Message from our Director, Holly Lawrence

Welcome Back Students!

It is with great pleasure to announce the VSU Talent Search Program has been awarded funding for the next five years! The Staff has been busy planning a host of activities and programs for this school year. Please take advantage of these opportunities and resources. We hope that your expectations for academic achievement and personal growth will exceed those that the program has established for you! Malcom X once said, Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs only to the people who prepare for it today." The time is now to prepare for your future.

Senior Recognition

The VSU Educational Talent Search programs main goal is to have our participants gain acceptance into a postsecondary school. Educational Talent Search has been successful at accomplishing this task over the last four years and strives to achieve this goal for the 2016-2017 school year.

ETS had **49** exceptional seniors receive acceptance letters and plan to attend a post-secondary institution in Fall 2016.



End of the Year Ceremony

On May 5, 2016, ETS recognized 24 underclassmen for outstanding participation in the ETS program, as well as 49 graduating seniors. Mizell Williams, motivational speaker, served as the keynote speaker of the event, encouraging students to stay focused on their future goals and dreams.



F.L. Summer College Tour

Upcoming 10th –12th grade ETS participants traveled to South Florida on June 22, 2016 for a 4 day college tour. The students toured the University of Central Florida, University of Miami, and Miami-Dade Community College. They also enjoyed extracurricular/cultural activities– Everglades Airboat Tour, Daytona Lagoon, and skating.



2016 - 2017 Test Dates

SAT

www.collegeboard.org

OCTOBER 1	JANUARY 28
NOVEMBER 11	MARCH 11
DECEMBER 3	MAY 6
	JUNE 3

ACT

www.actstudent.org

SEPTEMBER 10	FEBRUARY 11
OCTOBER 22	APRIL 8
DECEMBER 10	JUNE 10

Welcome Back Kickoff

ETS will be hosting a "Welcome Back Kick Off" on August 27, 2016 at 930 AM on the VSU Campus. The event will include a discussion forum, panel discussion, and Greek step show. We look forward to seeing you all. Parent and students are welcome to attend. More information will be mailed soon.

ATTENTION Students & Parents

If you have any address changes, please inform either Ms. Watson or Ms. Lawrence of the change. This will help us keep in better contact with you!

Upcoming Events



Welcome Back Kick-Off

August 27 @ 9:30 AM All Students and Parents Invited

SAT / ACT Saturday Academy September 17 @ 9:30 AM For High School Students

Parents Forum September 17 @ 11:00 AM

S.T.E.M. Saturday Academy October 1 @ 9:30 AM For Middle School Students

Fort Valley State University Fall Preview Day

October 8 For Junior & Senior High School Students

Saturday Academy November 5 @ 9:30 AM For Middle & High School Students

Financial Aid Workshop January 21 @ 9:30 AM For Middle & High School Students Educational Talent Search Office of Social Equity Valdosta State University 1500 N Patterson St Valdosta GA 31698



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