From the Director

Welcome back! You are receiving this newsletter because you are a participant of a great program designed to help you explore college options and to ultimately apply both to the college of your choice and Financial Aid needed to afford it. The Educational Talent Search (ETS) team has been gearing up for the 2013-2014 school year. Robert Leatherman, Associate Director and Tia Gehlhausen, Administrative Counselor will continue working at their target schools (see listing later in different Enews section). Last year we welcomed our newest member of the team: Lupe Ochoa. She earned her degree from Heritage University in Toppenish WA. Previously Lupe was a Counseling Service Coordinator with the University of Washington GEAR UP College Knowledge Program. She has extensive experience working with limited-income, farm working and first generation families and is bilingual/bicultural. Since coming on board, Lupe has been working with Talent Search participants in Mt. Adams, Granger, Toppenish, Wapato, and Yakama school districts. Many of you in those schools have met with Lupe and know what a great advisor she is. If you attend one of these schools and have not had the chance to meet with Lupe individually, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

Some of our accomplishments last year included:
- College Visitations to Washington State University/Tri-Cities
- 470 ETS students, 11 different field trips, 5 different post-secondary institutions across Washington State
- ETS Students Mercedes Andrews & Murphy K. Polk Photographed UW campus tour. View photos @ UW ETS website
- College Planning Day Workshops for ETS Juniors
- College Bound Scholarship & Bill Gates Scholars
- Yakama Nation Tribal &Toppenish High School attended the UW annual Powwow & UW Tribal Leadership Summit
- Zulen Pantoja-Ortega and Melina Soto both ETS students received the UW Diversity Scholar Award $10,000 a year for four years

We hope you find this Enews informative. Do give us your feedback! Take advantage of being a part of this program by getting to know your ETS counselor, discuss your plans for after High School, and see how we can help you build your future. Don’t put it off: the best time to meet your ETS advisor is now.

Best regards,
Stephanie Y. Miller
Director, Educational Talent Search Program
Student & Alumni Features:

Talent Search Students Honored at Champions of Diversity Awards Ceremony

University of Washington Educational Talent Search participants Zulen Pantoja-Ortega, Austin Schuetzel and Melina Soto were among the high school students honored at the 2012 Champions of Diversity Awards Ceremony at Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon, Wash., Dec. 5. The awards ceremony is designed to honor students, from grades nine through 12, from Skagit, San Juan and Island County high schools who have contributed to diversity on their campuses and in their communities. Over 100 students were presented with a “Champions” award and selected seniors received scholarships from eight Washington state colleges and universities, and other donors.

Senior Check List for fall (Sept.-Dec. 2013):
- Register for the SAT and/or ACT
- Make sure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admission requirements
- Begin Admissions/Scholarship Applications
- Submit Admission/Scholarship Applications

College Application Deadlines 2013-2014

- University of Washington (Seattle Campus) December 1, 2013
- Washington State University (Pullman Campus) January 31, 2014
- Western Washington University January 31, 2014
- Evergreen State College February 1, 2014 (Priority)
- Eastern Washington University February 15, 2014 (Priority)
- Central Washington University: March 1, 2014 (Priority)

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