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## Annual Report

Program Year: 2021-22



## Educational Opportunity Centers of PA

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# TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

## Program Highlights

Incredible Trips

Impressive Career Focus

## Participant Highlights

Record number of scholarships received

Academic Achievements

## Operating Highlights

Found a way to increase quality of programming in a post-Covid world.

*"I can't believe that I've been able to experience so many incredible things- all thanks to EOC". Margie*

## Program Objectives

TRIO Program focused services to assist participants in our focus area with advancing their education and careers.

- Assist with College Admissions
- Assist with Financial Aid
- Assist with postsecondary enrollment
- Provide career guidance, assist with academic improvement, and conduct activities to remove barriers to success.

Carolyn Quinn, MPA  
Executive Director

# PROGRAM SUMMARY

Both the Talent Search & EOC Program seek to assist individuals who are both low-income and first generation college with increasing their education level, making informed educational decisions, and develop skills to be successful personally and professionally.

- **EOC Program** is provided in 9 counties: Columbia, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Luzerne, Monroe, Northampton, Schuylkill, Susquehanna & Wayne. Focus on adults 19 years of age and older or a high school senior in a non-Talent Search School District.
  - **Program goal: 2, 233**
- **Talent Search (TS) Program** is provided in 5 school districts: Hanover Area, Hazleton Area, Scranton, Shenandoah Valley & Wilkes-Barre Area. Focus: students in grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Program goal: 1,000**



## 21-22 Program Year

### Programming Highlights:

#### Field trips:

- University of Scranton & Steamtown Aquarium: 43 Talent Search MS & HS Talent Search (TS) Participants
- Marywood University-Architecture Program Focus: 28 HS & EOC Participants
- Cheyney University-HBCU: 20 HS TS & EOC Participants
- Luzerne County Community College: 42 WBA High School TS Participants
- Indraloka Animal Sanctuary Virtual Trip: 22 TS Middle School Participants
- Wilkes University: 33 TS Participants
- Johnson College: 26-TS MS & HS Participants
- Keystone College: 40-TS HS Participants
- Bloomsburg University: 15-Shenandoah Valley TS HS Participants
- Lackawanna College: 41 MS & HS Participants

- WBRE Studios & Coal Creative: 15 Freeland MS TS
- Marywood University Psychology Fair: 85 HS TS & EOC
- NEIPRC 570 Manufacturing Day: 22: WBA TS
- Explore the Poconos: ESU & Northampton Monroe Campus: 42 MS & HS TS & EOC Participants
- Alpaca Farm-entrepreneurship and sustainability: 17 MS & HS TS Participants
- Philadelphia: Temple & the Museum of Illusions: 31 TS & EOC Participants



### Overnight Field Trips:

- Point Park: 6 Scranton HS TS Participants
- Washington, DC: Howard University, Georgetown, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian & more: 50 Juniors & Seniors from TS & EOC Programs
- New York City: Columbia University, Hofstra, Wicked, Coney Island & so much more: 55 Juniors & Seniors from TS & EOC Programs
- Overnight Music Camp with Say it with Music: Shadowbrook Inn & Resort: 44 - 9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade TS & EOC Participants

### Cultural/Mentorship/Careers:

- Hockey Game with SWB Penguins: 30 TS & EOC Participants with parents
- SWB Railriders Game: 33 TS & EOC Participants with parents
- Diversity & Inclusion with Snack Crates: 46 MS & HS TS & EOC Program Participants
- Senior Celebration: 45 TS & EOC Participants and families



### Volunteerism:

- Veteran Stand Downs for Homeless in Wilkes-Barre & Hazleton: 8 events: 21 TS Participants gave 672 hours of their time
- Scranton Farmer's Market Information Table: 3 TS Participants gave 12 hours of their time



### Career Exploration:

- Engineering Expectations Program-Salt Powered Robots, Mentorship with Kings College students and faculty: 19 TS & EOC Participants

- Future Business Leaders Career Program-Stock Portfolios & Entrepreneurship: 21 TS & EOC Participants
- Medical Mentorship Mondays with Geisinger Medical Students: 38 TS & EOC Participants
  - Sheep Kidney Dissection
  - Suture Activity
  - Molecular session with Oreo Cookies
  - Pig Heart Dissection
- Surgery Live: 215 students from both the TS & EOC Programs observed a surgery performed live at the Penn State Milton Hershey Medical Center
- Art Career Exploration-4 Sessions: 62 TS & EOC Participants participated
- Culinary Careers & Military: MRE Chopped: 10 TS Participants
- Music Camp-Say It with Music-STEM Program. Students worked with two producers to write the lyrics, sing the lyrics, write a music video, & record it. Watch the students in their amazing production: [Summertime with Friends](#)

#### **How does the Career Exploration Program work?**

- Sessions meet on a regular basis-monthly, quarterly or bi-annually
- Each career sector has a college/university partner-(Still Accepting partners)
- Offers mentorship with working professionals and current college students
- Have hands-on lesson opportunities:
  - Supplies are delivered to student's home or school
  - Student then logs on to zoom to conduct activity with guest presenters

#### **Tutoring Program:**

- SAT Prep Classes: 67 Juniors & Seniors from both TS & EOC Programs
- College Writing & MLA Format Classes offered monthly on zoom
- Individual Tutoring: 23 TS and EOC Program Participants met with an agency tutor to increase grades and knowledge
  - Tutoring in-person & on zoom. SAT Prep offered in the Fall & Spring at Talent Search Schools & For the Cause Teen Center in Berwick



