Fall Review and Spring Preview

s Fall has come to a close and winter is now upon us, we can truly say that we had a great start to a new year with ETS. Here is our Fall in Review: we took an overnight college visit trip and toured the campuses of Murray State University and Western Kentucky University. We have also taken one day college tours to Northern Kentucky University and Georgetown College. At all of our campus tours we were able to get a glimpse of college life by meeting students, visiting classes and experiencing campus food! As a cultural aspect we bravely walked the pathways at Mammoth Cave. We have had three Family Nights that included themes of "Harvesting our Resources", "The Twelve Gifts of Education" and "Financial Aid Night". In addition to all of these activities, we have trained our first group of Student Ambassadors and we have held two ACT Prep Workshops. We think it is fair to say that we have been busy making sure our ETS participants are informed and prepared!

As the year continues, we plan to "Spring" forward into success with more family nights, ACT Prep workshops, and college visits. We have also begun our preparation for our high school Spring Break Trip. This year we are headed off to the Windy City of Chicago and we have many exciting and life-changing activities planned. Remember that the Spring Break Trip is by invitation only. To be invited, ETS students must have at least a 2.5 GPA and be in good standing with the program. Invitations will be coming out by the end of February.

As the first trimester has come to a close, if you find that your grades are not where they should be please feel free to speak with your ETS Advisor and your teachers about resources that may be of help to you. At ETS, our goal is to make sure that you are achieving at a level that will prepare you for the college process and we will do everything in our power to partner WITH you to make that happen. We hope you have a great second trimester.





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serves 680 middle and high school students from Clark, Fayette, and Scott counties through funding from the US Department of Education. Our purpose is to help our participants:

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Registered Nurse

egistered nurses (RNs) provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and the public about various health conditions, and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their family members. A typical RN can record patients' medical histories and symptoms, give patients medicines and treatments, set up plans for patients' care or contribute to existing plans, consult with doctors and other healthcare professionals, operate and monitor medical equipment, help perform diagnostic tests and analyze results, teach patients and their families how to manage their illnesses or injuries as well as explain what to do at home after treatment

To become an RN, you must attain either a Bachelor's of Nursing, an Associate's degree in Nursing or a diploma from an approved nursing program. Upon graduation, you must take a state or national test to receive your license. In addition, all programs will include supervised clinical experience in hospital departments such as pediatrics, psychiatry, maternity, and surgery.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the median annual wage was \$64,090 in May 2010. Employment of registered nurses is expected to grow 26 percent from 2010 to 2020 which is faster than the average for all occupations mainly due to technological advancements, allowing a greater number of health problems to be treated as well an increased emphasis on preventive care.

If you are interested in becoming registered nurse, you can go to the American Nurses Association website for more information at www.nursingworld.org.

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Meet our Student Ambassadors

We are happy to announce the first students to become ETS Student Ambassadors:

> Tenise Brown Danea Cloyd Lela Eggen Mikaili Gore Brandi Green

Chassity Hatfield Josh Price Camree Richard Jamin Waite

As a student Ambassador, they are making a commitment to be a role model and a leader in their school and their community.

oing to college presents a unique opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge that will allow you to gain employment and become more financially secure during your lifetime. However as the average cost of college continues to rise to over \$7,000 per year, the dream of attending college is threatening to become more of a fairy tale than a reality... or is it?

Many students and their families find the solution to their college financial needs in the form of student loans. For many, the mere mention of taking out a loan for school is enough to make them cringe; however before totally disregarding the idea, consider the facts about student loans.

Fact 1: A student loan is money that can be borrowed from the government, a school, or a bank.

Fact 2: All loans must be repaid.

Fact 3: All student loans are not created equal. There are many types of loans out there and depending upon where you get the loan, the terms, interest rates, and payment options may vary. No matter the loan source, be sure to look for the lowest possible interest rates, determine if an interest rate is variable or fixed, and check the fine print for hidden fees and charges.

Fact 4: Applying for student loans offered from the government is your safest bet. Student loan programs such as the Federal Perkins and Stafford loans offer undergraduate students up to \$14,000 per year for college. They also offer low interest rates and repayment grace periods of up to six months until after you have left school or graduated.

Fact 5: If you are thinking of using a federal loan to cover the cost of college you must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA). Students wishing to apply for any form of government aid must complete and submit the online form prior to beginning classes at the college or university of their choice. Seniors, if you have not already completed the FASFA, please do it immediately! Every second that you wait may mean hundreds of dollars lost towards your college education. For more information please visit www.fasfa.ed.gov.

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orehead State University was founded in 1887 as Morehead Normal School and later became Morehead State University in 1966. Morehead State University is a coed institution of

nearly 10,000 students from 106 Kentucky counties, 42 states and 35 nations. MSU sits in the hills of Eastern Kentucky and encompasses over 50 buildings on a nearly 500 acre campus within Morehead city limits. Outside of Morehead, MSU acquired 320-acres for their Derrickson Agricultural Complex and Eagle Trace, a par-72, 6,902-yard public golf course.

Morehead State University offers 143 undergraduate degree programs, including 12 associate level degrees and 131 baccalaureate degrees in four colleges — Caudill College of Arts. Humanities and Social Sciences; College of Business and Public Affairs; College of Education; and College of Science and Technology. Morehead State University is also the first University to offer their MBA program online and has a space tracking system in partnership with NASA. MSU is among five institutions in the U.S. with a bachelor's degree in space science. MSU also offers more than 100 clubs and organizations including several Greek organizations, Student Government Association, Student Programming Board as well as visual, performing and intramural

The current tuition for MSU is \$3,642 for full-time students. The cost of room and board starts at \$1,835 for housing and \$1,030 for meal plans. To apply, students should submit the admissions application and an application fee of \$30.00, send an official high school transcript, and request that an official copy of their ACT or SAT scores be sent to MSU. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at 1.800.585.6781 or go online at www.morehead.edu.

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Morehead, Kentucky

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here are three distinct types of nurses:
Licensed Practical nurse (LPN), a Registered
Nurse (RN) or an Advanced Practice
Registered Nurse (APRN). LPNs typically have
eighteen months to two years of training in anatomy
and physiology, medications, and practical patient
care. In addition, LPNs must pass a state or national
boards test and renew their license periodically. An
LPN can perform simple as well as some complex
medical procedures under the supervision of a
registered nurse or a physician. These can include
administering medications with the exception of IV
push medications, perform measurements, keep
records, perform CPR, maintain sterile and isolation
conditions, and administer basic care.

Registered Nurses (RNs) are professional nurses who will often supervise the tasks performed by LPNs, orderlies, and nursing assistants. They can also provide direct care and make decisions regarding the care for healthy, ill, and injured people. In terms of education an RN typically has a diploma, associate degree, bachelor's degree, or master's degree in nursing at entry level. Once they pass a state board examination, they are granted the title registered nurse. However, RNs usually have many hours of clinical experience before graduating.

Advanced Practice Nurses (APRNs) are registered nurses with advanced education, knowledge, skills, and scope of practice. APRNs will have a master's or doctoral degree in nursing and may also take exam to receive additional certifications. In addition, they have requirements for continuing education hours and must re-take an exam periodically to keep their license. APRNs may function as a certified nurse midwife (CNM), nurse practitioner (NP), clinical nurse specialist (CNS) or certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA). AN APRN typically performs primary health care, provides mental health services, diagnose and prescribe, carry out research, and educate the public and other professionals. According to the US Department of Labor, the demand for nurses has continued to rise and is expected to increase over the next several years.

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Upcoming Events

Bluegrass

ACT Test Prep 2/02

TRiO Day/College Spotlight 2/23
Morehead State University

Family Night 3/12
Clark County

Spring Break 4/01

Chicago, IL 4/04

Family Night/Senior Celebration 5/21

Middle School Camp 6/13

UK Campus 6/20

Excellent Student Celebration June 2013

Parent's

Dear ETS Parents,

Happy New Year! It certainly feels like 2012 flew by and now, in 2013, though it sounds like a futuristic sci-fi movie title, we look forward to a great year with your students! We still have many events planned and hope that you and your student will take advantage of them!



January and February to us always signals the coming deadlines for our seniors to be thinking about the Free Application For Federal Student Aid applications (FAFSA) and looking towards college and scholarships. Keeping track of all that is required of them as they apply can seem like a full time job and, granted, it is time consuming! It is a very hectic time for seniors and for you who try to support and assist them in this process. You can help your senior by helping them keep their school information organized and to stay on top of any deadlines! Many deadlines for scholarships and grants are coming up so, to take advantage of these financial opportunities your student must have their material in by the closing dates! We are here to help if you have questions or concerns.

Are YOU thinking about going back to school? Educational Talent Search has an adult component for those of you who are thinking about furthering your education. We can help you navigate the path to continue your educational goals. Applications for college and scholarships for many schools are in our office as well as information and assistance to help you realize your dream of getting a degree or certificate. It's a good year to get started! Just call and make an appointment to see Carol Elrod!

We wish you the best in 2013 and look forward to seeing you again at one of our ETS Family Nights or other events!

Stav warm!

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Carol Elrod, Director

