Dear ETS/MESA Families,

We hope you are enjoying your summer!

First we would like to formally congratulate the Class of 2015! You did it! We wish you continued success as you move forward in your education. Please know that we will always be here to support you in any way that we can.

Please join us in congratulating Advisors Javier Garcia and Dr. Cirilo Cortez on their new positions. Javier Garcia is now an Advisor with the CSU, Chico Advising Office and Dr. Cirilo Cortez is now the Director of Strategic Chicana/o and Latina/o Retention Initiatives at UC, Davis. Their presence in our office will be greatly missed! However, we take comfort knowing that they are only a phone call, email, or text away!

To the current Educational Talent Search (ETS) and MESA families, we hope you are ready for an exciting year!

Sincerely,

Diana Parra-Villaseñor

Save The Date

October 6, 2015 * Senior Admission Seminar * Grade 12
March 8, 2016 * Junior Success Seminar * Grade 11
TBA * STEM Academy * Grades 6 - 9
TBA * Campus Visits * Grade 11

Keep Your Eyes Open

Additional ETS opportunities will be presented through our monthly meetings, email, and mail. Please help us keep you informed by updating your contact information with our program. We look forward to serving you and your family.
ETS News

The following students were awarded the Educational Talent Search Scholarship.

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This year’s scholarship funds were raised through our tamale, Zumba, and burrito sales. Thank you to Marcelli’s Sandwiches, Ricos Tamales, Lynda Gray, and El Ranchito Market for all of your efforts in making all of our fundraisers successful!

Slam Dunk!

Elizabeth Osbourn is the first female basketball player from Gridley High School to be given the opportunity to play for Holy Names University on a full ride scholarship. Holy Names University is a private university in Oakland, CA.

Full Ride

Congratulations Hamilton High School ETS Students, Qaday Robinson and Nancy Chavarria, for earning two of the 1000 Gates Millennium Scholarships (GMS) awarded this year. The GMS scholarship will cover the cost of attendance at UC, Berkeley for Qaday and UC, Davis for Nancy.

Gates Millennium Scholars
Opens: August 1, 2015
Closes: January 13, 2016
Apply Now
www.gmsp.org

Cost of Attendance (COA) is the estimated full and reasonable cost of completing a full year as a full time student.
This year students were given the opportunity to participate in various ETS events ranging from college visits to leadership conferences within the Northern California region.

Parents were given the opportunity to meet their students ETS Advisor through regional parent nights.

More information on the 2015-2016 Parent Regional Nights will be released soon!

Parent To Parent

Want to help your student perform well in school? Below are some suggestions!

- Encourage your child to attend school regularly.
- Know which classes your child is taking.
- Provide a quiet time/place to study and complete assignments daily.
- Develop a relationship with your students teachers and counselors.
- Look for report cards.

Class of 2015

Congratulations to the parents of the Class of 2015! Your students successes are payments for all of your hard work.

Graduates, please take the time to join the CSU, Chico Educational Talent Search Alumni Association.

More information on how to join is available on page 4 of this newsletter.
Alumni Association

The ETS Alumni Association (ETSAA) serves to develop leadership skills, promote civic engagement, foster unity amongst ETS students and promote academic success.

This year the ETSAA volunteered at ETS and MESA events, participated on student panels for visiting programs and ETS students, provided networking opportunities, and donated their time to the Salvation Army by ringing the bell for the Red Kettle Campaign, which raises money for food, toys, and clothing for over six million people during the Christmas season.

Through fundraising efforts, the association purchased sashes to honor graduating CSU, Chico ETSAA members.

Come to the ETS Office for more information on how to join. The ETS Office is located in the Student Services Center, Room 470 at CSU, Chico.

Alumni Spotlight

Hello, my name is Jaqueline Mullen. I graduated from Live Oak High School in 2013. This will be my 3rd year at Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) in San Diego California. I chose to major in Social Work.

Since I have been here I have been given the opportunity to work with the Mexican community through my Church. While the dorms have treated me well with beach views and easy access to the diverse community of San Diego, this summer I will be traveling to South Africa to learn about the different race/ethnic issues that have prevailed in their communities for so long. This fall I will be studying abroad in Costa Rica where I hope to learn Spanish and become more competent in my chosen field of study. My long term goal is to earn my Masters in Social Work.

I would like to thank ETS for keeping me informed and on track when it came to college applications. Being part of the ETS program has been very beneficial, as I am a first generation college student. My ETS advisor, Vanessa Ramirez, has been a source of support and encouragement, as she has kept in contact with me even after graduating.

To the current ETS students, everything has a purpose. I encourage you to do as your teachers ask, especially when it comes to structure, organization, and time management. These are the things that will determine how well you do in all areas of your life. You can learn about science, literature, and history, but if you don’t know how to organize your thoughts and manage them, your life will become more difficult.

- Jaqueline Mullen
MESA News

In March 96 students brought their projects to compete at CSU, Chico’s MESA Day Prelims. Projects included, prosthetic arm, civil structures, gliders, egg drop, and model science.

Congratulations to all the students who competed, especially to those who moved on to the Northern California MESA Day Regionals.

Congratulations to Hamilton High School for winning the MESA Day Spirit Award.

Northern California MESA Regionals

In April, over 400 students from the Northern California region came to CSU, Chico to compete at the Northern California MESA Day Regionals.

Congratulations to the CSU, Chico MESA students that placed at Regionals.

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Closing Remarks

Each year we strive to provide quality services to our students and families.
We look forward to a new year with new adventures. See you soon!

Sincerely,
ETS/MESA Staff
ETS is a federally funded, national TRiO program that is committed to prepare and motivate low-income, first generation junior high and high school students for success in postsecondary education. ETS seeks students who have the desire, ability, and motivation to excel in their education. Joining ETS implies students and their parents are willing to make a commitment to their future.

Applications available on the ETS website. www.csuchico.edu/tsed

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