



San Juan College

Super Star Chronicles

Educational Talent Search January 2005

It is always enlightening to find out how the Talent Search Program has made a difference in people's lives. In this newsletter we are featuring Vanessa Herrera of Bloomfield High School in Bloomfield, New Mexico. I hope it encourages you as it did us. Talk to us sometime about how we have helped your career and college plans and we may feature your story.

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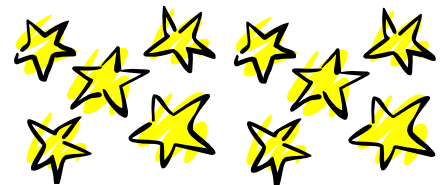


New Office

Our main office has been moved and as of December 13 we are in newly remodeled offices. We are now located in room 1414 by the Little Theater. This brightly colored space is shared with our sister TRIO program, the EDGE. Come by and see our new area.



Feature Student Story



Vanessa Herrera

Vanessa is an 18 year old Senior at Bloomfield High School. She has been a member of the Talent Search program since she was a sophomore. Vanessa lives in Bloomfield with her aunt. She has two brothers, one older and the other younger, and three younger sisters.

This fall, Vanessa plans to attend New Mexico Junior College located in Hobbs or the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She would like to study nursing and cosmetology. These careers fit right along with her favorite subjects, science and art. Vanessa is excited about starting college and eventually getting to work in a hospital. And with any life change, she has her fears about college.

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Spring ACT Test Dates

- April 9 @ AHS, KCHS, SHS and SJC
registration deadline 03/04/05
- June 11 @ SJC only
registration deadline 05/06/05

See your TS advisor or HS Counselor for application and test prep information.

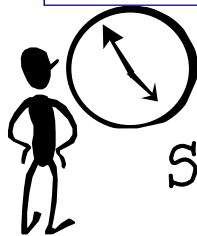
Congratulations
to Sydney Palmer

Sydney, who is a Talent Search participant, won the CCSD Spelling Bee on January 20th. She is an 8th grader at Kirtland Middle School. Twenty-nine elementary and middle school students from the district competed for this honor.



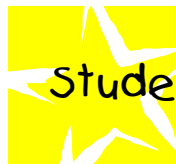
From left: Sydney Palmer and Bubba Hosman

Dave Watson
The Daily Times



Coming in March !! San Juan College's College Night

Ask your advisor for more information.



Student Story Cont.

We asked Vanessa the following questions about Talent Search, her future and her advice for others.

Where would you like to be (in life) ten years from now? I would like to have a career in nursing and be living on my own somewhere in southern Texas.

What challenges in life have you had to overcome? Living with my aunt and her family and not growing up in a "normal" family setting. Also being separated from my siblings and always missing them.

What is your advice to you have for kids who feel that they are not smart enough for college? You go to school to learn and become smarter than you were before, so you don't have to be a genius to go to college.

How has the TS program helped you? The self-evaluations helped a lot in getting to know more about myself. They have also helped me in finding scholarships and visiting colleges.

Real courage is when you know you're licked before you begin, but you begin anyway.

Harper Lee

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