Dear ETS Families,

We hope you are enjoying your summer!

First we would like to formally congratulate the Class of 2016! 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 former Advisor Oscar Mendoza who left in December. Oscar Mendoza is now a Student Success and Support Program specialist with Cosumnes River College. His presence in our office has been greatly missed!

We are excited to introduce our new staff; Uriel Delgado, Larly Lee & Sandra Torres, see page 2 to learn more about our new staff.

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

Sincerely,

Diana Parra-Villaseñor

Save The Date

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 * Senior Admission Seminar * Grade 12
TBA * Junior Success Seminar * Grade 11
Saturday, November 12, 2016 * 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

We are excited to introduce the new members of our ETS family. We asked them to tell us a little about themselves: Larly Lee: I received my BA in Multicultural & Gender Studies at CSU, Chico and am currently pursuing my master’s degree in Social Science. I love the work I do because I get to give back to my community. As an ETS alumnus and first generation college graduate I can relate to our students. As an advisor I have the opportunity to help first generation students go above and beyond themselves, giving others the educational opportunity and guidance to be successful. Uriel Delgado: I attended UC Davis and received a Bachelor of Arts in Chicano/a Studies with a minor in Education. I love the opportunity to have a positive impact in someone’s life. Our actions and words have a greater impact than we may think. I hope that I can help all my students believe they can accomplish anything but more importantly believe in themselves because I believe in them. Sandra Torres: I graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Mathematics and minor in Diversity Studies at CSU, Chico. I love what I do because my passion has always been to help others. I want to help students succeed and accomplish their goals. I am a first generation college graduate and proud to be an Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound alumna. I don’t think I would have been as successful without the help that I received from these programs. I am here to encourage and guide others to believe that anything is possible.

ETS Scholarship Recipients

Scholarship awardees were selected from an applicant pool of over 45 amazing students. The recipients not only held excellent academic records while also being involved in several extra-curricular activities but also overcame many obstacles to make their goal of a college education a reality.

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This year’s scholarship funds were raised through our tamale and burrito sales. Thank you to Ricos Tamales as well as Mi Ranchito Market and to all of those who supported us by making a purchase!
Parents Corner

This past year our students received information to help them prepare for the college admission process, were exposed to STEM related activities and had the opportunity to create unforgettable memories on college visits. Our students visited CSU, Chico to attend Senior Admissions Seminar and STEM Academy. Eleventh graders visited Sacramento State, University of the Pacific, UC Merced, Cal Maritime Academy, UC Berkeley, Sonoma State, UC Santa Cruz, San Jose State and UC Davis. Students also walked across the Golden Gate Bridge and visited the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

Parent To Parent

Help your child be a successful student all year long by:

♦ Meeting your child’s teacher(s)
♦ Attending parent-teacher conferences, open houses, back to school nights
♦ Making sure your child gets homework done and turns it in
♦ Volunteering at your child’s school if you can

Class of 2016

Congratulations to the parents of the Class of 2016! Your students successes are payment for all of your hard work. Graduates, please take the time to join the CSU, Chico Educational Talent Search Alumni Association for continued support and guidance through college. More information on how to join is available on page 4 of this newsletter.
Alumni Association

The ETS Alumni Association (ETSA) has continued to foster unity and promote student success. ETSAA serves to develop leadership skills, promote civic engagement and mentor other ETS students enrolled at CSU, Chico. This year, the association focused on creating community and supporting each other by holding monthly meetings and providing alumni with the opportunity to socialize by hosting social events. Through fundraising efforts, they were able to purchase CSU, Chico graduating seniors who had served on the board graduation cords! The ETSAA is a great way to meet new people and become involved. 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 or sign up at www.csuchico.edu/tsed/etsaa.shtml.

Alumni Spotlight

Hello, my name is Maifeng Yang and I graduated from Oroville High in 2012. I just graduated from California State University, Chico with a degree in Nutrition & Food Science with an option in General Dietetics with a minor in Health and Wellness. I will be continuing my education at CSU, Fresno in the Dietetic Internship Program to become a Registered Dietitian. I picked CSU, Chico because it allowed me to be an active member of my Oroville community. I love the area and the people. My future plans are to work at a hospital as a Clinical Dietitian. Words cannot express how much ETS has helped me reach my goals. Right from the start, they provided me with a great and caring advisor along with a fantastic team that went above and beyond to help me stay on track. They provided wonderful advice that I still reflect back on today. ETS had impacted me strongly to where I see them as my extended family. Every time I look back at my education, I always see the ETS staffs smiling faces. Without them, I wouldn’t be here. My advice for ETS students is for them to be brave and spontaneous! We meet people for a reason and being part of the ETS program the advisors helped, listened, supported and push their students to reach their goals and dreams. They are family worth holding on to!
Awards & Recognitions

Mrs. Debi Upton has been a counselor at Oroville High School for over four years and we have had the pleasure of working with her all those years! She was awarded the 2016 Friend of ETS Award for her support of our program as well as her passion for helping our students. We want to wish her an exciting but restful retirement. She will be missed!

Mr. Jesse Barajas has been a counselor at Gridley High School for ten years and was recently honored with the Arthur S. Marmaduke Award for Outstanding Achievement in High School Counseling. This annual award goes to one outstanding California high school counselor who demonstrates exemplary skills in helping students fulfill their dreams of going to college. Congratulations Jesse! Our students are blessed to have you at Gridley High.

Mrs. Alicia Suarez was our second 2016 Friend of ETS recipient from Williams Junior Senior High. Alicia has been instrumental in supporting our staff who serve Williams Junior Senior High School. We would be lost without her. We are so grateful to have her as a resource; always patient and available to our staff and students. She is a true Friend of ETS.

2016 Advisor Award Winners

Students who receive the Advisor Award are chosen by their advisor for being a TRiO achiever. A student who strives for post-secondary success. Below is a list of our 2015-2016 recipients:

- Ashley Aiello-Paradise High
- Bryce Bolt-C.K. Price
- Michelle Flint-Pleasant Valley High
- Jahnyah Francis-Chico Junior
- Patricia Hernandez-Orland High
- Kirstyn Hollifield-Oroville High
- Viral Jodhani-Yuba City High
- John Kolonay-Bidwell Junior High
- Kendra Lee-Las Plumas High
- Jerusalem Phillips McCary-River Valley
- Adamaris Ramirez Diaz-Marysville
- Ana Rios-Williams
- Ulises Graciano Salas-Los Molinos
- Xiong Vang-Chico Senior
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

ETS Schools

Anna McKenny          Live Oak Middle
Bidwell Junior        Los Molinos High
Central Middle        Marsh Junior
Chico Junior          Marysville High
Chico Senior High     Orland High
CK Price              Oroville High
Gridley High          Paradise High
Hamilton Elementary   Pleasant Valley High
Hamilton High         Williams Junior
Las Plumas High       Williams Senior
Live Oak High         Willows High