

Talent Search News



TRIO DAY 2006 IS A SUCCESS... ESPECIALLY FOR DAVENPORT STUDENT

For millions of American families who have college potential but lack the wherewithal to go it alone, seven federally-funded programs called TRiO are making a world of difference. The TRiO programs (Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science, Veterans Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Educational Opportunity Centers, and Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Program) have been providing valuable support services to help students from working families successfully enter college and graduate for over 30 years.

Wednesday, February 22, 2006 was *State TRiO Day* at the State Capitol. Each year TRiO programs from all over the state meet at the capitol to inform our senators and representatives of the impact TRiO programs have in furthering education in Oklahoma



and the nation.

This year was especially important to our program because one of the three student testimonials given was by **John Riley** from Davenport. John has been a member of Talent Search since the grant was funded at OSU. Although John is only a sophomore, his motivation has driven him to accomplish things that some people never accomplish. He spoke about the impact Talent

Search, a supportive community, and his loving family has had on his life. He ended his speech by saying, "I stand before you today, and represent many students like me, who just need a little direction. Some know it and some don't, but either way the

TRiO programs will make sure they get it. And, our state can only stand to benefit from building focused students."

With words like these, John was an inspiration to everyone in the capitol that day!



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Important Dates in March:

- March 6-Carney
- March 7-Yale
- March 9-Cleveland MS
- March 13-17- **SPRING BREAK!!!!!!**
- March 17-ACT late registration for April 8 test
- March 21-Davenport
- March 22-Cleveland HS
- March 23-Ripley
- March 29-Ponca City

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1.5 Million Aid-Eligible Students Don't Apply

According to an article from *Inside Higher Ed* on February 10, 2006, "as many as 1.5 million college students who probably would have qualified for Pell Grants in 2003-2004 did not apply for federal aid." It was determined that of the 1.5 million who did not apply, "about 850,000 would have been likely to receive a Pell Grant had they applied."

That is a frightening statistic. Parents, don't let your child become one of these statistics. EVERY senior student should apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA.

Is your child an OHLAP student? He or she must file the FAFSA. Is your child getting scholarships, so you think you

won't need financial aid? He or she SHOULD fill out the FAFSA. College costs are soaring and often scholarships don't cover the full cost of attendance. Do you think you wouldn't qualify for any federal assistance? ALL students qualify for some form of financial aid.

Simply applying for financial aid does not obligate your child to accept it. You might be surprised to learn that your child is eligible for more grants (free money) than you thought. If your child is offered only loans, you can decline them if you so choose. If something happens during the school year, and you find that your child needs the loans, he or she can then go to the financial aid

office and request the loans be reinstated. The same is true for any parent loan that you may be offered.

If your child is not yet a senior, keep this information in mind as you begin the process for him or her. Their senior year will be here sooner than you think. One thing that juniors and their parents can do now to get ready to fill out the FAFSA form is to get a pin number for both one parent and the student.

As always, if there are any questions about filling out the FAFSA or deciphering award letters, please call our office. The Talent Search staff will be happy to help you, as will the OSU Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

No Self Esteem Books This Year

In November, each student was asked to complete a few questions about their fellow students. The positive statements made by classmates were then going to be put in a book for each student. Unfortunately, the students did not appropriately participate in this task, therefore there will not be any self esteem books handed out this year. Perhaps directions will be followed better next time.

Career

Corner

Professor

Dr. Robert R. Hill, Ph. D.

What did you want to be as a child?

A U.S. Marine, a drummer like Ringo Starr, then a drummer like Charlie Watts (Rolling Stones)—in that order.

What degree do you have and where did you attend college?

Ph. D., University of Tulsa

What did you have to overcome to get your degree or your job?

My own ignorance, which getting my Ph. D. confirmed as unconquerable.

What is your job? What is your title, and who do you work for?

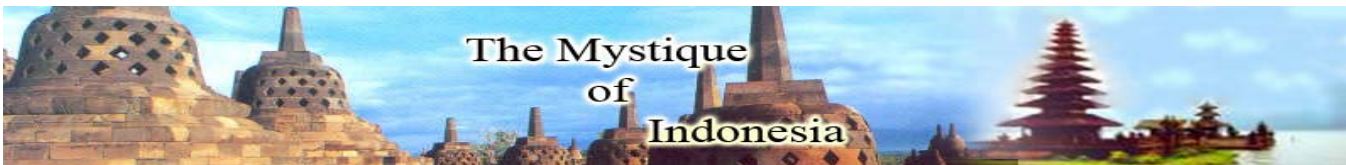
Assistant Professor, Dept. of English and Language, East Central University

What are some of your daily tasks at work?

Grading student compositions, grading student compositions, grading student compositions...

What would you say to a middle school or high school student who is considering entering your field?

Jump on it! Better enjoy grading student compositions though.



Let's travel to Southeast Asia! Have you ever heard of Bali, the world famous island paradise, or how about one of the great wonders of the world, Borobudur? Both are located in the beautiful country of Indonesia.

Indonesia is the area located in the Malay Archipelago, the world's largest archipelago, between Indochina and Australia and the Indian and Pacific Oceans. It is made up of 18,108 islands, of which only about 6,000 are inhabited! Lying across a region of immense volcanic activity, Indonesia has some 400 volcanoes, with at least 70 still active. With approximately 242 million people, Indonesia is considered one of the most populous countries in the world. About half of the population lives on the island of Java, making this island one of the most populous islands in the world. Jakarta, the capital city, is also located on Java.

Even though Indonesia has approximately 300 diverse cultures and dia-

lects, the official language spoken is Indonesian. However, English is frequently used in business. The people are predominantly Muslim, with the minority religious groups being Christian, Hindu, and Buddhist. Indonesia possesses one of the great



wonders of the world the **Borobudur temple**. It was built between the end of the seventh and the beginning of the eighth century A.D. The structure, composed of 55,000 square meters of lava-rock is erected on a hill in the form of a stepped-pyramid of six rectangular stories, three circular terraces and a central stupa (spiritual

monument) forming the summit. The whole structure is in the form of a lotus, the sacred flower of Buddha.

Indonesia is home to the island of Bali which goes by many names. Some call it the 'island of the gods', others Shangri-La. The 'last paradise', the 'dawning of the world' and the 'centre of the universe' are yet more names for this truly beautiful tropical island inhabited by a remarkably artistic people who have created a dynamic society with unique arts and ceremonies.

As you can see, a visit to Indonesia will give you endless possibilities of things, not to mention islands, to see.

Be prepared at our next meeting to answer a question about this article. You could win a great prize from Indonesia.

For more information on Indonesia, go to http://www.indo.com/culture/dance_music.html

DIFFERENT IS GOOD!

Leprechauns, rainbows, and pots of gold abound in the month of March, but these symbols can represent things other than St. Patrick's Day. Rainbows, for example, can also be a symbol of diversity. America is known as the melting pot of the world, because of how many different cultures are represented here. However, if we take a deeper look, we can see that each of us is different, and not just because of our heritage. Our appearance, personality, strengths, and yes, even weaknesses, separate us from everyone else.

This month's workshops will focus on diversity. We will explore how we treat one another based on differences over which we have little to no control. As students, there is pressure to conform to a particular look, behavior, or clique. Becoming a carbon copy of others in a

group can stifle our ability to stand out in the crowd and leave our mark on society as an individual in this world. Feeling comfortable enough to let your true personality, heritage, abilities, etc. shine through can be a difficult point to reach. By imagining a day in the life of someone completely different from oneself, we can bring about understanding. Once we understand and appreciate others' differences, we begin to see they really aren't that different at all. It will also allow us to reach that level of being comfortable in our own skin, which is extraordinary and should be celebrated.

Another step in accepting others and ourselves is to truly look at the kind of person we would like to be in life. Take a look around at the people that influence you (i.e.-parents, teachers, friends, etc.) and figure out what it is

about them you admire so much. These are probably characteristics you would like to see in yourself or else you wouldn't respect them so. Make a list of all these characteristics and see how they compare to your personality now. For example, I had a friend in school who was always humble, honest, and made decisions that took everyone's feelings into consideration. I admired her for those traits and aspired to be that kind of person in life. Since we as individuals cannot step outside of ourselves and see what others see, I make it a mission to regularly evaluate my behavior and remind myself of the person I want to be and how I should be acting towards others.

By respecting ourselves and others, we won't need any rainbows or four leaf clovers for the value of our lives to improve!

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Redlands Community College

Whatever your interest, there's something for you at Redlands Community College! Whether you want to meet new friends, have fun with old friends, study for that big exam, or find the best burger in the country, it's all right here. We invite you to see Redlands for yourself -- COME JOIN US!

Redlands is located in El Reno, Oklahoma, a community of 16,000 residents. El Reno residents enjoy several parks, athletic facilities, entertainment options, and more. Crimson Creek Golf Course and Lake El Reno are located close to campus. El Reno provides small-town atmosphere and charm with the benefits of being close to a large metropolitan area.

With courses offered in areas from accounting to nursing and criminal justice to zoology, Redlands offers courses to meet your every need. You have the

opportunity to earn credits to transfer to a four-year university or to earn a specialized associate's degree and enter the workforce.



As a Redlands student, you will have the opportunity to join any of the more than 20 student organizations on campus. Intramurals provide you with the

opportunity to participate in volleyball, flag football, basketball tournaments, and more.

Redlands Cougar athletes distinguish themselves both on and off of the playing field, competing in the NJCAA Division I and II. RCC offers Men's Baseball, Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball, Women's Golf, and Women's Volleyball.

The first step in beginning your future at Redlands is to complete the Application for Admission. There are two ways to complete your application – complete your application online at www.redlandsc.edu or request an application by calling 405.422.1417 or 866.415.6367 ext. 1417.

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Day!!