

EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH

ETS staff and students spent the fall traveling around the state of Iowa visiting area colleges and universities. Senior students had the chance to check out Iowa State University, Central College, Drake University, University of Iowa, and the University of Northern Iowa. These visits were a great opportunity for students to see the campus, talk with faculty, and even connect with current college students. More college visits are planned for the spring semester. Don't miss out on your chance to get a sneak peek of college life and learn more about the college you might be interested in attending. Your ETS coordinator will provide you with more details at your next school meeting. Hope you can join us for a visit soon!

Spring College Visit Schedule for Juniors and Seniors: Dates are tentative:

Simpson College – February 1
Iowa State University - February 8
Grandview University – February 22
Iowa Central Community College – April 17
Des Moines Area Community College – May 10



1/24-1/25/19: University of Iowa/
Kirkwood/Mount Mercy Overnight Event

2/2/19: ACT Practice Test (Juniors)

2/9/19: ACT "Improve your Score"
Workshop (Juniors)

3/28-3/29/19: Freshmen College
Experience Overnight at
Central College

4/25-4/27/19: Sophomore Trip to
St. Louis, MO



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Welcome New Staff Members!



Sarah

The ETS Team gained two new coordinators at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

Sarah Clark is a 2015 graduate from William Penn University, where she received her Bachelor's degree in Business and minors in Economics and Sociology. She is excited to be part of the ETS team as a Coordinator and has been able to share her knowledge from her previous job as an Admissions Counselor at William Penn!



Melissa

Melissa Anderson is a 2004 graduate from Central College, where she received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and minors in Communication Studies and Sociology. She worked at Central in the Admissions Department for 12 years and is enjoying this new opportunity as a Coordinator with ETS!



From left to right:
Melissa Anderson, Kristin Lewis, Mollie Kingma, Bob Kuennen, Judy Pringle, and Sarah Clark.

2018-2019 School Assignments, look for the ETS coordinator at your school:

Melissa Anderson: Central Academy, Harding Middle School, Oskaloosa Middle School, and Oskaloosa High School

Kristin Lewis: North High School

Mollie Kingma: Eddyville-Blakesburg Fremont High School, Hiatt Middle School, McCombs Middle School, and Weeks Middle School

Bob Kuennen: Lincoln High School, Lincolns RAILS Academy, Saydel High School, and Woodside Middle School

Sarah Clark: East High School and Hoyt Middle School

Scholarships

By being a participant in ETS, you already have an advantage to understanding the world of scholarships. However, if you wait until your senior year to look for scholarships you might be too late. You can start applying for scholarships as a freshmen! Here are some tips to help you prepare NOW for the scholarship search.

Get Involved:

- At school - find something you enjoy, sports, clubs, activities, offer to be a tutor
- In the community - volunteer at church or with a community club that promotes an interest of yours

Learn the Criteria:

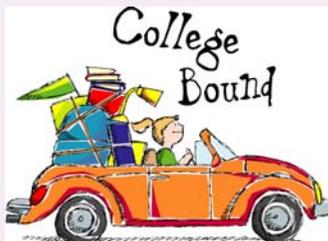
- It is important that you understand the criteria of the scholarship before you do all the work of applying. Do you meet all the criteria? If not, move on and look for another scholarship.

Get Organized:

- It is very important to keep track of your accomplishments and involvement throughout high school (four years will fly by and you'll forget what you did very quickly!)
- Keep everything in a safe place like a planner, calendar, or Google doc

Letters of Recommendation:

- Many scholarships ask for one or more letters of recommendation. It is important to consider who you could ask to write a letter for you far prior to the scholarship deadline
- It is also important that you ask your reference in person or on the phone. DO NOT send a text!



WARNING: Beware of Scholarship scams!

Never provide your bank account information or credit card number to apply for a scholarship. There are also a lot of reputable free websites (look to the right) for scholarship searches...avoid sites that make you pay a fee!



PhotoStudy

Need help on your homework!?

Central College ETS now uses the Photostudy tutoring app. This free app can be downloaded to your smartphone and allows you to connect to a certified tutor 24/7!

Congratulations



Haley



BriAnn

2018 Iowa TRIO Scholarship Winners!

Each year, TRIO Coordinators and Advisors from across the state of Iowa have the opportunity to nominate one of their students for an Iowa TRIO Scholarship. In 2018, two Central College ETS students were selected as recipients! Please join us in congratulating BriAnn Chapman (Lincoln HS) who is currently enrolled at Iowa State University and Haley Lashley (Oskaloosa HS) who is currently enrolled at the University of Iowa.



Check out these websites to learn more about scholarships:

College Board

FastWeb

College Greenlight

JLV Scholarships

Scholarships.com

GoodCall.com

Congratulations First Generation Students!

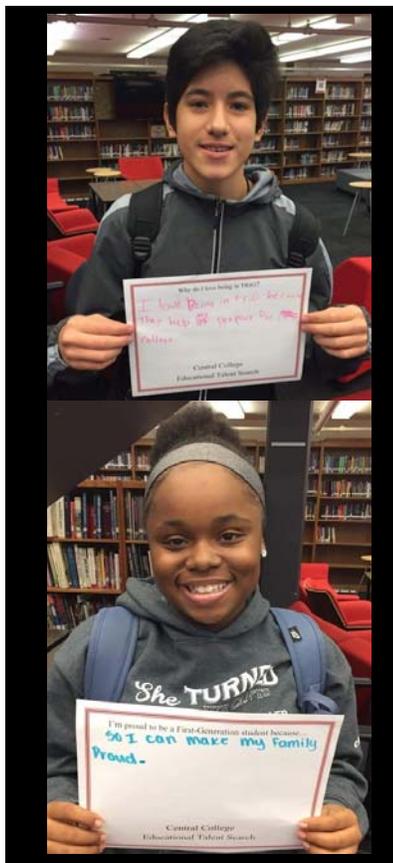
First Generation: students whose parents/legal guardians did not obtain a bachelor's degree at a 4-year college

We had the honor of celebrating our first generation students by creating a video to the tune of "Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey. We asked Central College Upward Bound and ETS students to answer one of the following prompts; "What does being 'First Generation' mean to me?", "I'm proud to be a 'First Generation' student because...", or "Why do I love being in TRIO?". Students had beautiful responses: "...because I am representing my family", "... that I worked hard enough to be where I am today", "... my parents will be proud of me", and many others. Central College posed a challenge to other TRIO programs in Iowa, encouraging them to create videos celebrating their students. At our national conference in November, we had the privilege of viewing the videos with TRIO professionals from around Iowa. We are so proud of all of our students for striving for college!

First Generation Celebration Day is celebrated November 8.

View the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-GynUt7XGg>



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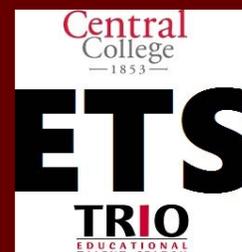
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Tips for College Success at Every Level

Freshmen: While making your 4-year plan of courses to take in high school, make sure you are taking: 4 years of English, 3 years of science, 3 years of social studies, 3 years of math, and 2 years of the same foreign language. The more of these classes you take, the better your chance to get into your first choice college or university!

Sophomores: Start thinking about what you might want to study in college someday. Take advantage of volunteer opportunities that match your interests. Not sure where to find these opportunities? Ask your coordinator or school counselor for help!

Juniors: Prepare for the ACT! Attend any practice sessions that ETS or your school offers. The higher your ACT score equals more opportunities and more \$\$\$\$\$!

Seniors: Check in with your ETS coordinator to make sure you are on track with your FAFSA, college applications, and scholarships. If you haven't received a scholarship book from your coordinator yet, ask them for one!