

TRIO Talent Search Fall Newsletter

Welcome Back to the New School Year and TRIO!

Welcome back to another exciting year in school and with the TRIO Talent Search program hosted at Grand Valley State University!

As you begin your year, please make special note of when and where your TRIO Talent Search meetings are taking place.

Plan to make it to as many meetings as you can. We have provided the days and times as well as the room numbers of when meetings take place in this issue.

If you are a senior, it is especially important to meet with your Advisor to stay current on your important deadlines for college applications and financial aid.

We have planned a great



year in the TRIO Talent Search program with many informative meetings, meaningful activities, and educational field trips.

If you have any questions

about this year or would like to schedule an appointment with your Advisor, please give us a call: **(616) 331-7110**. M-F, 9-4.

Sincerely,
Sarah Keranen-Lopez,
Director

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October = Crunch Time for College Applications

This is a busy season for seniors! In the month of October, we recommend that seniors submit their college applications to at least 3 colleges.

College applications require that transcripts are sent with them as well as an application fee. If you

are on free or reduced lunch, you can ask your high school counselor for a fee waiver to include with your application to waive the application fee. Some colleges do not accept fee waivers. Check with your school if your high school counselor will send your transcript.

Some schools have Parchment, where students can request their transcripts to send online.

Make sure you keep your TRIO Advisor informed about your college applications. **November 1** is the deadline for many scholarships at colleges.

Special points of interest:

- ♦ **College Application Month—October!**
- ♦ *Federal Application for Financial Aid opens October 1. Complete yours at: www.fafsa.gov*
- ♦ *See your advisors for free stuff!*
- ♦ *Field trips for schools to U of M, CMU, GVSU*

#Let'sGo! News for Ottawa Hills, Riverside, and University Prep

Mr. Landy is the TRIO Talent Search Advisor at the following schools:

Riverside Middle School

(NE Grand Rapids) Workshops on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in Room 167

University Prep Academy

(Downtown GR) Workshops every other Monday from 10:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. in the Learning Lab

Ottawa Hills High

(SE Grand Rapids) Tutoring Lab on Mondays from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and workshops on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the IMC

All workshops take place during lunch on the specified days.

Field Trip Days for Ottawa Hills and University Prep:

- **University of Michigan Tour**, October 24, 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. See Mr. Landy for complete details and permission slip.

Field Trip Day for Riverside Middle School:

- **Central Michigan University Tour** and Zibiwing Museum, Friday, November 10.

At the high school level on the Tuesday and Thursday dates and times, SAT and ACT prep, college selection and application workshops are offered. Financial Literacy, FAFSA and many other workshop topics are offered as well.

College Application Days happen every 1st Monday during the months of September, October & November.

At Ottawa Hills High, every second Monday is **Peer Tutoring (PT) Day** for students who need help in Math, English, & Science, provided by the National Honor's Society.



Mr. Frederick A. Landy

Questions? Need to Contact Our Office?

Leslie Vaas is the TRIO Talent Search Office Coordinator.

You can call her to sign up for one of our events, to schedule an individual meeting with your advisor, or with any questions about when workshops are being held at your school.

Contact Info:

Phone: (616) 331-7111

Email: vaasle@gvsu.edu



Miss Leslie Vaas

Wyoming Wolf Information with Mrs. Fritz

Hello Wyoming Wolves!

Ashley Fritz is your TRIO Talent Search Advisor this year. She has a fun-filled and informative year planned. New this year, meetings will take place WEEKLY during the lunch hour. Please plan to take advantage of this expanded service at your school and plan to come to at least 2 meetings per month. Meetings will be engaging and fun!

Wyoming High, in the Media Center

Wednesdays during lunch

Thursdays (every other week) 2:30-3:30
tutoring and expanded advising

Field trips TBA

Wyoming Junior, in the Media Center

Tuesdays during lunch

Wednesdays (every other week) 2:30-3:30
tutoring and homework help



Mrs. Ashley Fritz

Union High and Westwood Middle School Information

Mr. Marroquin is the Assistant Director of the TRIO Talent Search program and Advisor at **Westwood Middle School** and **Union High School**. He has planned some awesome workshops and activities for TRIO Talent Search students this year. Please make note of when the meetings take place:

Westwood Middle School

Tuesdays: 3rd-5th hour individual contacts

Thursdays: lunch workshops in room 115

Stay tuned for info about after school tutoring!

Union High School

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday:
3rd hour individual advising,
lunch hour workshops, and 5th
hour individual advising meetings

Monday & Wednesday: after school
tutoring in Room 129

Field trip TBA



Mr. Tim Marroquin

Non-Target School TRIO Talent Search Student Requirement

Your participation in the program is valued even if you are not in a target school! If you do not attend a school where we hold workshops and still want to continue in the program, you are required to make two (2) contacts/services with the TRIO Talent Search office before mid-November.

The appointment can be a phone advising session to begin with. An in-person meeting with an Advisor can also be scheduled at a time

when our Advisors are available

You will need to provide our office with your most recent transcript of your grades and the grade level in which you are enrolled for this fall. An updated information sheet and needs assessment will be completed when you meet.

Save your spot in the program and get active this year by using our services. Students who have not contacted the TRIO Talent Search office and had an appointment by

November 15 will become deactivated as participants.

You can also come to the **Fall Family Event at the TRIO Talent Search Office, Thursday, October 26, 6:30-8 p.m.** Watch for details in an invitation and letter mailed to you.

To schedule your appointment, ***please call our office*** at **331-7110** during normal business hours, Mon-Fri, 9-4 or email vaasle@gvsu.edu.

News for Innovation Central High School and Burton Middle School

Mr. Solis is the Advisor in **Innovation Central High School** and **Burton Middle School** this year. Please note the meeting dates and times:

Innovation Central High School

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Workshops during A, B, & C Lunches
Tutoring from 2:30 to 3:30PM in
TRIO Room 124

This year's High School field trip will be to **MSU on May 25th, 2018**

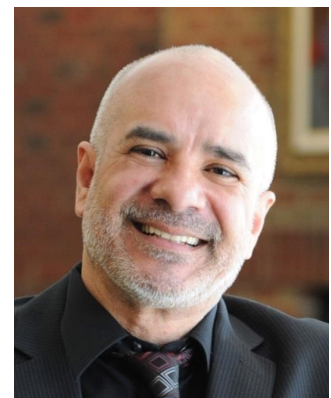
Burton Middle School

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Workshops during A, B, & C Lunches
Meeting in Pod Area next to the Gym

Tutoring from 2:30 to 3:30PM
Meeting in Room 210

This year's Middle School field trip will be to **GVSU on November 7th, 2017**.



Mr. Jesús M. Solis

Nailing the SAT



The best way to prepare for the SAT is by completing practice tests. See your Advisor for an SAT booklet that you can use as a tool for success.

Use tools like Khan Academy (www.khanacademy.org) to practice anything from the full-length SAT to just certain parts.

Other resources include but are not limited to: College Board (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org>) and SAT apps that can be found for free in the App Store.

Retake Dates: 10/7, 11/4, & 12/2.

College Fair

Fall College Fair Tuesday, October 24

What? Fall College Fair

Where? Aquinas College, Sturris Sports Complex, 1700 Fulton

When? 12-2:00 p.m. for schools, 6-7:30 p.m. for general public

Who? 80 colleges will be there! YOU can come with your parents too! 10th-12th graders welcome

FREE OF CHARGE
Questions? 632-2863

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities?

Here are a few organizations that you can call regarding volunteer opportunities for teens:

Grand Rapids Library
(ages 11-18) Teens Step Up 988-5400

Kids Food Basket
(all ages, at-home projects too) 235-4532

GR Public Museum
(ages 14 and up) 929-1753

GR Art Museum/ArtPrize
(age 14-15 with adult, 16 & up alone) 929-1753

Gilda's Club
(all ages, some with adults if under 16, home projects available too) 453-8300 x121

Psst...Volunteering looks great on resumes and college applications!

Take This Self-Assessment to See How Well You Study!

Answer yes or no to each question:

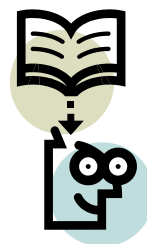
1. Do you use an agenda to keep track of assignments, events, and tests? _____
2. Is your academic performance in school a focus in your life? _____
3. Do you regularly talk to your teachers if you don't understand something in the class? _____
4. Do you know when and where to attend tutoring at your school and do you make it a priority? _____
5. Do you make your own study cards and study guides for classes regularly? _____
6. Do you have a dedicated folder and notebook for each class? _____
7. Do you have a regular time and place to study at home? _____
8. Are your backpack and locker neat and organized? _____
9. Do you turn off distractions such as the TV, phone, and music when you study? _____
10. Have you organized times and days when you study with friends in your class? _____
11. Do your parents regularly attend parent/teacher conferences? _____
12. Do you check online to make sure that you have completed assignments? _____

Add up your yes answers and look below! If you answered no to some questions, please review them and see if you can make any changes to improve your study habits!

10-12 Yes answers: Congratulations! You are well on your way to developing great study habits for college and beyond. Change one or two things and you will do even better!

7-9 Yes answers: There are several things that you can do to improve your studying. Make some changes!

0-6 Yes answers: Look over your "no" answers and make some changes to improve this year.



FALL FREEBIES

FREE! See your Advisor for:

(1) FREE “Unmasked”, “Norway” or “Cave Quest” t-shirt, (1) FREE spooky book, (1) FREE decorative pencil, and a chance to win some tickets to the Grand Rapids Drive

****one free item per visit to your Advisor while supplies last!**



Fall Teen-Friendly Happenings!

Check out these non-TRIO events around town and beyond!

All Season Long

Sept.1-Nov.1: Robinette's Corn Maze, 3142 4 Mile Rd, Admission \$7. Apples, cider mill, cider, lunch and doughnuts for sale. Contact: 361-5567

Sept.1-Nov.1: Fish Ladder, 634 Front Ave, between Bridgewater Place on Michigan and 6th Street on west side of Grand River. Watch the salmon and other fish jump as they travel upstream. **FREE.**

October

Oct.1-31: Post Family Farm Fall Festival Saturdays, 5081 Bauer Rd, Hudsonville, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$8/pp gets you a hayride, corn maze, farm animal viewing, crafts. Pony ride \$2. Pick your pumpkin, doughnuts, cider, food items for sale. Contact: 361-5567

14th: Wyoming Pumpkin Path, Lamar Park, Wyoming, 4-6 p.m. candy, coupons, prizes, costumes an option. **FREE.** Info: 530-7226

14th & 28th: Fun on the Farm, Dairy Discovery Farm, 12877 84th St, Alto, 11a.m.-2 p.m., \$10/pp (family rates available). Hayride, bottle feed calves, see milking of cows, spooktacular maze. Contact: 293-0432

23rd: VanAndel Arena Halloween Open House, Fulton Street, 12-4p.m., first 5,000 people get free hotdog, Pepsi, popcorn. **FREE** event. Treats, costume contests, live DJ, photo booths, ticket giveaways and more!

21st: Urban Hay Day, Terra Square, 3380 Chicago Drive, Hudsonville, free activities for fall including hayride, 11a.m.-4p.m., **FREE.** Contact: 669-0200

27th: Monster Mash, Kroc Center, 2500 Division, wear costume, get treats, 5-7 p.m., **FREE.**

28th: Kids 5k and 10K Fun Run, Alger Middle track, 921 Alger, 8:30 a.m. **FREE** if you just run. If you want a long sleeve t-shirt pre-register for \$12. Contact Alger Heights Neighborhood Assoc. Run in costume, ages 3 and up, parents can run with kids. Benefits youth organizations. Email: director@alger5k.com

1st-31st: Forest of Fear Hayride, 8758 Patterson Rd, Caledonia, Fridays and Saturdays in October, dusk to 11 p.m. Arrive early due to lines. Proceeds go to charity. \$15/pp. Contact: 803-9750

2nd-31st: Spooky Barn Maze, Red Barn Market, 3550 Alden Nash, Lowell, Thurs. 3-8 p.m., Fri 3-5 p.m., Sat. 1-5 p.m. No children under 13. \$7/pp, Contact 987-3192



October continued...

29th: Día de Los Muertos Family Day, Main Library, 111 Library St, 1-4:30 p.m., live music, food from local restaurants, story time, crafts, decorate sugar skulls. **FREE** for whole family. Contact: 988-5400

November

Thursdays: Free Night at the Grand Rapids Art Museum, 101 Monroe, 7-9 p.m. in November. Contact: 831-1000



Pictured: Aerial Dance Chicago

6th: Celebrating Originality, Defying Gravity with Aerial Dance Chicago, Haas Center for Performing Arts, Grand Valley State Univ. Allendale, 1 Campus Drive, 49401. **FREE** for families. Arrive early for best seating, recommended arrival 7:00. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Contact: 331-3484

18th: Art Van Santa Claus Parade, downtown Grand Rapids, this year's theme is “very merry mitten,” 9-10 a.m. downtown Grand Rapids. **FREE.**



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Make Your Voice Heard

Calling all talent! TRIO Talent Search is looking for your work to be in our next newsletter. You can submit a comic, book review, paragraph about TRIO, tips for other students to succeed in school, volunteer site summary, your progress and how TRIO has helped you, or any accomplishments you have made recently. All submissions must be school appropriate. Please send submissions to keranesa@gvsu.edu for consideration. You may also hand deliver your entry to your Advisor. **All grades welcome!**

Win Tickets to the Grand Rapids Drive Game!

**Friday, December 8th
at the DeltaPlex**

2 tickets, one for the student and
one for a parent or chaperone over the age of 18

**See your Advisor to check if your school is eligible
and ask for details of how to enter the drawing to
WIN!**

(Tickets generously donated by the Grand Rapids Drive)



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