. After graduating from Wallace, she plans to transfer to Life University in Marietta, Georgia where she will study Chiropractic Medicine with plans of starting her own private practice.

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Brittany Summers is a sophomore at Wallace Community College from Abbeville, AL. After completing her core courses, she plans to transfer to the University of Alabama at Birmingham where she will obtain her Master of Science degree in Nursing. She is a member of Sigma Kappa Delta. She enjoys being outside and spending time with family and friends.

—Terri Ricks

Talent Search Leads Summer Enrichment



Middle school participants listen attentively as they learn about one of the “7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens.”

The summer months do not have to be a season of boredom and mental atrophy. During two weeks in June, TRiO Educational Talent Search held its annual Summer Enrichment program to engage participants in keeping their minds active and focused on college while having fun. Over one hundred middle and high school students attended two learning events.



Opening session for middle school students began with an icebreaker for teambuilding. Students competed for the tallest balloon display through leadership, cooperation, and strategizing. Pictured at left, middle school students used balloons and masking tape to construct balloon towers. The winning team displayed patience, consideration, and communication skills to take the prize.

Ms. Priscilla Smith led a session called “Exploring Career Choices.” She stated the three components to choosing a successful career are seeking personal interests, concentrating on skills and talents, and enjoying a career versus having a job.

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Ms. Kim Beaty led a session entitled, “Interviewing and Dressing for Success.” She shared the basic components of interview skills including eye contact, knowledge of position being sought, and choosing the appropriate attire. Bruce Jones, a former TRiO Talent Search participant, Wallace Community College alumnus, and student at Alabama A&M, provided a mentoring moment via video which provided beneficial information about the road to college and the field of mechanical engineering. Ms. Karla Guilford, volunteer English instructor, taught an online English lesson customized for our TS middle school participants. Participants wrote personal narratives to be submitted in a writing competition. Middle school participants also toured the Sparks campus during Summer Enrichment.



Plenty of volunteer opportunities exist for youth, so students were encouraged to find one that is right for them, and jump in!

Volunteerism is a very important part of growing as individuals. This year, participants partnered with the Wallace Community College PTK and brought items for the “Baby Drive.” Donations included diapers, pacifiers, bottles, wet wipes, and gently-used clothing. Talent Search Director Tameka Owolabi offered the following suggestions to participants: “Volunteer at your school, church, and community because it is important to help others and it gives you a sense of satisfaction to help make a difference in the world.”



High school students benefitted from studying “*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*.” While learning about “Beginning with the end in mind,” students participated in a “ride down career alley” which demonstrated some of the “wrong turns” many students face while preparing for the future.

Being proactive was also highlighted during the week. Students were encouraged to think before acting or speaking and to choose to have a “sunny” rather than a “cloudy” disposition.

Participants also attended a workshop entitled, “Writing for Scholarships” and worked on scholarship resumes and the scholarship search process. Ms. Jennifer Matheny stopped by to discuss dual enrollment and encouraged participants to attend Wallace.

Above: Cameron Grant travels down the career highway deciding between community college, four-year university, marriage, and party alley.



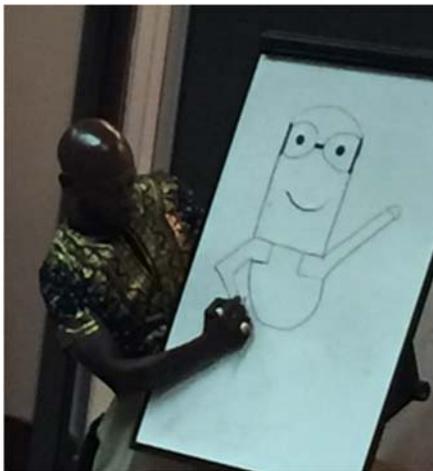
Participants pictured above with Ms. Donaldson taking a "silly photo."

Talent Search Enrichment

Summer and crafts go hand-in-hand, and with the help from volunteers, Mr. Larry Williams and Ms. Wanda Donaldson, former Upward Bound participant, the students learned to paint and draw and had tons of fun mixed with touches of learning. High school participants created canvases of a beautiful nightscape featuring city buildings and bridges depicted in bright fluorescent colors.



Picture at right shows middle school participants hard at work on artwork with Mr. Williams.



Left: Mr. Williams, volunteer and Talent Search parent, shows middle school participants how to draw a minion.

Below: Students with their art work and Ms. Donaldson.



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Culminating the week for high school students was a tour of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). Students observed the excitement of college life, learned about the different majors available, and shared in the opportunities provided by the prestigious institution. The day continued with a visit to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. There they witnessed some of the historic and tragic events of the Civil Rights Era in the South, including the Sixteenth Street church bombing, the arrest of Rosa Parks, and the plight of those who became known as the Freedom Riders.

Talent Search participants had an amazing experience at Summer Enrichment 2017! One student remarked, "We spent a great amount of time making new friends and socializing which helps us to be less shy. We learned about being proactive and reactive. We learned about habits and received great books, and there are no complaints about the food!"



Picture at left shows some of the "Baby Drive" items.

At right, students listed characteristics they have in common with each other and then constructed *A House of Cards* from their similarities.





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:

Scholarship and Financial Aid Information

E. L. Gibson Foundation Scholarships. The E.L. Gibson Foundation provides scholarships to assist persons seeking a degree in the health care field. These persons must be permanent residents of Coffee County or the immediate surrounding areas of Geneva, Dale, or Covington County as far west as Opp. **Deadlines to apply are August 31 and November 30.**

2017-2018 Leadership In Child Care Scholarship.

The Leadership in Child Care Scholarship provides financial assistance (tuition and selected fees) to qualified child care professionals working in legally operating child care facilities. The Scholarship is designed for the eligible recipient to obtain a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, Short-Term Certificate, Certificate, Associate in Applied Science/Technology Degree in Child Development/Early Care and Education at a designated institution in the ACCS. The Scholarship also offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education at Athens. **The Alabama Community College System must receive applications no later than September 1st for Spring and Summer Semester enrollment**

2017 InformedMag Security Scholarship (External).

InformedMag is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to students based on their ability to effectively communicate their experience with a product. The "InformedMag Security Scholarship" is offered on an annual basis and is awarded on January 15th each year.

The application deadline is December 31, 2017.

Glen Lerner Gives Back Community Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to the student whose personal essay best describes their commitment to community service and how their experience has played and will play a role in their academic career. **Deadline to submit completed application is no later than January 31, 2018.**

Preszler Injury Lawyers –Triumphing Over Adversity Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to the student who demonstrably embodies the determination, ability and steadfast commitment not only to their own personal success, but also to promoting the greater good for those in need. **Deadline to submit completed application is no later than January 31, 2018.**

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“Success doesn’t come from what you do occasionally. It comes from what you do consistently.”

For more information and copies of application packets, go to: www.wallace.edu/scholarships.