

# EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH NEWSLETTER



Fall 2020

**TRIO**  
TALENT SEARCH

## A YEAR UNLIKE ANY OTHER!

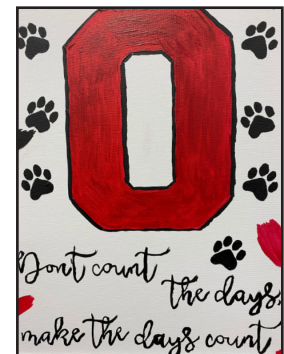
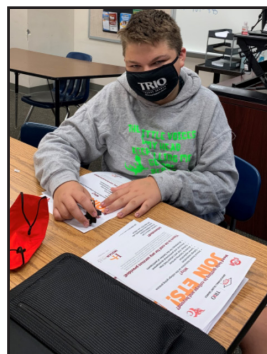
### **SPRING UPDATE/RECAP**

When we went virtual in March of 2020 we did not know what to expect. Were students going to participate? How do we get in contact? Can we make our curriculum interesting and engaging? And I am happy to report we did AWESOME!

- We were able to contact and interact with 251 students between March 23 and May 31—that is 50% of our total students!
- We offered many college going activities—virtual college visits, student panels with current college students (HS) or current high school students (MS), ACT practice testing and registration, IHCC Program Information videos, senior one-on-ones, and career interest assessments, to name a few.
- We offered cultural and mental health activities—Mindfulness workshop, virtual Zoo tour, and canvas painting as a group virtually.



We are thankful our students are so engaged and willing to try new things on their journey to college!



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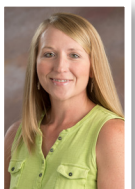
### **WE ARE RECRUITING!**

If you have friends, family, acquaintances, ANYONE you think might benefit from ETS, please refer them! There are incentives to referring a friend—things like Candy, T-shirts, Backpacks and more! See Jessica Cain (MS) or Alli Bogaard (HS) for more information!

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Soooo...

# WHAT WILL THIS YEAR LOOK LIKE?

Now what will this year look like?

It is going to be different. That is certain.

We are unable to do large group college visits right now, so we will be offering virtual college tours in our classrooms.

Our workshops will be held, but in smaller groups with social distancing.

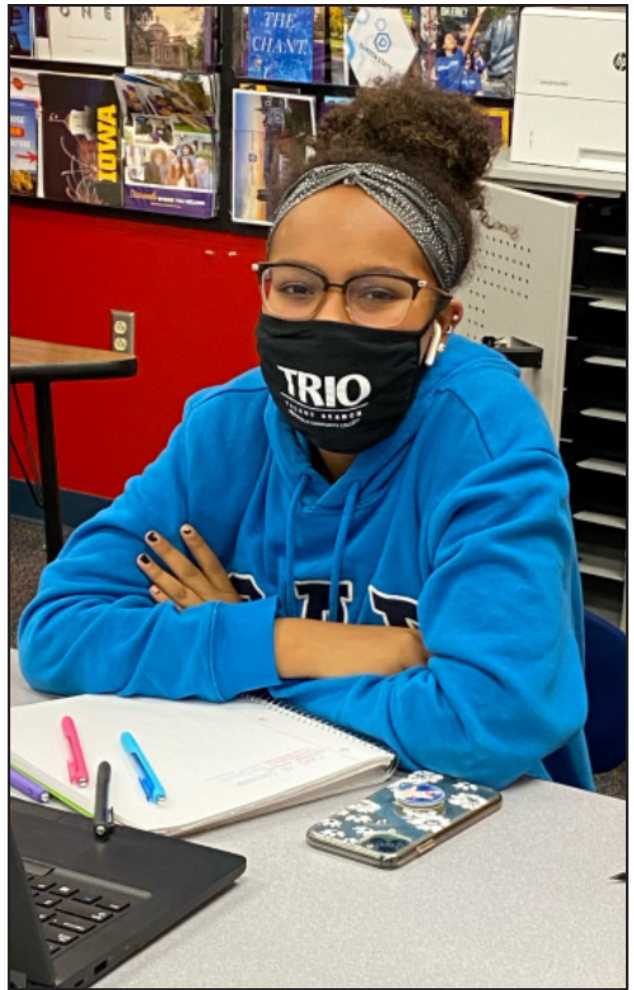
For those students participating in Bulldog Virtual Learning, we are meeting in GoogleMeet or Zoom to do our workshops.

We are using Google Classrooms to share information.

We are offering FREE on line tutoring to all students 8th-12th grade.

We have provided each student with a wireless mouse and headphones to facilitate virtual learning.

We can do this together!



## FALL EVENTS

**October 14:** College Explore Day Indian Hills Community College (virtual)

**October 16:** ACT Boot Camp @ Indian Hills Community College (in person)

**October 8, 20 and 22:** Iowa State University VIRTUAL college visits

**FAFSA Virtual Appointments** (various days/nights/weekends)

\*\*Contact Alli Bogaard with questions or to set an appointment

**December 1, 2 and 3:** STEM Leadership Conference at Bridge View (in person) \*MS and HS\*

At this time, we are unable to offer in person college visits due to COVID 19 restrictions. We are hopeful things may change by the spring of 2021. In the meantime, we will do our best to bring as many virtual activities as possible to our students!



## EMPLOYEE UPDATE - ERICA KIRCHNER

Erica Kirchner has moved on to her dream job of being a school counselor. We are sad to see her go, but wish her the best of luck in her new job! We are currently in the process of hiring a new Tutor Coordinator. Stay tuned ~ hopefully we will have an announcement soon!