

# TRIO Talent Search

## Fall News and Activities



OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2016

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Fall College Fair
- TRIO Volunteer Opportunity with Soles of Hope
- Wayne State University College Trip
- t2c Studio at the Public Library of Grand Rapids

### TRIO TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM

Grand Valley State  
University

510 Fulton St W  
Grand Rapids, MI  
49504

Phone:

**616-331-7110**

Hours: M-F, 9-4

Evening Hours By  
Appointment

*United States*

*Department of  
Education*

## TRIO Talent Search Funded Five Years

After a competitive national grant competition, Grand Valley State University was awarded a \$1.7 million dollar grant for the Talent Search program which begins this academic year and continues for the next five years. The award notice was made in late July.

The TRIO Talent Search program is funded through the U.S. Department of Education and is designed to assist low-income and first generation students whose parents have not completed a bachelor's degree. It assists students to be promoted to the next grade level, complete a rigorous high school program of study, graduate from high school and enter the post-secondary institution of their choice. It also

follows students for five years after high school graduation to college or post-secondary degree completion.

New to the grant are two components. These components are intelligent tutoring and mentoring. Both pilot components of the grant will be conducted at Union High School. Intelligent tutoring will be conducted at Union, Ottawa and Innovation Central High Schools.

New students will be recruited in the following target schools: Union, Innovation Central and Ottawa Hills High Schools, Burton, Westwood and Riverside Middle Schools. Students from other schools who have joined TRIO Talent Search prior to

September 1, 2016 will be able to continue in the program, but new students from non-target schools will not be recruited. The U.S. Department of Education had very competitive guidelines for target schools, and our schools were chosen on that basis.

In-school workshops will take place during the school year. Please look for a letter in the mail describing who your Advisor is, when the workshops are held, and the in-school location.

You may also ask your school counselor or call the TRIO Talent Search office at:  
**(616) 331-7110, M-F, 9-4.**

## After School TRIO Talent Search at Union and Innovation Central

In addition to in-school workshops, get some great homework assistance by attending the TRIO Talent Search sponsored after-school program. This program is offered at Union and Innovation Central. One feature is a fantastic NEW program called Math Tutor that helps with high school math step by step on computers

with extra tutoring help.

Other features include: snacks, hands-on help with other subjects as well as access to college application assistance, scholarship searches, college essay writing and more! Rewards program for coming consistently.

See your Advisor for details.

**Union High** - offered Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. in Room 129. Also features college coaching mentors!

**Innovation Central** - offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. in second floor conference room next to the Counseling Office.



## Senior “7” Checklist for Fall

Congratulations, Seniors! You are in your last year of high school. This will be a very exciting time for you as you complete one step of your education while planning for the next.

Keep in mind that it is even more important to meet with your TRIO Advisor each week to stay on track with the details to apply for college and financial aid as well as enroll in college next fall.

Here is **checklist of seven things you need to do now this fall:**

1. **Meet with your TRIO Advisor** immediately to discuss your college and post-secondary options.
2. **Apply for college by the end of October.** Remember that some Michigan colleges have a Nov. 1 deadline.
3. **Send your transcripts** to the colleges where you have applied. Your application is incomplete without it.
4. **Write your college essays** if needed and have your Advisor help you.
5. **Complete 3 college applications.** Apply to a community college as a back-up plan if you are applying to competitive colleges.
6. **Ask your counselor for fee waivers** for college application fees if you are on free lunch.
7. **Register for your FSA ID** and have your parents register as well at:

**[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)**

\*\*\*You can apply for financial aid as early as **October 1**. **Michigan deadline: March 1, 2017.**



## Get Involved in this Cool Volunteer Project with “Soles of Hope” and TRIO

This fall, TRIO Talent Search program students in grades 6-12 will be involved in a unique project that helps people in Uganda, Africa.

The project **SOLES OF HOPE** has students collect jeans and cut out shoe patterns from them. Then, the cut shoe pieces are shipped to the location in Uganda where local people will put the soles on the shoes.

The shoes are given FREE to the Ugandan children and adults. In Uganda, a high number of people suffer from foot infections from jiggers (small burrowing insects) because they do not have shoes.

The project also has free clinics where the people can have their infections treated and where they get their shoes.

To get involved, we need:

1. People to donate jeans
2. People to cut out patterns.

Please see your Advisor about when and how you can help out right at your school. If you know of people who want to drop off jeans at the TRIO Talent Search office please call: **616-331-7110**.

**See: [www.solesofhope.org](http://www.solesofhope.org)**

## Free and Low-Cost SAT Test Prep! Get Started Now! 10-11th Grade

Start studying for the SAT test now! There are several FREE ways to do that with internet access or a smartphone. Go to a public library if you need free internet or stay after school and use your homework center or media center.

Here are the free websites to explore and prepare:

**[khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat](http://khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat)**

**[4tests.com](http://4tests.com)**

**[collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice)**

If you have a smartphone, you can also download some apps to practice. Some apps may

not be free. Here is a list of some of the apps:

**The Official SAT Question of the Day**

**IntelliVocab lite for SAT SAT Up**

**SAT Connect**

**iPredict**

*Commit to studying!*

## High School Trip to Wayne State University and the Michigan Science Center



**SAVE THE DATE! November 7th!** Field trip to Wayne State University and tour of the Michigan Science Center. This awesome opportunity is sponsored by PNC Bank! GRPS students have the day off from school. Come spend the day with TRIO Talent Search! **Seats filled as permission slips are received at the office. The deadline to turn in slips is October 31.**

**Who?** TRIO Talent Search students in grades 9-12, who have been coming to workshops and have turned in a permission slip and have a confirmed seat reserved as verified by the TRIO Talent Search office.

**What?** Field trip to Detroit to visit Wayne State University and the Michigan Science Ctr.

Lunch and admissions to science center are provided. TRIO student will need bring \$8-10 for dinner. Comfortable charter bus transportation provided. Dress for the weather, rain or shine. Walking shoes required.

**Where?** Trip is to Detroit, Michigan. Pick-up and drop-off at the TRIO Talent Search office, 510 Fulton St W, Grand Rapids, between Winter and Seward Ave.

**When?** Monday, November 7th, 2016. Pick-up and drop-off times listed on the permission slip.

**How?** See your Advisor for a permission slip, or call 331-7110 to have one mailed to you.

## Fall College Fair at Aquinas College for 10th-12th graders



Thursday, October 20th, at Aquinas College, Sturris Sports Center

12-2:00 p.m. Grand Rapids area invited schools, check with your school counselor, transportation for Union and Innovation Central. Provided by PNC Bank and TRIO Talent Search

6-7:30 p.m. General public, parents welcome to attend

70 colleges represented! FREE Admission, no RSVP needed

Questions? Call Damen Bouwkamp at: 616-632-2863 or see your school counselor.

Address: 1580 E. Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

## t2c Studio Collaboration TRIO Talent Search Series at Public Library

We are proud to collaborate with the new Grand Rapids Center for College Success located on the third floor of the downtown **Grand Rapids Public Library**. The **t2c Studio** is a unique space for high school students to explore colleges, applications for scholarships, and resources for going to college.

The TRIO Talent Search program will be providing the following workshops this fall in the **t2c Studio**! Plan to come! See our website for the rest of the series information at [www.gvsu.edu/ets](http://www.gvsu.edu/ets).

**October – Applying to Colleges.** Wednesday, October 26th, 4:30 p.m. Come ready to apply to colleges! An informative guide and

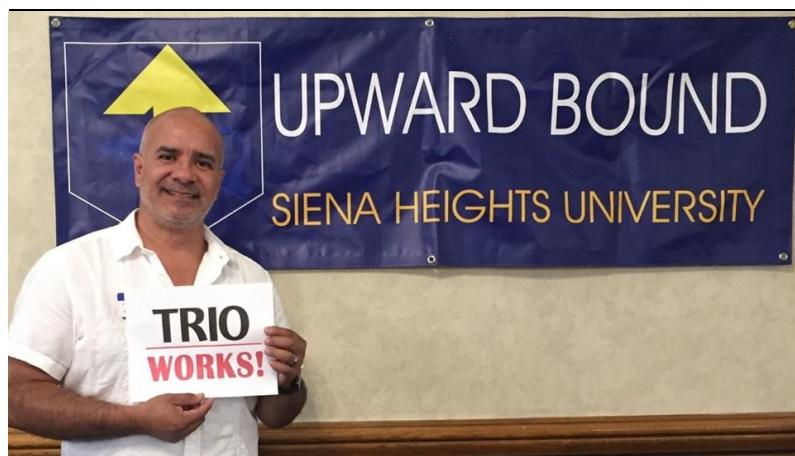
discussion is provided. This will also be a hands-on opportunity where students can begin the process. Recommended for high school seniors.

**November — Funding Your Education and Applying to FAFSA.** Thursday, November 17, 4:30 p.m. Various forms of federal financial aid are discussed. Students will register for their FSAID. Students will also learn about the Michigan Tuition Incentive Program. Recommended for high school seniors.

**To register for these events call: 616-304-8333**

## Fun, Low-Cost Things to Do Around Town for Teens

- **3 Mile Project** – Activities, open gym, crafts, skate park, video games, theater room. \$5.00 Admission. 9th-12th grades Thursdays 6-9 p.m., 7th-8th grades Friday 7-10 p.m. 3050 Walkent Dr. NW, Grand Rapids. Contact: 784-THE3.
- **John Ball Zoo** – Still open on the weekends from 10 a.m. to 4:00 through November 12. Admission is \$7.00. Contact: 336-3309
- **Robinette's Orchard** – Apple orchard, u-pick, cider mill, fresh doughnuts. No entrance fee, food for purchase. Other activities have a fee, including: Hayride \$6, Corn Maze \$7, Jumping Pillow \$5. 3142 4 Mile Rd. NE. Contact 361-5567
- **Blandford Nature Center** – Acres of woods and trails for fall color, barn, farm, historic buildings, Visitor Center open Saturdays 12-5, Admission: \$3.00 pp. **Fall Harvest Festival**, October 15, 12-5, includes wagon rides, candlemaking and making your own scarecrow \$8/pp, must preregister online; **Tellabration- Night of Storytelling**, funny stories and folklore and more, November 18, 7:30-9:15, by GR Storyspinners, \$10/family, must register online. 1715 Hillburn. Call for details and to register: 735-6240.
- **Grand Rapids Symphony** – Hear some great music with friends for only \$5.00 per ticket with a Student Passport! Register for a Student Passport by going to: <http://www.grsymphony.org/student-passport>. Performances listed online. Complete and return the application. Call for details: 454-9451.
- **Grand Rapids Public Museum, Chaffee Planetarium** – See the new and improved planetarium! You can enjoy the music of Pink Floyd in the laser light show **"Dark Side-The Light Show,"** conducted Fridays at 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Other planetarium shows on Saturdays 12-4; \$4/show with price of general admission which is \$3 with school ID. Exhibits - **"Whales of the Deep"**, October 22, \$8/students plus admission; **"Merry Christmas Charlie Brown,"** starts October 29, free with paid admission. 272 Pearl Street NW. Call for details: 456-3977.



### We welcome Mr. Jesús M. Solis as a new Advisor to the TRIO Talent Search program!

Mr. Solis is a TRIO Upward Bound Alumni from Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan. After earning a bachelor's and a master's degree in Education from EMU, he has worked for Wayne County RESA, Michigan Department of Education, and as a teacher, principal, and administrator with Grand Rapids Public Schools. He has also taken doctoral courses at Michigan State University.

He recently won the "TRIO Achievers" award with the Educational Opportunity Association of the Midwest Region. In November, he will be honored at a TRIO Achievers Banquet in St. Louis, Missouri.

He is very excited to be working with TRIO students this year in Innovation Central, Burton Middle School, and Wyoming Junior High.

## Options for Homework Help/Tutoring

Getting extra help on homework can definitely help you achieve higher grades and boost your confidence in your subjects. It is important to establish some options for extra help before you might fall behind in classes.

The best option, of course, is to work with your teachers, either before or after school to get help and ask for advice. Make sure that you are working with your teachers!

Here are some other options at your school and around the community to get extra homework help after school. Contact them directly and establish a schedule.

### Grand Rapids Public School

#### Middle School Students:

**The LOOP After School Program**— Program runs M-F, directly after school until 5:30, transportation provided if attending 3 or more days a week. First hour is tutoring by certified teachers, second hour is enrichment activities. Snack provided. FREE. Application needed. For information check at your school or call Irma Lopez at: 819-2165.

#### Wyoming Junior High Students:

**TEAM 21 After School Program** meets directly after school and provides academic support assistance in its homework help and other enrichment activities.

Snack and meal provided. FREE. For information check at your school or call TEAM 21 at: 530-3164

#### Community Resources also for High School:

**Boys and Girls Clubs** — Power Hour Tutoring and Homework Help, M-F, 3-6 p.m. Locations: 235 Straight Ave, contact 233-9370; 726 Madison Ave SE, contact 719-0775 and 139 Crofton St. SE, contact 452-0061.

**YMCA David D. Hunting—Teen Zone**, after-school homework help, activities, social events, food and drink, technology available such as internet, video cams, laptops, community service projects and more! Ages 11-17, 4-8 p.m. No membership required, drop-ins welcome. Contact : 855-9521



## "ZOO GOES BOO" TRIO STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED OCTOBER 29, 2016

TRIO Talent Search students in high school will have the opportunity to volunteer for the ZOO GOES BOO event at John Ball Zoo on Saturday, October 29 from 11:45—3:15. Students will need a signed permission slip to participate.

We need 4-6 volunteers who have their own transportation to and from the zoo ticket entrance booth. This fun-filled event will have a lot of interaction with children and families.

Drop off time is 11:45 promptly (please eat a good lunch first). Pick up is 3:15 promptly. Look for the Advisor in the TRIO Talent Search shirt to check in and for instructions. TRIO students can wear kid-friendly costumes and accessories with a TRIO logo t-shirt over the costume. Students must attend to volunteer station at all times under TRIO Talent Search supervision and must agree not to eat or use electronic devices during the shift.

\*\*\*Deadline for permission slips is October 26, must be received in the TRIO Talent Search office by 4 p.m. Call the TRIO Talent Search office for a permission slip or see your Advisor at school. CALL: 331-7110.



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## Around Town College Access

There are many college access events and programs happening around town this fall that you will want to check out. Here are a few to consider:

**GRPS Parent Engagement Kick-Off Celebration** – Tuesday, October 11, 5:30-8:30 p.m. held at Ottawa Hills High School. Topics include assisting your child to go to college and other parent support and workshops. Free dinner, childcare, and door prizes. For information, call Jan Wilkins at: 819-1977.

**Bilingual College Fair** – Thursday, October 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. sponsored by the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan, held at Cesar Chavez Elementary, 1205 Grandville Ave. SW, Grand Rapids. Spanish and English representatives will help answer questions about college! For information, call Rachel Lopez at: 246-0562.

## TRIO Talent Search 2016-17 School Year Advisors and Schools

Advisor	Schools	Contact Information
Tim Marroquin	Westwood Middle	marroqt@gvsu.edu
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	Wyoming High	
Jesús Solís	Innovation Central	solisjl@gvsu.edu
	Burton Middle School	331-7113
	Wyoming Junior High	
New Advisor	Ottawa Hills High	331-7114
	Riverside Middle	
	University Prep	
Sarah Keranen-Lopez	Godwin Heights High	keranesa@gvsu.edu
	East Kentwood High	331-7112
Leslie Vaas	TRIO Talent Search Office	vaasle@gvsu.edu
		331-7110

These assignments are subject to change. Students will be notified if changes are made throughout the academic year.