

# Academic Talent Search

# SONOMA

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## February Recap

This month, we started Outreach and visited some schools. We have been discussing Scholarships, College Admissions, and Finding Your College Fit. If you couldn't attend, please reach out to your advisor for any missed information.

We held a TRiO Student Leadership Conference to celebrate 40 years of TRiO programs. Over 200 students learned about civil engagement, professionalism and TRiO programs at the college level.



## What's happening in March?

March is shaping up to be a busy and exciting month for ATS! We'll continue our Outreach visits with partner schools to connect with students, share program resources, and support their academic goals. A selected group of students will also be attending our Spring Break Field Trip to Southern California from March 16-19, where they will visit and tour several college campuses. Later in the month, ATS staff and advisors will be attending the WESTOP Conference in Honolulu from March 28-April 2, where TRiO professionals from across the region gather to collaborate, share best practices, and strengthen the work we do to support our students.

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## Announcements

We're excited to share that John Belmontez has officially stepped into the role of Director of Academic Talent Search Sonoma. John also serves as the Director of Upward Bound Sonoma and Napa, and we're excited to have his leadership guiding our programs.

Below, John shares a brief message with our students and community.

Dear ATS Students, Families, and Partners,

My name is John Belmontez, and I am honored to serve as the new Director of Academic Talent Search Sonoma. I am excited to work alongside our dedicated staff and school partners while getting to know each of you in the process. TRIO programs are rooted in opportunity and access, and it is my goal to ensure that Talent Search provides the knowledge, guidance, and support our students need as they pursue higher education.

As we move forward, my focus will be on deepening our partnerships with schools, expanding college and career exploration opportunities, and ensuring that every student feels supported, empowered, and prepared for their next steps.

As a TRIO alumnus myself, I am especially excited to provide students with the same life-changing opportunities that once supported me. I look forward to meeting many of you soon.

With appreciation,  
Mr. Belmontez



## Important Upcoming Dates

- 3/4 School Visit at Technology High
- 3/6 School Visit at Sonoma Valley High
- 3/16 - 3/19 Spring Break Field Trip

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