ETS SUMMER ACADEMY A BIG HIT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

A large group of students and parents crowded into a room on May 27, 2014 at the University of Northern Iowa Center for Urban Education (UNI-CUE). They were at the UNI-CUE to attend an orientation meeting to get information about the upcoming ETS Summer Academy. By the end of the meeting, 43 middle and high school students were enrolled in the summer program, which was scheduled to kick off on June 16th.

The Summer Academy is a four-week program that provides program participants with courses in art, reading, writing, and Spanish. During the 2014 Academy, in addition to academic classes and activities, students went on a number of field trips. Students visited the UNI campus in Cedar Falls each week to participate in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) classes. During these classes, which were held at the Center for Energy and Environment Education, students built solar cars and wind turbines. On another field trip to UNI, students participated in a treasure hunt at Rod Library. Lunch during the final field trip, which was taken at the end of the summer program, students visited the National Mississippi River Museum in Dubuque, Iowa.

As the Academy was nearing the end, some students commented on the program. Aryn Moon said, "I like the program, and I met a lot of new people." LaMyia Holmes agreed: "I enjoyed the program because it taught me a lot about thinking about my future." Kelondis Johnson commented that he "would not change anything about the program. I especially enjoyed the field trips." And Justice Fox said, "I really like the writing class because I've got to do a lot of writing." Cliff Coney, ETS Site Supervisor, said, "I think we will have some repeat students next year."

What is Educational Talent Search?

Educational Talent Search (ETS) is a FREE program that helps students prepare for and acquire a college education. All students who attend one of the Waterloo Community School District's middle or high school (Bunger, Central, Hoover, George Washington Carver Academy, East, Expo or West) are eligible to apply.

Services offered through the Educational Talent Search Program:

- Study Skills Workshops
- High School Course Selection
- Completion of Admissions Applications and waiver of application fees
- ACT/SAT Prep
- ACT/SAT fee waivers
- Assistance with Applying for Financial Aid
- College Tours and Cultural Fieldtrips
- Career Planning
- Career Exploration/Job Shadowing
- GED Information
- Tutoring
- Secondary School Reentry
- Scholarship Searches
- Financial and Economic Literacy

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Every Tuesday and Thursday there are tutoring sessions for High School students. For East High School they are in room 310 from 2:45-4:35 pm, for West High School they are in room 110 from 2:45-4:35 pm, and they are also held at UNI-CUE from 5:00-7:50 pm.

There are also ACT/SAT Prep Sessions that are held at UNI-CUE every Monday and Tuesday from 4:30-6:00 pm and Thursday from 4:00-5:30 pm and from 5:30-7:00 pm. Registration is limited to seven students per session. To enroll in one of these Prep Sessions, call Gloria Gallo-way at 319-433-1225.
Easy College Scholarships

Iowa Scholarship Resources
Iowa College Access Network – www.ICANsucceed.org
Iowa College Aid Commission - www.iowacollegeaid.gov
I Have A Plan Iowa : www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov
I Have a Plan Iowa Scholarship Finder: https://secure.ihaveaplaniowa.gov/Financial_Aid_Planning/Scholarships/Scholarships.aspx

National Scholarship Resources
www.finaid.org
www.fastweb.com
www.scholarships.com
www.schoolsoup.com
www.uncf.org (United Negro College Fund)
www.hsf.net (Hispanic Scholarship Fund)

See your Talent Search Counselor today to apply!

MEET THE STAFF:

- Tony Stevens, Program Director
  Assigned School:
  George Washington Carver Academy
- Ruthie Stigler, Program Secretary
- Cliff Coney, Senior Counselor
  Assigned Schools:
  Bunker Middle
  East High 11th-12th
- Lori Dale, Recruiter Advisor
  Assigned Schools:
  East High 9th-10th
  West High 9th-10th
- Melissa Tate, Recruiter Advisor
  Assigned Schools:
  West High 11th-12th
  Hoover Middle
- Monica Bass, Recruiter Advisor
  Assigned Schools:
  Central Middle
  Expo High

Questions to Ask on a Campus Visit
What activities and services are available to help students get settled (academically and socially) during their first year?
How big are the classes?
(Ask students) How easy is it to meet with faculty?
(Ask students) Are you able to register for the classes you want?
What is the total cost of attending the college?
What types of financial aid does the college offer and how do I apply?
Are all freshmen assigned to an academic advisor?
Where do most freshmen live?
What activities are available for students?
Who teaches the courses for first-year students?
How successful are the college's graduates in finding jobs?
What services (such as transportation and shopping) are available locally?
What is there to do on weekends? Do most students stay or leave campus on weekends?

After the visit reflect on your impressions
1. Were the people you met friendly? Did they answer your questions fully and candidly?
2. What do you think of the quality of instruction and the academic atmosphere?
3. Were the students the kind of people you'd like to get to know?
4. Did you like the social atmosphere?
5. Would you like to spend more time there?

Records Release Forms
If your student has not turned in a 2014-2015 Records Release Form, please contact an ETS counselor at their school, call our office at 433-1240 and we will mail one to you, or go to our website (www.uni.edu/eop/educational-talent-search/program-forms) and then mail the completed form to 800 Sycamore St., Waterloo, IA 50701, or fax it to us at 433-0660.
CONSIDER THESE CAREERS IN DIAGNOSTIC HEALTH CARE

Did you know not all careers in health care require four years or more to complete. There are a number of careers that require three years or less of educational training. Here are some of these areas under diagnostic services and a brief description of them.

CYTOTECHNOLOGIST - cytotechnologists (CT) are laboratory specialists responsible for examining human cell samples under the microscope for the early stages of cancer and other diseases.

ELECTROCARDIOGRAPH TECHNICIAN - (ECG) The ECG Technician operates an electrocardiograph, an instrument that helps diagnose heart disease by monitoring the actions of the patient’s heart muscle.

HISTOTECHNICIAN – Working closely with the pathologist, the histotechnician processes the tissue biopsies removed during surgery. The tissue is cut into very thin slices, mounted on slides and stained with special dyes to make cells details visible under the microscope.

MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN (MLT) – Working under the supervision of a Medical Technologist, a Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) performs routine tests in all areas of the clinical laboratory. They search for basic clues to the absence, presence, extent, and causes of diseases.

RADIOGRAPHER (RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS) - individuals who operate radiographic equipment are called radiologic technologists or radiographers. They assist radiologists (physicians specializing in the interpretation of radiographs) in using ionizing radiation for diagnosis and treatment of disease.

For information about job shadowing opportunities contact your Talent Search Advisor or Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Human Resources at 319-272-7322. For information about the School of Radiology contact Kris Messner at 319-272-7126.
One of the first things I think young people, especially nowadays, should learn is how to see for yourself and listen for yourself and think for yourself. Then you can come to an intelligent decision for yourself. If you form the habit of going by what you hear others say about someone, or going by what others think about someone, instead of searching that thing out for yourself and seeing for yourself, you will be walking west when you think you're going east, and you will be walking east when you think you're going west.

This generation, especially of our people, has a burden, more so than any other time in history. The most important thing that we can learn to do today is to think for ourselves.

~ Malcolm X 1964 ~