



TRIO TALENT SEARCH-EDINBURG

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A U.S. Department of Education TRIO college access program for low income, first generation college students serving the Rio Grande Valley for over 35 years. The current grant is funded to serve 905 participants in three Hidalgo County school districts. The Talent Search-Edinburg program currently serves five target high schools: Edcouch-Elsa, Mission, La Joya, Juarez-Lincoln and Palmview. The grant provides a pathway to college through a curriculum of continuous services which make completion of a post-secondary education realistic and attainable for all participants.

MISSION

UTRGV Talent Search-Edinburg is committed to a comprehensive plan of services which will foster graduation from secondary school and will facilitate enrollment into and completion of a post-secondary education.



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905 Students

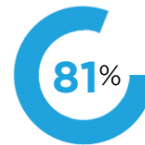
5 Target Schools



3 School Districts

1 County: Hidalgo

First Generation
and Low Income



5 Parent Workshops
6 Apply Texas Drives



8 FAFSA Drives
4 Enrichment Days



Over 19k participant topics sessions

Individual topic sessions = 4,500K

Small group topic sessions = 14,500K

Class of 2016
College Entrance
Outcomes

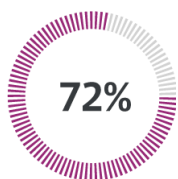


Goal
80%

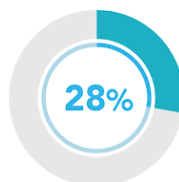
Actual
86%

189/219
Seniors

Enrollment verified through National Student Clearinghouse.



Grades
9-11
(758)



Class of
2017
(251)



Integration of Technology:

College Specialists utilize Kahoot, Remind, Google Drive and Twitter to enrich interactions with students.



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Class of 2017 Highlights

Edcouch-Elsa H.S. - 8 in Top 10%
Juarez-Lincoln H.S. - 11 in Top 5%
La Joya H.S. - 19 in Top 10%
Mission H.S. - 8 in Top 5%
Palmview H.S. - 28 students in Top 10%

Valedictorians from Edcouch-Elsa, Juarez-Lincoln, La Joya and Mission High Schools

Salutatorian from Juarez-Lincoln High School



Class of 2016 at UTRGV

93 participants enrolled in
Fall 2016

82 (88%) College Ready

90% TSI complete in Math

100% TSI complete in Reading & Writing

Valedictorians from Edcouch-Elsa, La Joya and Mission High Schools

Salutatorians from Juarez-Lincoln and Mission High Schools

100%

of Talent Search participants received assistance with FAFSA and Apply Texas.

FAFSA Application Assistance

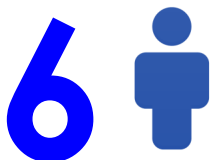
GOAL: 85% of 12th grade participants will receive assistance with completion of financial aid application forms by July 31 of each project year.

College Admissions Application Assistance

GOAL: 95% of 12th grade participants will receive assistance with completion of college application forms by July 31 of each project year.

WORKFORCE

The department's workforce is composed of the following employees:



FULL-TIME STAFF



PART-TIME STAFF



STUDENT ADVISORS

Sonia del Angel — Director

Sara Olivarez — Administrative Assistant

Terrie Salinas — Sr. CR Specialist

Neyda González — CR Specialist

Irasema Valencia — CR Specialist

Andrés Chávez — CR Specialist

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NEXT STEPS NEW INITIATIVES



Enhance Participant and Parental Interaction

- Create supplemental online curriculum for Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement students
- Host TS Parent/Student Partnership Workshop

Build Leadership, Community Service and Digital Citizenship

- Host TS Student Leadership Conference
- Identify Community Service Projects
- Create listing of internship and summer program opportunities



Develop a Comprehensive Professional Development Plan Focusing on:

- Federal program guidelines and regulations compliance
- Growth mindset, positive psychology and resiliency workshops for TS personnel and student participants
- Identify best practices and implement as appropriate