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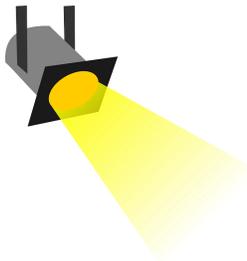
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## A note from the Director– Nick Palmer



As we are almost to the midway point of the second semester of the 2019-20 school year, the TRIO staff is currently putting together the final touches on the summer activities, that include multiple trips for both middle and high school students. There are still important tasks that need to be completed before we can get to summer. For seniors, FAFSA's are due April 15, 2020, multiple scholarship opportunities have deadlines coming up, and colleges have other important information they are going to need before the end of the school year.

For students in other grades, now is the time to explore various careers and colleges that you are interested in attending, so when you are seniors (it will happen before you know it) you will have an idea about these colleges. Our Outreach Advisors have been working with students all year on career exploration, financial aid workshops; and this spring, we have campus visits set throughout the region to highlight the post-secondary opportunities that are available to our students!



### ETS Alumni Spotlight — Clint Roesler

My name is Clint Roesler. I was in the ETS program throughout Jr. high and High School. I currently teach at my alma mater North Knox High School. I strongly believe in the ETS program and encourage students to look into it.

The summer trips were always exciting experiences to meet students from other schools and build lasting friendships. Being able to visit different colleges to explore my career interests helped my decision making towards my career goals.

My ETS advisor helped when it came to finding scholarships, FAFSA questions, and helped narrow down my college choices. My ETS advisor was always willing to go above and beyond to help me throughout school.

# FAFSA \$\$\$



- The new 2020–21 FAFSA form is here! Some states and schools have limited funds, so don't delay! To begin your application, select the “**START HERE**” button on the FAFSA homepage or download the **myStudentAid app** for iOS and Android.
- Students who are using an Apple device (mobile and/or desktop) may encounter errors on some FAFSA fields if the “smart punctuation” feature is enabled. This feature changes apostrophes and quotation marks to invalid characters that the FAFSA form cannot recognize. **Learn about solutions for this error.**
- Check out the **myStudentAid app** for iOS and Android.
- To get the best experience, **make sure your browser's pop-up blocker allows pop-ups** from [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) before logging in to the FAFSA form.

## STATE DEADLINES:

### ASAP After Oct. 1, 2019

Adult Student Grant: As soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2019. Awards are made until funds are depleted. New applicants must submit additional forms at [ScholarTrack.IN.gov](http://ScholarTrack.IN.gov).

Workforce Ready Grant: As soon as possible after Oct. 1, 2019.

Frank O'Bannon Grant: April 15, 2020, by midnight Central time (CT).

21st Century Scholarship: April 15, 2020, by midnight CT.

“It's never too early to start planning for college.” If you are a 7th or 8th grader, now is the time to apply. Ask your Outreach Advisor about applying on-line for 21st Century Scholars.





The Indiana TRIO Board of Directors has established a variety of scholarships to help finance higher education for Indiana first-generation, low-income, or students with disabilities who are active in Indiana TRIO programs. Scholarships are awarded annually to students based on community involvement, need, and their ability to articulate how TRIO has made a difference in their educational journey.

To apply students must complete the Indiana TRIO Scholarship Application Form; submit a referral form from a TRIO Director or TRIO Staff Member, and write a two-page maximum narrative addressing points specific to each scholarship. Some additional materials may be requested depending on the scholarship. All submissions must be made through the student's TRIO Program Director and **submitted by March 27, 2020** for consideration. Incomplete and/or late submissions will not be considered. Scholarships will be paid directly to the student after verification of enrollment and attendance at the University of their Choice in early September 2020. Study abroad scholarships will be paid upon verification of enrollment in an approved study abroad program, payable in May 2020. All checks will be made payable to the student and must be sent to the student's current address at time of payment. All Scholarships require an essay: double-spaced and not to exceed two pages describing: 1) How TRIO has influenced your educational journey 2) why the Indiana TRIO BOD scholarship is important to you and 3) community/co-curricular involvement and/or responsibilities outside of school. For more information, talk to your Outreach Advisor!

### Scholarship Resources

You can search online for scholarships based on academic achievement, religious affiliation, racial heritage, proposed major and more. To find scholarships you qualify for, check out these websites:

[scholarships.com](http://scholarships.com)

[studentaid.ed.gov/scholarship](http://studentaid.ed.gov/scholarship)

[bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

### Important Study Skills

- Time Management
- Information Skills
- Listening to Lectures and Taking Notes
- Academic Reading Skills
- Academic Writing Skills
- Referencing and Avoiding plagiarism
- Presentation Skills
- Working in Groups
- Examination Skills



Vincennes University is a public university with its main campus in Vincennes, Indiana. Founded in 1801 as Jefferson Academy, VU is the oldest public institution of higher learning in the Northwest Territory and in Indiana. VU was chartered in 1806 as the Indiana Territory's four-year university and remained the state of Indiana's sole publicly funded four-year university until the establishment of Indiana University in 1820. In 1889, VU was chartered by the State of Indiana as a two-year university. From 1999 to 2005, Vincennes University was in a state-mandated partnership with what became the Ivy Tech Community College. In 2005, VU began offering baccalaureate degrees.

Acceptance rate: 77.00% (2018-19)

Tuition: in-state \$6,074 USD / out-of-state \$14,364 USD (2019)

Undergraduates: 17,481 (2019)

Enrollment: 17,481 (2019)

Mascot: Blazers

Founded: 1801



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## Software Developer

### What Software Developers Do

Software developers create the applications or systems that run on a computer or another device.

### Work Environment

Many software developers work for firms that deal in computer systems design and related services, manufacturing, or for software publishers.

### How to Become a Software Developer

Software developers usually have a bachelor's degree in computer science and strong computer programming skills.

### Pay

The median annual wage for software developers, applications was \$103,620 in May 2018.

The median annual wage for software developers, systems software was \$110,000 in May 2018.

### Job Outlook

Employment of software developers is projected to grow 21 percent from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations. Software developers will be needed to respond to an increased demand for computer software



Have you been thinking about careers lately? If you haven't already, check out the virtualjobshadow website. It offers career interactive videos that help you in your search to pursue your educational/career goals. Talk to your Outreach Advisor to learn more about this exciting career program and get you on the way to learning more about careers that interest you.

# IMPORTANT DATES



March 13, 2020– Campus Visit Permission Slips Due

April 15, 2020– FAFSA deadline



## Spring Campus Visits:

March 20th– Vincennes University

April 1st– Indiana State/St. Mary of the Woods

April 9th– University of Evansville/University of Southern Indiana

April 17th & 18th– Ball State University/IUPUI

**Permission slips are due by March 13, 2020.** If you are interested in attending any of these campus visits, please talk to your Outreach Advisor!

## SUMMER TRIPS-STEM GRANT

Last year, Educational Talent Search was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Department of Education to enhance current STEM programming in our schools! We are currently planning trips to St. Louis, Missouri, and Cincinnati, Ohio, in June for high school students; and a robotics and engineering tour for middle school students. For those interested students, we will have dates and timelines set within the next month and will have information in our Spring (April) Newsletter.





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