



Your ETS Update

May 2007

High Hopes on the Ropes

Eighth-graders: challenge adventure course will develop decision-making skills, self-confidence and team building, all while feet above the ground. The adventure begins on June 14, 2007.

What are your plans this summer? ETS wants to take you higher, literally, with an exciting opportunity at Camp Redlands in Stillwater. This all-day



Deadline for sign up is June 1, and the forms are on our Web site: fp.okstate.edu/talsrch. Lunch will be provided, and money is needed only for a potential convenience store stop. Students will be picked up and dropped off at their prospective schools. Details will come in the mail at a later date. Hope to see you on the ropes!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ May 25: RSVP for Planner Trip
- ✓ June 1: RSVP Deadline for 8th Grade Challenge Course
- ✓ June 5 & 7: Planner Trip to Redhawks Games
- ✓ June 8: RSVP for Campus Tours
- ✓ June 14: 8th Grade Challenge Course
- ✓ August 25: Kick-Off Classic

TALK TO US!

The Talent Search staff wants to hear from you, (yes you!). Do you have any questions about colleges, applications, deadlines or events? Do you have important news to share with us and other Talent Search participants? We'd love to answer your questions and know what's going on at your schools. It's your chance to write part of *Your ETS Update*. After all, it's all about you. E-mail us your questions, ideas, info or opinions to heather.binkley@okstate.edu

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ETSHitsD.C.!

In March, our staff attended the National Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C. More than one thousand TRiO personnel from all over the U.S. attended. This seminar is designed to help us as professionals learn to work with our legislators on behalf of our students. Our state organization, Oklahoma Division of Student Assistance (ODSA), sponsored a

breakfast for the Oklahoma Legislative Delegation and their education aides. After the breakfast, the Oklahoma Delegation split up into groups and we visited all seven house and senate offices to tell them about the importance of all TRiO programs. It was a great learning experience and we hope to be able to keep those vital contacts alive during the coming



year. Lobbying is not an activity that can be done within our grant funding, so we used supplemental monies to be able to attend this important seminar.

Class of 2007



The OSU Educational Talent Search would like to offer congratulations to the Class of 2007. We are proud of you and wish you the best! Eighty-five students who impacted our program and are now ready to impact the world:

Blackwell High School

Nick Bovard

Bryce Brown

Abigail Burnett

Jessica Dominguez

Marcus Kincaid

David Munoz

Dewey Oard

Jemma Siler

Ben Smith

Ian Smith

Cassie Vaughn

Latesha Williams

Kari Ann Wood

Evan Booher

Dustin Bradley

Martha Dobson

Patricia Gillespie

Billie Griffin

Colby Howser

Jessica Huckabay

Ashlea Larson

Kevin Stump

Erik Swindell

Drumright High School

Loren Barnett

Frontier High School

James Bible

Michael Case

Jordan Gardner

Stormin Grass

Jacqueline Graves

Ashley Potter

Kathryn Wells

Glencoe High School

Nathan Cheary

Rebecca Davis

Jordan Driskel

Dannyelle Driver

Kelly Fanning

Kaleb Harting

Kyle Jeffrey

Morrison High School

Aaron Keith

Justin Ladd

Okmulgee High School

Alicca Anderson

Bradley Brown

Chris Burney

Brock Colombin

Krystal DeWitt

Tasha Duff

Tiffany Horn

Candice Jackson

Zack Johnson

Alisha Jones

Shirlanna Little

Meagan Ostermeyer

Antonio Young

Bristow High School

Allison Bacon

Justin Britt

Lindsay Capps

Samantha Dawson

Casey Dostal

Desi Gage

Tiffany Hanoch

Jennifer Hatley

Hailey Holderfield

Sweden Holland

Ashlee Johnson

Lauren Knott

Lacey Lakey

Austin McKay

Brittany Rinke

Tiffany Rowland

Rachel Starns

Cushing High School

Justin Annis

Congratulations
You did it!

Heads Up! Summer Schedule

Redhawks Games

ETS will have a trip for students who used their ETS planners this school year. We're going to an Oklahoma City RedHawks game on Tuesday, June 5th and Thursday, June 7th. The June 5th date is for: Blackwell, Billings, Frontier, Morrison, Pawnee and Glencoe. The June 7th date is for: Bristow, Cushing, Drumright Okmulgee and Olive. You will be receiving extended information about pickup and return times via

mail, and you can check out the flyer online at fp.okstate.edu/talsrch. You can download your medical release form from our Web site, but you will also need to call our office and tell us your name, school and T-Shirt size. You can call 405.744.4262 or toll free 1.866.748.7979. We must receive ALL your information by May 25. We would love to see you there, so be sure to get all your paperwork in on time.

Campus Tours

ETS has three campus tours scheduled tentatively for June 19th, 21st, 26th. If your school is participating, you will receive details in the mail around the middle of May. Check our Web site for updates.

Parent Reminder:

Saturday, August 25th is our annual Kickoff Classic. Keep your calendar open for one of our favorite events at ETS!

Meet Your OSU - ETS Staff



Hi everyone, I'm Deborah Evers, the director of the OSU - Educational Talent Search program. I began in

the fall of 2002 as a Coordinator when the grant was initially funded. I have a bachelor of arts degree in education and a master of science degree in education with an emphasis on literacy. I am certified to teach K-12 and am a certified Reading Specialist in both Oklahoma and California.

I've been married almost 25 years and have two wonderful sons. One is a sophomore in high school and one is a sophomore in college. My family moved to Stillwater from Northern California in January, 2002. I'm an avid reader and love to swim. I love to be involved, and work closely with TRiO programs on the state and regional level. I'm so passionate about educational opportunity for everyone and am honored to be working with the amazing team in the OSU-ETS program.



Greetings to all! You may know me as the OSU ETS Middle School Coordinator or just the

"OSU guy", but just like the rest of you there is more to me than meets the eye. A quick look into my background and you will notice that I was born and raised in Stillwater. I graduated from OSU with my bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

I have also lived in Oklahoma City (5 years) and spent a summer living as a true beach bum in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. All of these places have come with faces and experiences that have impacted my life. Therefore my interests are many and varied. I love the beach, listening to music, traveling, experiencing different cultures, watching the sunset, trying out new restaurants, football is my first love, listening to other's perspectives, taking pictures, spending time with family and friends, and most importantly my relationship to God. This could go on and on, but it's time for you to go and enjoy your summer!



Hello everyone! My name is Scott Cady and I'm the High School Coordinator for the OSU-ETS

program. I've held this position since the summer of 2003 and have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of you since that time. While I currently reside in Stillwater, I reigned from Laverne, OK for the first 18 years of my life. As for my educational background after high school, I earned two degrees from OSU- a bachelor of science degree in education and a master of science degree in community counseling.

My interests and hobbies range far and wide. I enjoy hiking, biking, traveling, reading, meeting new people, trying new cuisine, collecting quotes, spending time with my family, and trying to make a positive impact on the world around me. My favorite quote at the moment is by Martin Luther King, Jr.: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Don't be silent! Have a great summer!



Aloha everyone! My name is Heather Binkley, and I just joined the OSU-ETS team in April as an administrative assistant. So far, I love it! I'm a journalism and broadcasting senior at OSU, but I am originally from Fairfax, OK. I love getting stamps in my passport, crosswords, writing, reading and the occasional scary movie. If you all ever need a thing, don't hesitate to call me at the ETS office!



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Educational Talent Search is an outreach program of support, information, and educational guidance counseling funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Our goal is to assist youth who have the potential to succeed in higher education to graduate from high school and continue on to a college or university of their choosing.

Services:

- * Academic Advising
- * College Campus Tours
- * Career Exploration
- * ACT Preparation
- * Field Trips