

## Educational Talent Search

The Talent Search program is a TRIO grant awarded by the Department of Education for five years. The awarded grant is over \$2,000,000.

The Talent Search program identifies and assists students from disadvantaged backgrounds who have the potential to succeed in higher education. The program provides academic, career, and financial counseling to its participants and encourages them to graduate from high school and continue on to and complete their postsecondary education. The goal of Talent Search is to increase the number of youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who complete high school and enroll in and complete their postsecondary education.

- DSU Educational Talent Search (ETS) served 10 schools in Washington County School district. ETS' distribution of race/ethnicity goal is to exceed that of Washington County School District. For example, 25% of ETS participants are Hispanic compared to 14% in the school district.
- DSU ETS program assisted 95 ETS seniors in receiving over \$2.6 million in scholarships and other student aid for their first year in college.
- DSU ETS program served 832 students in the 2017-18 school year which fulfilled the Dixie State University TRIO grant which is to serve 825 participants
- The TRIO grant requires two-thirds of the participants to be low-income and potential first generations students. DSU ETS exceeded the goal with 75% meeting the grant criteria.
- DSU ETS TRIO grant objective #1 for Secondary School Persistence is 78%. DSU ETS participants met the criteria for the goal with 100% – goal was exceeded.
- DSU ETS TRIO grant objective #2 for Secondary School Graduation with a Regular Diploma is 80%. DSU ETS participants met the criteria for the goal with 100% – goal exceeded.
- DSU ETS TRIO grant objective #3 for Secondary School Graduation with a rigorous secondary school program of study is 15%. DSU ETS participants met the criteria for the goal with 34% – goal exceeded.
- DSU ETS TRIO grant objective #4 for Postsecondary Education Enrollment is 20%. DSU ETS participants met the criteria for the goal with 71% – goal exceeded.
- DSU ETS TRIO grant objective #5 for Postsecondary Education Attainment is 15%. This goal will be calculated six years after graduation from high school which has not yet been reached. The first year for this calculation will be next year. However, preliminary research is currently at 41% that will exceed the grant goal.