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the **STAR** news

ETS Fall Review

As many of you know, we have begun the year with a new five year grant. We are more available to students in our schools in Fayette, Scott and Clark Counties and feel really great about being refunded in these very tight budgetary times! So, hopefully you're all seeing more of us this year and taking advantage of this time!

We just held our third ETS Family Night on January 26 and if you weren't able to come, please try to make the next one! These evenings are important for us to be able to share information with you and for us to get to know one another. Our last family night was on Netiquette and we had a rousing discussion on the do's and don'ts on the various social networks. It is so easy to forget that what we write on these sites stays there for all time and is easily accessed by anyone! Our next ETS Family Night will be March 8, 2012 at the Regency Campus from 6-8pm so we look forward to seeing you there!

We have visited the University of Louisville and Kentucky State University where we were able to tour the campuses and meet with some of

the university students. U of L was a fun filled day with a lot of information to take in. The campus was beautiful the day we visited and it was exciting with so many people and students about. At Kentucky State we were also given a lot of information, treated to lunch and a football game! As I write this, we are getting ready to go to Eastern Kentucky University for a campus tour, informational sessions and meeting representatives from the various departments. We anticipate this being a good visit and the lunches are always GREAT!

If you have missed visiting campuses with us this year, please try to visit on your own with your parents. It's an important part of the decision making process for you. Where you will live for these four years is crucial to your academic and social success. You want to make sure that you find yourself at a school that fits your needs and that you will be happy at. It's easier to determine this if you've visited several schools so that you can make comparisons. We can give you a list of helpful questions to ask the admissions and financial aid representatives if you need.

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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New Administrative Assistant

Libbe Jefferson is the new Administrative Assistant for Educational Talent Search. She is a graduate of Morehead State University with a degree in Business Management and is currently working on her second degree in Accounting.

Libbe is originally from Seattle, Washington and has visited several countries including England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Canada and Germany.

Upcoming events

College Goal Sunday	1/29
Leestown and Cooper campuses	
ACT Preparation	2/4
BCTC Regency Campus	
Family Night	3/8
BCTC Regency Campus	
HS Spring Break Trip	4/2-4/5
Family Night	5/17
BCTC Regency Campus	
Middle School Camp	6/11-6/14
HS Overnight Camp	6/21-6/22

Parents Corner

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that it's already 2012. I hope that you each had a wonderful holiday and were able to have at least a few restful days to savor the season. Our Talent Search staff have all come back well rested and ready to tackle the new year!

We have hired a new Administrative Assistant, Libbe Jefferson, so please, when you talk to her or see her, introduce yourself and make her feel welcomed in our Talent Search family! She's wonderful and we all think Libbe is a great addition to our staff. We hope you think so too!

The new year always signals the home stretch in terms of school. Help your student realize that if they need to improve their grade in a class, or, heaven forbid, classes, now is the time to do so. If help is needed, please have them talk to their school counselor or Talent Search Advisor for options that are available to them. Take some time to ask about their classes and look on line at the school's website where you can access their grades. Call your student's school for instructions on how to do this if you don't already know. The end of the school year is no time for surprises!

We have sent out letters to parents with a schedule of our events for the remainder of the year. This is so you will know what we are planning and the requirements for participation. We also included a sheet asking you to provide us with contact information so that we can email you with program updates and other information. Please take the time to send us this information so you will be in our information loop.

Our next ETS Family Night is March 8 from 6:00 – 8:00pm at the Regency Campus. We hope that you will join us. We do require you to make reservations so that we will have enough pizza, drinks and supplies for the evening. We do have fun and it is a wonderful evening to get to know each other better. We try not to overwhelm you with information but are there to answer any questions you might have about resources, college, applying and looking at colleges and scholarships. We want you to know that we are a resource not only for your student but for you as well.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful 2012!

Museum curators manage collections of artifacts, according to their institution's specialty or mission. Their primary tasks are to research and acquire (find, borrow, or buy) new items to add to a collection; measure, classify, and document such pieces; ensure that pieces are stored and displayed properly; and create exhibits of the collections, complete with reference and guide material for visitors.

Curators work not only in large museums, but also in art galleries, colleges, and libraries. Depending on the hours of operation and the nature of the collections at their workplaces, curators can often be expected to work evenings and weekends, even though they keep a 40-hour week work load. Their work also can require the ability to move heavy objects, work with hand tools, or work with dangerous chemicals. Depending on the type of collection being curated, extensive travel and research can also be required. Museum curators usually have an undergraduate degree in a field like art history, anthropology, history, or another area of interest. In addition, they must also complete a master's degree in museology or a related discipline. Head curators at the most prestigious institutions have usually earned their PhD's. The field is very competitive, so the more specific education and the more experience a person has, the better chance they have of landing their desired position.

Curators earn between \$27,000 and \$84,000 a year, on average. The median wage for a full-time curator is around \$48,000, but more advanced positions at more prestigious museums can pay much more than that.

To reach the top of this field, not only must you have a great interest, you must also have incredible attention to detail, excellent research skills, strong writing skills, and other public communication skills.

Museum Curator

financial aid

corner

NO MATTER which postsecondary institution you choose, you'll probably need financial aid to help pay your college expenses. Tuition, books, fees, and living expenses can be quite expensive, but early preparation can increase your chances for obtaining the most financial aid you can. Below are a few tips to help get you started!

- ◆ Talk with your school counselor or ETS advisor, who can tell you about financial aid and where to get help.
- ◆ Check the public library or your high school guidance office for books and resources for financial aid.
- ◆ Search for FREE information about scholarships, grants, and other financial aid at resources such as: GoHigherKY.org, www.kheaa.com or www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov.
- ◆ Learn about student loans, which allow you to borrow money for college expenses but must be repaid.
- ◆ Ask financial aid officers at the colleges you are interested in attending. They can discuss specific aid programs available through the college.
- ◆ Look for scholarships offered through local community service groups, businesses, or churches. Contact them for more information.

Remember to submit the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1. You do not have to wait until your taxes are complete. It is ok to estimate your income, as long as it's not very far off from the actual values. You will have an opportunity to correct any information later. It is recommended that you do your taxes and submit your FAFSA as early as possible. You DO NOT wait until the deadline because funding may run out!

college profile

EASTERN KENTUCKY University is a regional, coeducational, public institution of higher education offering general and liberal arts programs, pre-professional and professional training in education and various other fields at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Located in Richmond, Madison County, Kentucky, Eastern has a distinguished record of more than a century of educational service to the Commonwealth. Eastern Kentucky University was founded in 1906 with a faculty of seven. In 1909, when the first commencement was held, eleven people received degrees. Over the last century, EKV has grown to a full-fledged comprehensive university offering 168 degree programs and serving more than 15,000 students a year.

With a strong emphasis on student success, EKV is able to offer its students the personal attention they need to succeed. Classes are generally small, and they're usually taught by professors, not graduate students. EKV is also home to Nova, a TRIO program offering support services for first-year students.

Within its statutory responsibilities, Eastern Kentucky University seeks to provide intellectual and cultural opportunities that will develop habits of scholarship and intellectual curiosity, provide a deep understanding of American democracy and the citizen's role in maintaining its strength and vitality, impart an understanding of humans and their aspirations, enable effective and efficient communication, and prepare productive and responsible citizens. The University will remain responsive and flexible in order to serve in unique and needed ways.

Within these general responsibilities and purposes, the University is dedicated to three specific functions -- high-quality instruction, scholarship, and service, and places emphasis on the three in that order. Through its colleges and schools, the University seeks to offer quality instruction at a variety of degree levels in general education, the arts, the sciences, business, education, pre-professional and professional areas, and applied and technical disciplines. For more information on how to apply or for general information about EKV go to www.eku.edu.



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Anthropology

Anthropology is the broad study of the development of humankind. Working across the ages, and throughout the globe, anthropology looks at human biological and cultural diversity, and its interaction with the environment.

There are several sub-fields of anthropology that explore human diversity in both the past and the present. **Archaeology** focuses on the recovery, analysis, and study of the material culture and environmental data that human societies have left behind. It searches for cultural meaning and understanding in physical artifacts, tools, buildings, etc that have been left behind. **Cultural anthropology** works to study the cultural variation among humans. Working with both the present and the past, it examines data about how global economic and political processes effect, form, and change local cultures and cultural practices. **Physical anthropology** tries to answer the questions "What does it mean to be human" and "How did we become human" through the study of evolutionary, biological, chemical, and physical development. Finally, **linguistic anthropology** examines how language influences social life, or how it has shaped social life throughout history.

An undergraduate anthropology major provides the opportunity to study parts of all of these sub-disciplines. As undergraduates move forward with their studies, they are usually encouraged to choose one discipline which holds the most interest for them and continue from there. A student who is interested in anthropology should be naturally inquisitive, enjoy problem-solving and using data to help draw conclusions, and be comfortable working in the realm of speculation. Perseverance and stick-to-it-iveness are also necessary, along with good research, reading, writing, and other communication skills. To prepare for an anthropology major, you may want to take advantage of advanced history, language, and social science courses that are offered at your current school. You also want to try to travel as much as possible!

Most students who choose a major in anthropology will go on to do some sort of advanced graduate work in a related field. Most anthropology majors go on to pursue careers as college professors, researchers, museum curators, or specialized positions in government or community organizations.

College major