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Dear Students:

It’s hard to believe that the new Educational Talent Search program has been in existence nearly six months. In fact, sometime in the next month or two, we will be asked by the Department of Education to give a report on how we are doing so far. They’ll want to know if we’ve hired and trained all our staff, the budget situation, activities planned and provided, student contacts, and future plans. But the main thing they will want to know is how many students are in the program. Right now we only have about half the number we need for us to meet the goal we’ve set. Therefore, **coming soon to your school, will be ETS Week**, an opportunity for you invite your friends to be part of the ETS II program.

If you know someone who you think would benefit from being involved in the ETS II program, you will have a chance to submit his/her name and, if they join, you can win a prize. (See article elsewhere in this newsletter.)

The end of the first six months of ETS II coincides closely with another important event, TRIO Day. What is TRIO Day you ask? TRIO Day is a day to highlight TRIO programs throughout the country. There are eight different TRIO programs and ETS is one of those eight national programs. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, TRIO programs are intended to help students navigate their way through the process of preparing for and going on to school after they complete high school. Those eight programs together are called the TRIO programs (when they first started 42 years ago there were only three of them).

At Mineral Area College (MAC), besides ETS II, the other TRIO programs we have are Upward Bound, ETS I, and EXCEL (Student Support Services). On TRIO Day, February 21, the four programs will sponsor a guest speaker on campus. Her name is Sue Hinkel, a professional story teller, and her 10:00 a.m. presentation will be on the theme of overcoming adversity. Before and after the speaker we will have table displays with handouts telling about the TRIO programs at MAC as well as refreshments for students and faculty. If you know anyone who goes to MAC, encourage them to attend Ms. Hinkel’s presentation.

I hope to see you at ETS Week.

Jerry Sullivan, Director
Educational Talent Search II
**FEBRUARY**

4  Mikayla Stringer
6  Danielle Dwyer
8  Dustin Sanders
9  Stephen Johnson
10 Samantha Tinsley
12 Lindsey Fitzwater
14 Briana English
16 Andrea Eckhoff
17 Virginia Rueter
18 Danielle Johnson
20 Dillian DeClue
21 Tim Pickett
23 Chenoah Edburg
24 Jonah Huff
25 Jeremia Owens
27 Jeffrey DobbS

**MARCH**

2  Christopher Harmon
3  Rebecca Henson
2  Breanna Chapman
3  Lora Ward
4  Martin Warren
5  Tiffani Bacon
6  Allie Hollinsworth
7  Emilee Benson
8  Christopher Williams
9  Jesse Burlingame
10 Joshua Ahrens
11 Samie Jo Bergner
12 David Eads
13 Shanay Politte
14 Tanner Lorenz
15 Brandyn Kenoyer
16 Danielle Welker
17 Khrystyna Berry
18 Marissa Aggas
19 Adam Stotler
20 Jessica Wilkins
21 Ashly Bone
22 Rihanna Klein
23 Colleen Dierking
24 Matthew Pierce
25 Matthew Beach
26 Kristie Skiles
27 Nicole Stetler

**APRIL**

3  Patrick Woods
4  Tashia Benson
6  Erica Sumpter
8  Vanna Barton
10 Donna Henson
11 April Wimberley
12 Chris Litteken
13 Jared Mercer
14 ChelsieMcNail
15 ChelsieMcNail
16 Jerra Randall
17 Myra Marler
18 Bobbie Nash
19 Myra Marler
20 Bobbie Nash
22 Racheal Shriver
23 Dominic Brooks
24 Desiree Thebeau
25 ShaFawn Masson
26 Seth Sovensky
27 Seth Sovensky
28 Dennis Cash
29 Chelsea Marler
30 Shannin Young

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ETS II!**
ETS II Hits the Highway!

UPCOMING TRIPS:

FEBRUARY 10:
Science Center & BJC SportsWorks
(7-8TH Grade)

MARCH 17:
St. Louis Zoo -LIMIT 50 PEOPLE
(9-11TH Grade)

APRIL 28:
Butterfly House
(6TH Grade)

Sites for Students:

www.ed.gov/students
Created by the U.S. Department of Education, this site includes lots of financial aid and college information, as well as games and educational resources.

www.mapping-your-future.org/MHSS
This site is full of information about college and career planning.

www.fastweb.com
FastWeb is highly recommended by students and counselors. Maybe because it is the largest, most accurate, and up-to-date scholarship database and search engine on the internet.

After registering for free, you can sign up for notifications about new scholarships as they become available. When a scholarship matches your criteria, an alert is sent straight to your e-mail address so that you can apply.

FastWeb also includes a college search and numerous other student resources.

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www.collegeboard.com/student
Help is here to find, apply, plan, and pay for college!

Sites for parents:

www.ed.gov/parents
www.mapping-your-future.org/parents
www.collegeboard.com/parents
SPRING KICK-OFF
Plans Underway

Get ready for an exciting week with ETSII! By the time this newsletter arrives we will have received all the t-shirt designs. I’m sure choosing a winner will be hard. Also, I’m sure you’ve heard about our Refer-A-Friend Contest and our New Member Contest.

In case you haven’t, each new ETSII member’s name will be entered into a drawing and the current ETSII member referring them will also have their name entered into a drawing.

At the beginning of ETSII week, our staff will be visiting your schools to hand out ETSII T-Shirts (featuring the winning design).

At the end of the week, we will be stopping by with pizza for all our ETSII members. For entrance into the pizza party you will need to be wearing your ETSII T-shirt and non-ETSII members can gain entrance with a completed ETSII application.

During the pizza party we will be awarding the prizes to the winning New Member and the winning Referring Friend. We will also be awarding the $25 to the T-Shirt Design winner at their school.

HIGH SCHOOLERS VISIT UMSL & THE ARCH!

On Saturday, January 20, 2007, after a tour of the University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL) students from Arcadia Valley High, Potosi High, and Valley High headed to the top of St. Louis’s Gateway Arch for a 630 feet high, bird’s eye view of the city. Once back on the ground, ETSII toured the Museum of Western Expansion, located beneath the Arch, before heading home.
In most Veterinary Hospitals and Clinics, you will find a variety of highly trained individuals who love animals and perform different tasks to help improve the health of animals. Professionals in this field can specialize by type of animals they work with and/or by the type of work they do. While some professionals provide direct care to animals, many others work in the areas of research and education.

A Veterinarian (Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine or DVM) is responsible for diagnosing, developing a prognosis, prescribing medication and performing surgery. They must have a medical degree to obtain a license in most states. Typically these individuals apply for veterinary medical school while working toward their 4-year Bachelor’s Degree.

The outlook for jobs in this area is very good; however, admission to Veterinary Medical School is extremely competitive. The University of Missouri at Columbia (Mizzou) is the only college in our state that offers this program. If you think you might be interested in becoming a veterinarian, visit Mizzou’s College of Veterinary Medicine website at www.cvm.missouri.edu to find out what you can do to be a qualified candidate for their program.

Veterinary Technicians and Technologists directly assist the veterinarian by performing duties much like that of a nurse, laboratory technician, radiography technician, anesthetist, surgical nurse and client educator. Many veterinary technicians work in a supervisory role of a veterinary practice or research institution.

A Veterinary Technician is a graduate of a two year program that is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), and a Veterinary Technologist is a graduate of a four year AVMA accredited bachelor degree program. Almost every state requires Veterinary Technicians/Technologists to pass a credentialing exam to ensure that they have the appropriate knowledge for their type of work.

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Veterinary Technicians/ Technologists are in huge demand, so the outlook for employment opportunities are very good. Jefferson College in Hillsboro offers a 2 year fully accredited Associate in Applied Science program in Veterinary Technology. Acceptance in this program is also competitive. For more information visit www.jeffco.edu.

Veterinary Assistants typically do not have any specialized training beyond high school. These types of positions are limited in the tasks they may perform. They typically serve as helpers to the other professionals in the office.

More Websites:
American Veterinary Medical Association: www.AVMA.org
National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America: www.navta.net
SPOTLIGHT ON UMSL: UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI - ST. LOUIS

As ETS high school students discovered on their recent field trip to University of Missouri – St. Louis, the campus is over 300 acres and located in north St. Louis roughly two miles from the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport.

The largest university in the city and the third largest in Missouri.

Nearly 16,000 students are currently enrolled at UMSL, making it the largest university in the city and the third largest in Missouri. UMSL has a culturally diverse population, representing 47 states and over 108 countries.

UM-St Louis offers 46 undergraduate degree programs, including numerous opportunities for postgraduate studies; including 30 Master’s Programs, 13 Doctoral Programs, and the state’s only professional degree in Optometry.

The Pierre Laclede Honors College at UMSL is one of the most selective academic programs in the state. The Honors College admits only 300 students.

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If student activities are what you’re looking for, there are nearly 200 student groups, organizations and clubs, including 11 NCAA Division II sports teams. Residence halls, apartments and condominiums are available for on-campus living.

For more information about University of Missouri – St. Louis, including the degree programs offered, check out their website at www.umsl.edu.
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