



St. Olaf College
TRIO Educational Talent Search

REPORTER

In This Issue

Graduation Photos

- page 2

Senior Transition Event

- page 3

Northeast First Career Fair

- page 3

Class 2024 Post-High School Plans

- page 4, 5, 6

2024 Mentoring Program Wrap-Up

- pages 7

Northeast Middle School Promotion Ceremony

- page 8

Certificates of Excellence

Recipients

- page 8, 9

MN TRIO Pre-College Student Leadership Conference

- page 10

ETS on Social Media

- page 11

A Note from our Director

Juan Telles

It's hard to believe we are at the end of the school year. It has passed incredibly fast, and I am so proud of the ETS scholars' successes this year! I hope you all have an amazing summer, get recharged, and be ready for next year when we will continue exploring career opportunities and college preparation.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our esteemed Seniors, the class of 2024! Your hard work and dedication have paid off - we are all proud of your accomplishments. As a TRIO alumnus, I encourage you to stay connected by joining the National TRIO Alumni Association: <https://coenet.org/for-alumni/>

Plan on hearing from us this summer - we will be contacting you to see how you are doing, answer any questions you may have, and are ready to discuss your future plans. Do not hesitate to contact us over the summer.

We are looking forward to the 2024 - 2025 school year. See you all in the fall!





ETS TRIO Senior Transition Events

By St. Olaf College TRIO ETS Academic Advisors: Anna Schmid, Aztlan Thao, Kali Hickman, and Junior Avalos

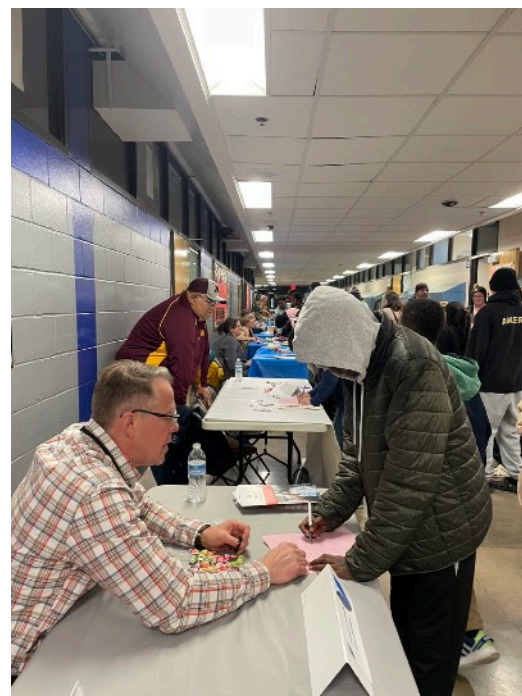
This was the third year TRIO ETS advisors hosted Senior Transition Events for our seniors. In the past we have done a lunch pizza event and a breakfast event. This year, we hosted the Senior Transition Events at Community of Peace Academy, Humboldt High School, and for the first time since COVID-19 at Edison High School. Each school had donuts and other snacks for all the events. The Senior Transition Events are an opportunity for TRIO ETS advisors to celebrate our seniors and their accomplishments. During the breakfast events, students shared their post-secondary plans and their favorite memories with ETS. We are so excited about all their plans this fall and happy to hear that so many students have decided to attend incredible 2-year and 4-year colleges! During the events, students also participated in College Transition workshops where we discussed the unique transition from high school to college. ETS Advisors provided seniors with individualized resources, personal advice, TRIO services at the schools they are attending, financial knowledge, and provided strategies students can use to overcome some of the challenges they might face as college students.

ETS Advisors would like to say a final farewell to all of our seniors. You have all worked hard this year to finish your final year of high school. We are so proud of you! Good luck on your next journey and even though you will be going on to new adventures, we are still here for you should you need anything. Please feel free to contact your ETS Advisor(s) anytime via email or by phone!

Northeast Middle School's First Career Fair with AVID, Counselors, and TRIO ETS

By TRIO ETS Academic Advisor Anna Schmid

This was the first year that TRIO ETS collaborated with Northeast Middle School counselors and AVID staff to host an in-person Career Fair for students and families to explore careers and talk to businesses and employees from around the Twin Cities. We had a pizza dinner in the cafeteria and each student and family that attended brought a dessert to share with everyone. It was so fun to share a full and delicious meal together! We had the opportunity to talk with almost 60 students and their families. Overall, it was a fantastic night with lots of career exploration, learned about the education needed to be in that career, the average pay of people in those careers, and much more. We plan to host career fairs with Northeast Middle School in the coming years and hope to make it a new tradition!



TRIO Educational Talent Search Class of 2024 Post-Secondary Plans

Diana Alonso Carrera

Century College

Sanyia Hudson

Century College

Hsa Mu Lah Soe

Military

Gabriel Barribeau

Norwich University

Jaida Jones

Concordia University

Winner Soe

St. Paul College

Paw Hsa Blut

Unknown

Samo Lay

Metro State University

Mary Vue

Century College

Stephanie Buse

St. Paul College

Cruz Mendoza Ballin

Unknown

Cher Doh Wah

Century College

Keiarra Cannon

Entering the workforce

McCyrach Miller

Unknown

Eh Mu Wah

St. Paul College

Ekin Chang

Unknown

Eh Hser Gay Paw

St. Cloud State University

Cher Der M. Yang

Unknown

Yingkong Chang

University of Minnesota-TC

Tha Lay Paw

Unknown

Cherjay Yang

Unknown

Ta Hsoh Gay

Augsburg University

Nan T Ri

Unknown

Musa Gregory

Unknown

Gay K Thwe Say

Unknown



Edwin Gutierrez

Unknown

Paw T Say

Unknown

Gay Hsee

Unknown

Saw Ku Gay Shu

St. Paul College

Mue Ler Htoo

Unknown

Po Si Si

Augsburg University

Nee Re Htoo

Unknown

Eh Lar Soe

Entering the workforce

You Ler Yer Htoo

Unknown

Eh Yoe Soe

Unknown

TRIO Educational Talent Search Class of 2024 Post-Secondary Plans

Perla Ayala

Century College

Aleem Lamina

St. Thomas University

Keng Yang

University of Minnesota

Rose Bond

Unknown

Oscar Lee

Trade Apprenticeship

Valentine Yang

Concordia University

Enibokun Ero

Concordia University

Tou Ger Lee

University of Minnesota

Eden Her

St. Thomas University

Dawayne Lowery

Waldorf University

Fay Her

University of Minnesota

Jesse Martinez

Entering Workforce

Mai See Her

Normandale Community
College

Ireland Mitchell

Century College

Sam Htoo

Gap Year / Enter Workforce

Sharice Moore

Unknown

Wah Htoo

Military

Kaydence Niedzielski

Unknown

Alex Pearson

Olivet Nazarene University

Christopher Jair Carmona

Unknown

Nadia Vang

Hamline University

Michael Johnson

Enter Workforce

Yasmin Vasquez Reyes

St. Paul College

Trinity Juarez

St. Paul College

Wendy Cruz Villanueva

Unknown

Sahar Karimi

Nashville Community College

Kian Xiong

Gap Year / Entering Workforce

Sahil Karimi

St. Paul College

Sienna Xiong

University of Minnesota



TRIO Educational Talent Search Class of 2024 Post-Secondary Plans

Sahro Ali

Metropolitan State University
National Honor Society Recipient

Amareona Brown

Empire Beauty School

May Carson

North Memorial Hospital EMT Certificate Program
Bilingual Seals or Certificate Recipient

Makarra Edwards

Dunwoody College of Technology

Ismail Hassan

Enter Workforce

Dakota Johnson

University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
Highest Honors Recipient
IB Medallion Recipient
National Honor Society Recipient
Bilingual Seals or Certificate Recipient

Cyrus Jones

St. Olaf College
Honors Recipient

Elijah Jones

St. Olaf College

Liz Martinez

Gap Year/ Enter Workforce

Abdihafid Mohamed

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Honors Recipient
IB Medallion Recipient
Bilingual Seals or Certificate Recipient

Michael Penafiel Landi

Hamline University
Honors Recipient
IB Medallion Recipient
Bilingual Seals or Certificate Recipient

Apollo Sawh

Gap Year/ Enter Workforce
Honors Recipient

Ella Swofford

Aveda Arts & Sciences Institute Minneapolis
Honors Recipient
National Honor Society Recipient

Sakura Williams

Central State University



TRIO ETS 2024 Mentoring Program Wrap-Up and Field Trip Highlights

By TRIO ETS Academic Advisor Anna Schmid

TRIO ETS wrapped up three mentoring programs this year. We had 45 amazing St. Olaf College student mentors working with our Humboldt Middle School and Community of Peace Academy TRIO students. This year, we took our mentor/mentee pairs on three trips: the Science Museum of Minnesota, SkyZone, and to St. Olaf College.



During the last trip, the Humboldt Middle Schoolers and Community of Peace Academy 9th graders got a tour of the St. Olaf campus with their mentors, ate lunch in the cafeteria together, and spent the rest of their day on campus playing games. It was a wonderful way to close out our mentoring program!

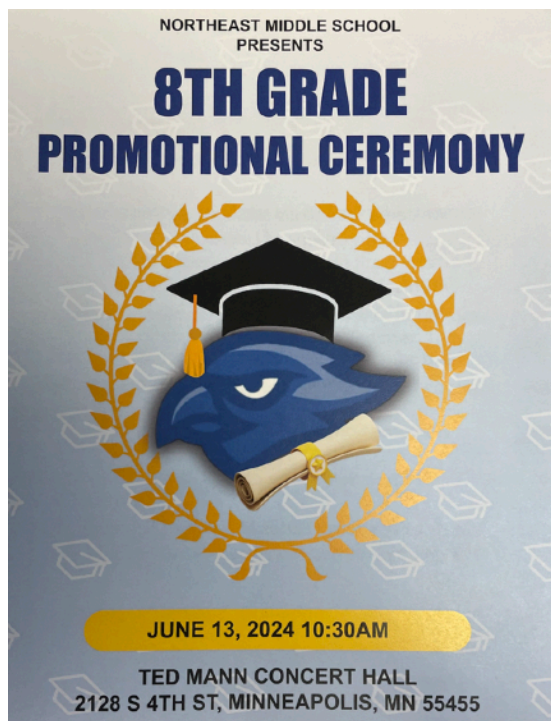
As we wrap up this year, we are already looking forward to the 2024-2025 academic year. We are excited to continue our 30-plus-year tradition of the mentoring program at St. Olaf College, with the active participation of St. Olaf College students. We anticipate another year of impactful mentorship and memorable experiences.

We wish our 2023-2024 St. Olaf TRIO ETS mentors and mentees a great summer and look forward to another incredible year of mentoring program traditions.



Northeast Middle School Class of 2028 Promotion Ceremony

By TRIO ETS Academic Advisor Anna Schmid



Sixteen TRIO ETS 8th graders were promoted to high school; nine of them will be TRIO ETS first-year students at Edison High School. The ceremony consisted of a welcome from Amelious N. Whyte Jr., Ph.D. (Interim Director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of MN), admission information for the University of MN Twin Cities, a song from the Spirit Boy Drum Group, Northeast Middle School Choir, words of wisdom from North High School Class of 2024 valedictorian, and poetry from Northeast Middle School 8th graders.

We wish all our Northeast Middle School 8th graders a wonderful summer and we are so excited to continue working with you all as Tommies! Congratulations, Class of 2028 ETS. You have all worked hard to finish your final year of middle school. We are so proud of you! You can contact your ETS Advisor(s) anytime via email or by phone!

Certificate of Excellence Recipients 2023-2024

Edison High School

Class of 2024

May Carson
Makarra Edwards
Ismail Hassan
Dakota Johnson
Cyrus Jones
Elijah Jones
Liz Martinez
Abdihafid Mohamed
Michael Penafiel Landi
Sakura Williams

Class of 2025

Lainey Lee
Rosa Weinand

Class of 2026

Fadumo Hassan
Reymie Keenan

Class of 2027

Akasha Baldeagle-Colley
Katherine Barrera
Josephine Madonna
Kealani Marcelino
Mila Pilacinski
Diamond Valencia-Wiyaka



Certificate of Excellence Recipients 2023-2024

Humboldt Senior High School

Class of 2024

Diana Alonso Carrera
Gabriel Barribeau
Stephanie Buse
Gay Hsee
Mue Ler Htoo
McCryah Miller
Eh Yoe Soe
Winner Soe
Mary Vue
Cherjay Yang

Class of 2025

Sha Sha Ah
Wan Dee
Maisia K Her
Hser Htoo
Halina Karger
Naw Saw Khtoo
Ree Roh Khu
Neenah Mork
Eh Ler Ree
Ashley Tapia

Class of 2026

Mu Bwae
Amariana Chessier Harrison

Class of 2027

Makailyn Adams-Wilson
Ayan Ahmed
Say Law Eh
New Rose Say
Linda Thao
Avianna Xiong



Community of Peace Academy

Class of 2024

Perla Ayala
Enibokun Ero
Mai See Her
Sahar Karimi
Tou Ger Lee
Dawayne Lowery
Alex Pearson
Nadia Vany
Sienna Xiong
Keng Yang

Class of 2025

Braelynn Bryant
Ashley Camacho
Melissa Chavez Medina
Marcelo Corona
Joshua Her
Mariyah Johnson
Sha Sha Lae
Trinity Moore
Eh Sher Mui
Mong Punwatanaskul

Class of 2026

Elliot Giron
David Her
Alondra Lezama Pascual
Helen Rodriguez
Emiliano Ramirez Regalado
Luis Sanchez Ochoa
Noah Thao
Benjami Thoo
Ty'Jerius Wilson
Caroline Vue

Class of 2027

Jennifer Arias Cisneros
Danya Calderon Villanueva
Lalilta Chang
Ava Goepfert
Genesis Munoz Ortiz
Karina Vue
Alivia Winterbauer



MN TRIO Pre-College Student Leadership Conference Hosted at St. Olaf College by the TRIO ETS Team

By Junior Avalos, Azi Thao, and Juan Telles

This year, the St. Olaf College TRIO ETS Director and Advisors had the pleasure of being a part of the planning committee for the Southern Tier TRIO Day. We were so excited for our students to participate in a fun-filled day of learning, exploring, and networking with over 300 other TRIO students from around the southern part of Minnesota. TRIO consists of 7 different pre-college and college-access programs, working with students as young as 6th grade all the way through graduate school. There were TRIO students from all different pre-college programs who were in various parts of their journey, and it was so great to see the interactions that took place throughout the day.


TRIO Day is an annual event hosted by different TRIO programs on different college campuses each year. It's a unique opportunity for students to come together, meet fellow TRIO students who share common goals, and experience the benefits of being a member of a TRIO Program. The event provides a professional conference atmosphere, allowing students to practice essential life skills such as networking, advocacy, and experiencing education beyond the classroom.

Our TRIO students were welcomed by Northfield City Councilor at Large, Davin Sokup. Council member Sokup is a Northfield, MN resident and an at-large representative for the Northfield City Council, making him the first trans man elected to office in greater Minnesota. Following the welcome, students heard from our keynote speaker, Carlo Franco, St. Paul Public School Board Member, Youth Engagement and Training Manager for the City of Saint Paul, and a St. Olaf College TRIO Educational Talent Search alum.

Students then attended workshops on topics ranging from navigating the college admissions process to developing healthy habits for youth. They also had the chance to attend a college fair with 31 colleges and universities from across Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and North Dakota.






Follow TRIO ETS On All Our Social Media Pages!



Follow Us

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook!

Stay up to date on all the latest TRIO ETS news and events by following us on Instagram and Facebook!

-  **Instagram**
Follow us!
-  **Facebook**
Like our page!
-  **Visit us online!**
sites.google.com



Use your Cell Phone Camera to Scan the QR Code and follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and our Student Google Site!



St. Olaf College
1520 St. Olaf Avenue
Northfield, MN 55057-1098
(507) 786-6241 TOLL FREE: (800) 621-7601
<https://wp.stolaf.edu/ets>

Educational Talent Search (ETS) is a TRIO program funded by the U.S. Department of Education and sponsored by St. Olaf College. The ETS program annually assists 700 middle and high school students as they explore their academic and vocational options and set goals for the future. ETS Academic Advisors, in cooperation with school counselors and teachers, provide college preparatory services through workshops, classroom activities, and group and individual counseling sessions. St. Olaf College Educational Talent Search works at the following five schools: St. Paul Community of Peace Academy, St. Paul Humboldt High School, Minneapolis Northeast Middle School, Minneapolis Washburn High School, and Minneapolis Edison High School.

ETS STAFF

Juan Telles, Director

Joe Barthel, Administrative Assistant

Junior Avalos, Academic Advisor

Kali Hickman, Academic Advisor

Anna Schmid, Senior Academic

Advisor

Azlian Thao, Academic Advisor

Layout/Design

Juan Telles, Director

