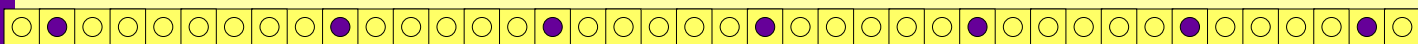


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Talent Search



From the Director: Jacquie Boyer

I have been involved with public education for 25 years in southern Arizona; starting as a teacher and ending in district administration. It has been a very rewarding career and I believe I was very fortunate in my choice to become an educator. As TRiO Director at SJC, my career in education happily continues, although I'm wearing a different "hat". Educational Talent Search will play a stronger role than ever before in helping students stay in school, progress from grade to grade and graduate with the skills needed to pursue post secondary educational opportunities. I look forward to working with all of you to meet the challenges we have and will continue to have each year.

Jacqueline Boyer

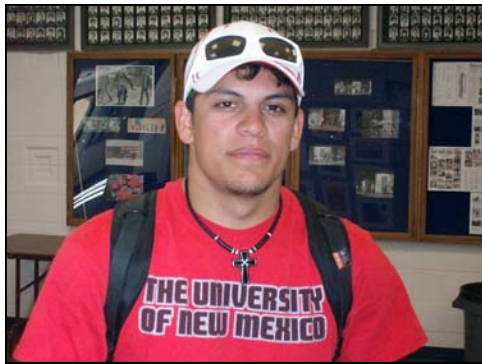


Welcome Yolanda!

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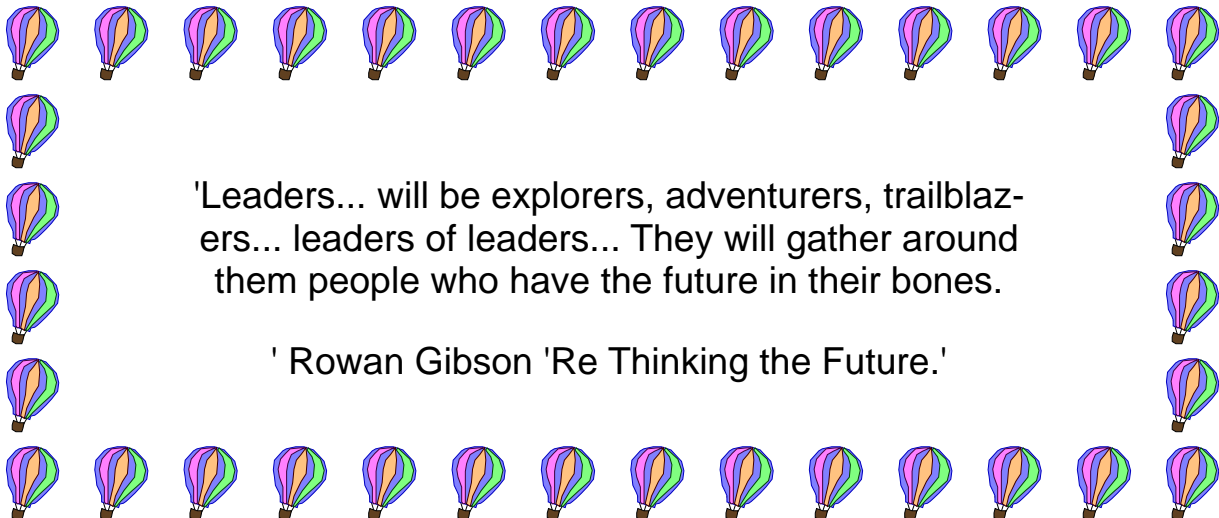
Success!!

Way to Go Seth!

Seth Mason is a senior participant in the Educational Talent Search Program. He has been in the program since he was a freshman in high school. Seth has been a very active participant and has taken advantage all the services that ETS offers. He credits the program for improving his communication skills and expanding his ability to access necessary financial aid to pay for his college education. He attended the first FAFSA session at the beginning of the year and felt that the presentation provided him with the necessary information he needed to complete the FAFSA. Seth also places a lot of value on the yearly career assessments that students complete in the program. He says the career information has directly influenced his decision on which major to pursue while attending college. He has been accepted to UNM and plans on majoring in political science and religion. Seth believes he has a good chance of getting most of his college paid for through the FAFSA, the Collegiate Sports Association Scholarship and Venture Scholarship: Program of Higher Education. The Venture Scholarship is a scholarship that renews any existing scholarships a student has from year to year and is given to exceptional students. In addition to providing funding, The Collegiate Sports Association Scholarship passes on student sports statistics to other schools, which opens the doors to other scholarships. He hopes to go out for track and football at UNM.

A main emphasis of Educational Talent Search is to encourage students to stay involved in school clubs and sports. Seth has done a great job at staying involved while in high school. He is part of the You Matter Program. You Matter is a program that requires students to take an oath that they will not use drugs, alcohol or partake in sexual promiscuity. He stands out among his peers for taking such a stance and sets a positive example. He is also a part of student government and intends on continuing that role at UNM.

Seth would like for students and staff to know that he has 3.0 GPA and has accomplished all of these things. He says, *“Many people are under the impression that you have to be perfect and have a 4.0 to accomplish all your goals. Students don't have to have perfect grades to go to college and have it paid through financial aid and scholarships.”*



'Leaders... will be explorers, adventurers, trailblazers... leaders of leaders... They will gather around them people who have the future in their bones.

' Rowan Gibson 'Re Thinking the Future.'

