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SUMMER IS ON THE WAY

Talent Search blew up north to Chicago, the Windy City, to kick off a spring filled with activity. A dedicated, hardworking group of 24 high school students, chosen from an outstanding pool of applicants, experienced a trip that took them from the top of the Chicago skyline to the bottom of the ocean, and all points between. In addition to sightseeing at the Willis Tower Sky Deck and a trip to Navy Pier that included “The Last Reef” IMAX show, we had a chance to tour the city’s neighborhoods, including Lincoln Park, the Magnificent Mile, Greek Town and China Town.

The tours weren’t only visual, but culinary as well. We ate everything from traditional Chicago-style deep dish pizza, to Greek gyros with tzatziki sauce, to a family-style Chinese dinner. We also had the chance to sample the fare at Hanover College and the University of Chicago, two academically competitive colleges with very different atmospheres. It was an important look at the differences in environment, lifestyle, and opportunities presented at a small, private college and a large, urban university.

No Talent Search trip would be complete without the opportunity to serve the community, and our students did that with aplomb at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Serving many of Chicago’s food banks, the Depository’s warehouses are the distribution centers for greater Cook County. During our three hours there, we measured, repackaged, and prepared for shipping more than 1,000 pounds of Corn Flakes – no small task for any group. Our students showed heart, soul, and a great attitude for the entire trip – and we are so proud to have taken such an accomplished group.

Speaking of accomplishments, the annual Senior Celebration and Family Night honored our upcoming high school graduates and our 2012-2013 Student Ambassadors with a catered dinner from Fazoli’s and some special treats for the honorees. Thanks to all of our students and their families who helped us celebrate some of our outstanding program participants. We are excited for the success that awaits you in college!

Next up is Talent Search’s annual Middle School camp for 7th and 8th graders. Our theme this year is “The Spirit of Adventure,” and adventure we will have! Tentative activities include a college scavenger hunt, visits to the North American Racing Academy, the Life Adventure Center, and Raven Run Nature Sanctuary, along with a great hibachi dinner at Yamamoto Japanese restaurant – a perennial favorite.

We would like to thank all of our families and students for their support and participation in our 2012-2013 events. Our program is a success because you stay involved! Look for the 2013-2014 calendar of events to come out in late August as school visits begin again. We wish you a fun and safe summer vacation!



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BCTC Talent Search 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:

- ◆ Excel in school
- ◆ Develop awareness of potential careers
- ◆ Experience positive cultural activities
- ◆ Understand and pursue postsecondary educational opportunities

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SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for summer opportunities? Lexington Fayette-Urban County Government has wonderful opportunities for youth to participate in. Check out our [website](#) to see some of these opportunities.

Dear ETS Families:

Is your student college material? If they are in Talent Search, then of course they are! We believe in them and you believe in them, but do they believe in themselves? If you're not sure of your student's perception of their academic ability or whether they think they're right for college, then this summer is a great time to begin that conversation. Let them know that you'll be encouraging them, the staff at Talent Search will be encouraging them as well as their school counselors and teachers. It won't be an easy road for many, but it can be done with a little elbow grease and determination. They certainly can do it!

Your student believing in their ability to go to college can sometimes start by spending some time on a college campus. As you can this summer, have your student set their sights on one or two colleges that they'd like to visit. Have them call and set up appointments with the Admissions office at that college for a tour and talk. This in no way locks them into going to that school. What they should be looking for when they visit a campus is:

- Whether they like the look and feel of the campus.
- What they like about the campus.
- What they don't like.
- Whether or not they see themselves living on the campus. Look at the residence halls.
- What the students are like? If possible try to engage one or two in conversation about the college.
- What activities are going on, if any?
- What are the student groups? The extracurricular activities?
- Eat in the cafeteria on campus.

When your student applies to college, it's not just about the college looking to accept your student, but it's equally important that the student accept the college. If your student likes the feel of a college campus, this is a great sign that this school may be a good fit for them. This also means that they are strengthening their belief that they should be in college. Your discussions with them will be so important as they sort through all the information and choices facing them about colleges. Remember, we are only a phone call away this summer!

Visiting colleges is only one part of the college application process, but it's an important part of the process. We begin taking our Talent Search students to different colleges as soon as they begin in our program. We believe that it's never too early, or too late, to begin looking at colleges and having students envision living and learning there.

If you or your student need ideas on how to get started looking at colleges, don't hesitate to contact our office! We can help you!

We wish you all a safe and adventurous summer. We'll see you in the fall!

Director, Educational Talent Search

Cardiovascular Technologists use imaging technology to help physicians diagnose heart and blood vessel ailments in patients, such as blood clots. They may also prepare patients for procedures by taking their medical history and answering their questions, prepare and maintain imaging equipment, perform noninvasive procedures, analyze the images to check for quality and to ensure adequate coverage of the area being diagnosed, recognize the difference between normal and abnormal images, discuss image results with the physician, help physicians during invasive procedures and record findings and track patient records.

In order to become a cardiovascular technologist an associate's degree is typically needed, though some colleges and universities offer a four year degree. The typical coursework includes either invasive or noninvasive cardiovascular or vascular technology, a clinical component in which students earn credit while working

under a more experienced technologist in a hospital, physician's office, or imaging laboratory, radiologic technology and maybe even some nursing coursework.

As for salary, a cardiovascular technologist can expect to earn an average of \$49,000 annually. The expected growth rate for this career field is expected to grow 29 percent which is faster than average. The reason is the jobs in the medical field are in high demand due to advances in technology. Also, with baby boomers living and remaining active longer the need for cardiovascular technologists to diagnose heart medical conditions with imaging technology is likely to grow. For more information, please visit the Bureau for Labor Statistics website at www.bls.gov.



Begin Paying for College Now

Giving your child or loved one the gift of a college education may be one of the most important gifts you can give. Education is a gift that lasts a lifetime and can open doors to future economic success. Statistics show that median earnings (income) for a worker with a bachelor's degree were 74 percent higher than median earnings for a worker with a high school diploma alone. Over a lifetime working career, the difference can total upwards of \$800,000. It's exciting to think that we could provide that kind of foundation for our children's future. But the reality is, for most families, saving enough to pay for the costs of higher education can seem overwhelming. However, with good planning, funding a college education can be easier to achieve than you might think.

Believe it or not, Kentucky has options for students and parents to begin preparing in advance for the costs of a college education. Students can earn money beginning in high school by keeping their GPA at a 2.5 or higher through the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). And parents can begin savings plans for children as young as toddlers through the Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust.

The Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust (KESPT) can help you put a child's college education within reach if you start early,

contribute regularly, and ask for help. The KESPT is a 529 plan that not only allows parents to save toward college but to benefit from tax advantages that are built into it as well. Here are some of the other benefits:

Anyone May Open an Account

Parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who are U.S. citizens or resident aliens and at least 18 years of age may open an account and contribute to KESPT on behalf of a beneficiary. Kentucky state residency is not required. However, investors residing outside of Kentucky should consider their own state's plan first as it may have tax advantages that are only available through that state's plan.

Funds Can be Used at Eligible Schools Nationwide

Whether your beneficiary decides to go to a private or public college or university, in-state or out-of-state, trade or graduate school, funds in the account may be used at any eligible higher educational institution in the nation and many abroad.

Funds Can be Used for a Variety of Qualified Expenses

Funds can be used for tuition, mandatory fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for enrollment or attendance; certain room and board costs, certain expenses for "special needs" students. For more information about KESPT or KEES please visit www.Kheaa.com

CARDIOVASCULAR TECHNOLOGIST

COLLEGE PROFILE

Midway College is a private, non-profit liberal arts college founded in 1847 by Dr. Lewis L. Pinkerton as the first school in the United States to serve orphaned and disadvantaged women. Through the years the school evolved and became Pinkerton High School, Midway Junior College, and finally Midway College.

Midway College currently offers educational opportunities for men and women with 24 majors in 5 academic departments – arts & humanities, business, equine, nursing & science, psychology and teacher education. Their four most notable programs are business, equine, nursing and teacher education. Midway College is located in Midway, Kentucky and encompasses 13 buildings and 200 acres.

They also have several extended campuses in Lexington, McKee, Radcliff and Paintsville, as well as programs offered at a number of off-site locations throughout Kentucky.

Midway offers several different athletic opportunities for students to participate in including basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, tennis, track, volleyball, hunt seat, dressage, western, golf and archery. They also offer other activities including movie nights, craft nights, Fan Vans, cookouts at home sporting events, cultural activities, and karaoke nights. In addition, Midway offers residence halls for students who wish to stay on campus.

Costs for Midway College are approximately \$28,000 for one year including room and board. In order to apply for admission to Midway College, you will need to complete an admissions application as well as send your ACT/SAT scores to Midway College Admissions office at 512 E. Stephens St. Midway, KY 40347. For more information, you can contact the admissions office at 1-800-755-0031.



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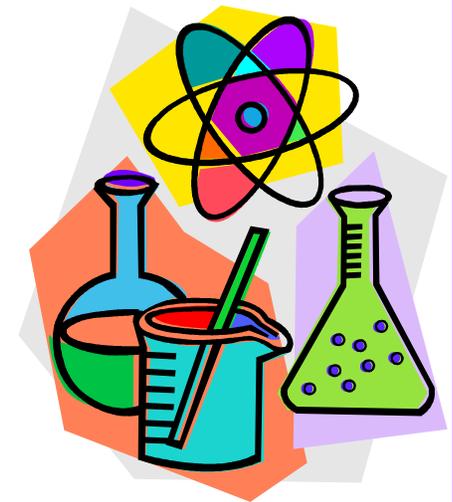
ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Have you ever been interested in science? If so, then an associate in science may be the program for you. An associate in science is a great foundation for several different careers including the medical field, engineering, architecture, agriculture, geology, computer science, business and many more. Several community colleges offer an associate in science and may have opportunities for you to transfer to a four year college to continue your education.

An associate in science will typically include your general education requirements like communication, humanities, social sciences and mathematics. In addition to your general education requirements, you will have elective courses which should include classes that will help you in your career field. As an example, if you plan to go into chemistry you should talk to your academic advisor about taking more chemistry classes as electives in addition to your general education classes.

Once you complete an associate in science, you may need to transfer to a four year college to continue your education. For instance, if you are interested in becoming a registered nurse you can get an associate in science and then transfer to a four year college or university to complete a nursing program. Since science is an ever evolving field, there is always a need for new and innovative people.

If you are interested in obtaining an associate in science, you should contact your Talent Search advisor or school counselor about options that are open to you.



COLLEGE MAJOR