

## WELCOME BACK

### TALENT SEARCH SUCCESS STORY

*Perhaps you're wondering what benefit the Talent Search Program can have for you. This is one person's story. This could be you. Enjoy!*

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My father and mother were migrant farm workers who followed the harvests of tomato, onion, garlic, broccoli, and everything else green, up and down California beginning in the late 1960s. My father's message to me, his eldest son, was

simple but on continuous playback: *education is the only way!* And thus I never missed school, nor was I allowed to, regardless of any physiological (in me) or meteorological (out there) condition. Upon entering high school, gangs and drugs began to appeal to me. Graduation was no longer a priority. Learning became secondary, and my future lacked the suggestiveness which it held in my parents' minds.

Then fate intervened in the form of San Jose State University's Talent Search Program. The program's college advisor, Carolina Lujan, would travel more than 100 miles on a regular basis to our high school, call a few of us out of class, and talk to us about a virgin concept to most of us: attending a university! I had heard about joining the Army time and again; about going to the Navy or to the local community college, but never before about going to an actual university for four years and receiving a degree in something specific. I resisted the idea, as did most of my teachers, who saw in me little potential for higher learning; these individuals promoted the idea of joining the military or starting off "easy" I.e., starting in community college. Carolina persisted, however, and instilled in me the belief that I could, if I tried a little harder, go to college and do what only parents that I could.

I arrived at San Jose State University in the fall of 1994. Two years later I became part of the first cohort of a new TRIO program: the Ronald E. McNair Program. The lessons learned from my McNair Scholars experience became invaluable. Five years later, I am on my way back to San Jose State, no longer a student. I am returning as an Assistant Professor of Philosophy. I go back not from a lack of options (I had many), but from a sense of responsibility to the community that nurtured my growth and ambitions.

Although my philosophical work centers on social and political issues, my personal ideals are shaped by a deeply-rooted sense of responsibility that calls me to give back to the programs that paved my way; thus, I plan never to divorce my professional work from my personal ideals, and to always keep TRIO in my sights.



### HOW TO APPLY TO THE EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH

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| Once we receive a referral:   | for approval  | 5. Once a student is accepted,  |
| 1. We meet with the student and talk to them about our program and give them an application | 3. If a student is accepted they will receive an acceptance letter in the mail                              | they will meet individually with their advisor.   |
| 2. Once we receive the completed application it is given to the program director            | 4. If a student does not meet the criteria they will receive a letter explaining why they were not accepted | 6. They will sign a participant contract, receive information, and have their picture taken |
|   |   | 7. Now they can begin attending meetings and activities                                     |

We enroll students through referrals from teachers and staff. We currently have openings for new participants. If you know of a student who would benefit from our program please call myself or one of the advisors indicated above.

## Fall Events

### September

- Individual Advising
- Back to School tips
- Parent Night
- Welcome back meeting

### October

- Workshops on one of the following - goal setting, problem solving, time management, ACT prep
- 6th - 8th Red Eagle Ropes Course
- 9th - 12th College Visits

### November

- Career and Aptitude Testing
- Choosing a college major
- Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator - 12th only

### December

- Workshops on one of the following: test taking, stress management, Financial Aid (12th only)

### Program Services

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Advising</li> <li>• Career and Aptitude Assessments</li> <li>• Workshops addressing issues such as: study &amp; test taking skills, stress and time management, goal setting, problem solving, academic honesty, and communication.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College Campus visits</li> <li>• Other field trips</li> <li>• ACT Prep</li> <li>• Financial Aid advising</li> <li>• College Admissions information</li> <li>• College Placement Testing</li> </ul> |
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### Talent Search Goal

To increase the number of low income and first generation students who enroll in some type of post secondary education.

Including:

- Four year public or private
- Two year public or private
- Vocational or Technical
- Military Academy

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## TRIO ALUM

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A.C. Green, SSS, Oregon State University, NBA Basketball player</li> <li>• Angela Bassett, UB, St. Petersburg Jr. College, Actress</li> <li>• Bertice Berry (Beatrice on some lists), UB, Univ. of Delaware, Actress</li> <li>• John Quinones, UB, St. Mary's Univ., Correspondent for ABC News "20/20"</li> <li>• Viola Davis, UB, SSS, Rhode Island College, Actress</li> <li>• Wil Haygood, UB, Ohio Dominican College, Author &amp; Journalist</li> <li>• Oprah Winfrey, Talk Show Host</li> <li>• Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, music producers</li> <li>• Henry Bonilla, US Congress, Texas</li> <li>• Franklin Chang-Diaz, the first Hispanic astronaut</li> <li>• Bernard Harris, McNair, TX Tech, first</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African-American astronaut</li> <li>• Joe Rogers, Lt. Gov. of Colorado, running for US Congress</li> <li>• Reverend James L. Nadau, S.T.I., Roman Catholic Priest, UB, Bowdoin College</li> <li>• Barbara Harmon-Sachamberger, WV's 1st female Rhodes Scholar, UB, Salem-Teikyo University</li> <li>• Raul Vasquez, UB, Laredo Jr. College, Univ. of Houston,</li> <li>• Judge Belinda Reyes, UB, Bee Co. College, Univ. of Texas, Ph.D.</li> <li>• Victor O. Lujan, TS, New Mexico Highlands Univ., Executive Director of the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos, Inc.</li> <li>• Patrick O. Jefferson, UB, Grambling State Univ., Director, Dillard University's Honor's Program</li> </ul> |
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