Greetings Talent Search scholars, parents, and guardians -

November 8 is the National First-Generation College Celebration, honoring the anniversary of the Higher Education Act of 1965. The HEA, in part, created Federal TRIO Programs like Talent Search to provide services for potential first-generation college graduates.

On this day, as always, we salute all of our first-generation Talent Search Scholars in pursuit of their post-secondary education! You will be the inspiration for future generations to come.

Refer a Friend to Talent Search and win!

Current Talent Search Scholars, do you have a friend, sibling, or cousin who could be a good fit for Talent Search? Share our program application and get them to apply. As our thanks, you’ll receive one of many super cool Talent Search prizes!

On the application, be sure your friend enters your FULL NAME on the question that asks “Did a friend refer you to Talent Search?” Refer as many friends as you like – when they successfully complete the application (and include your name), YOU will win additional Talent Search swag!

Referring students must have already completed their own 2021-22 Talent Search Program Application.

New students must attend 6th-12th grade at one of the following target schools:
- John Bartram High School
Feeling stressed?

Getting back into the swing of things after an entire year of being virtual can be a mixed bag of emotions.

Of course, it can be exciting to see friendly faces throughout the school hallways, but it can also be tough to re-prioritize day-to-day tasks like clubs, sports, homework, studying, and taking time for yourself. We want to remind you that it is okay to not be okay, sometimes! It is actually quite normal. Recent research shows that most people in the U.S. have reported heightened rates of stress and anxiety since the onset of the pandemic.

We want you to feel well-equipped to handle whatever feelings may come your way. Seeking support from your school counselor or a trusted behavioral health staff member in your school is always a great option. There are also some ways you can "ground" yourself when you're feeling stressed out. We encourage you to try some of these grounding activities, or to follow along with this student journal to help you deal with "All the Feels." Don't forget to make yourself a priority!

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, text HOME to 741741 to connect with a crisis counselor. In the event of an emergency, call 911.

Opportunities for Talent Search Scholars

Young Scholars @ Penn

The Young Scholars High School Program at University of Pennsylvania allows high school juniors and seniors to take college-level courses alongside Penn undergraduates.

Courses are offered in subjects such as anthropology, English, math, psychology, economics, linguistics, philosophy, and sociology.

Philadelphia public and charter high school students may enroll in one course tuition-free in the upcoming spring semester.

Covering the Gap: Pieces of the Puzzle to Help Pay Your Education Bill

Whether you're already addressing the costs of college or just beginning to plan for higher education, join PHEAA for a 1-hour webinar that will emphasize best practices, remind families about additional resources, and review private/alternative loans as a last resort in the process of covering the gap and keeping balances affordable.

This webinar is offered at the following dates and times:
Thursday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m.
Apply for the Spring 2022 semester by December 1.

**Friday Night Writes**

Need help with college admissions essays or other writing assignments? The Philadelphia Writing Project offers drop-in assistance (VIRTUAL and in person) to 7th-12th graders Fridays from 4 to 6 p.m.

Writing coaches from the University of Pennsylvania are available on campus and online on the following upcoming dates: 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, and 12/3

Visit the Friday Night Writes website to sign up for a virtual time slot.

**NACAC Virtual College Fairs**

The National Association for College Admission Counseling's next Signature Fair is scheduled for:

**Sunday, November 14 from 1 to 6 p.m.**

The virtual fair will feature 370 colleges and universities, with 48 live sessions from Pennsylvania schools.

Visit the College Fairs website to register.

Visit the Talent Search website and follow us on social media