

Important Dates

Friday, May 8
**SDP 3-Hour Early
Dismissal for Staff
Development**

Tuesday, May 19
**SDP Closed for
Election Day**

Monday, May 25
**SDP Closed for
Memorial Day**

Wednesday, May 27
**SDP Closed for
Eid al-Adha**



Greetings, Scholars and Families —

PSSA testing is winding down, AP exams are here, and Keystones are coming soon! We hope amid all these assessments you've found time to enjoy the warmer weather and recharge for the final stretch of the school year.

Read on for information about our Class of 2026 Senior Survey, summer opportunities for students, and more.

Have questions or need assistance? Email us any time at vpse.talentsearch@upenn.edu.



Class of '26 Senior Survey

With just a little more than a month of school left, it's time to start celebrating our seniors! Before graduation, **we want to hear from you** about your upcoming plans and how you've been impacted by Talent Search. Help us continue to support you and better serve future students by taking our quick senior survey!

[Click Here to Take the Survey](#)

It's Not Too Late! Apply to CCP for Fall Semester

For seniors who have not yet committed to a college, there's still time to apply to Community College of Philadelphia and start this fall. CCP encourages students to [apply by August 1](#) to ensure you have enough time to complete the steps to enrollment before the start of the semester. You will need to:

1. **[Apply for admission](#)**
2. **[Apply for financial aid](#)** as soon as possible using the Community College of Philadelphia School Code 003249 when filing your FAFSA.
3. **Satisfy your English and math placement requirement:** Submit your high school transcripts and SAT/ACT scores, if taken, as they are used to determine if you qualify for a [placement test waiver](#). If you do not qualify for a waiver or are unable to get transcripts and/or test scores, you will need to take the [placement test](#).
4. **Confirm your acceptance:** You will receive an email from the Admissions Office asking you to log in to your application account and confirm your admission.
5. **Sign up for a registration event:** You must attend an event to be eligible to register for classes and receive an academic plan for the semester.
6. **Register for classes:** Once you attend a registration event, you will receive instructions on how to register for classes.
7. **Pay for your classes:** You will need to pay tuition and fees by the payment deadline to preserve your class schedule.

[Click here](#) to get more information on the CCP admissions process.

Need assistance with your application? [Make a Zoom appointment with Ms. Sofia!](#)

Talent Search and TRIO Advocacy Update

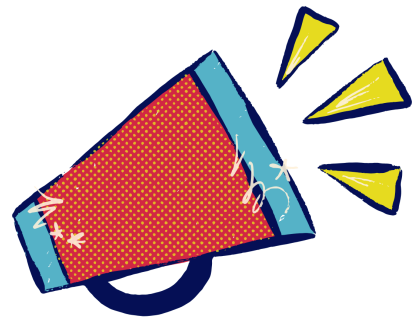
Did you know that Penn Talent Search is a federal TRIO program?

TRIO programs operate in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., the Pacific Islands, and Puerto Rico.

Collectively, [more than 3,400 TRIO programs nationwide](#) help nearly one million students enter and graduate from college each year. Penn Talent Search alone serves 583 students in Philadelphia.

The Trump administration released its [proposed 2027 budget](#) last month, requesting [a \\$2.3 billion decrease in education funding](#). The request would **eliminate federal TRIO programs**, which support low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities, in addition to other college access programs.

Policymakers in Congress need to hear from YOU — the TRIO students, parents, and families — about the importance of protecting Talent Search and other programs, so we can continue to serve every one of our participants along their educational journey.



[Send a message to your senators and representative to ensure funding at the highest possible level for all TRIO Programs in the FY 2027 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill.](#)

Thank you for being a TRIO advocate!

Opportunities for Talent Search Scholars

Esperanza Health Center Summer Teen Internship Program

Open to **rising 10th-12th graders** and recent high school graduates interested in a career in healthcare, this immersive **three-week program** offers shadowing opportunities, professional development, mentorship, hands-on training, and more.

The internship will run July 20 through August 5, Monday-Wednesday, from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the CORE Building, 3222 H St.

[Click here to get more information and apply today!](#)

Land Health Institute ProFESS Summer Program

Do you love being outside? Curious about how nature works? Want to make a real difference in your community while getting paid? Apply to the 2026 ProFESS (Program for Future Environmental Scientists and Stewards) this summer with LandHealth Institute! You'll get to explore the wilds of Philadelphia, meet awesome people, build your future, and make a little cash.

- **Earn up to \$500** learning and applying new ecological and environmental science skills at our native plant nursery or assisting our community kayaking program.
- Receive Hands-On Environmental Education through immersive, exploration-based learning experiences that allow you to deepen your understanding of the city and the planet where you live.
- Explore potential career paths in environmental science, ecology, and related fields by gaining real-world

Philadelphia Parks & Recreation Lifeguards

Philadelphia Parks & Recreation lifeguards make summer safe and fun for thousands of Philadelphia children and families. Pay starts at **\$16.85 per hour**. Lifeguards typically work 35 hours per week from June through August.

To become a City lifeguard, you must:

- **Be 16 years old**
- Pass the lifeguard screening test
- Complete a Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Course (free for those 24 and under)

Free training is available to help you pass the screening test. Candidates who pass the screening test will be enrolled in lifeguard certification or recertification courses through Parks & Rec. Certification and recertification are free for lifeguards ages 16–24.

[Click here to get more information and sign up for training.](#)

Urgent 365 College Trunk Party

The College Trunk Party is an annual donation drive facilitated by Urgent 365 that sends 15 or more **high school graduates in need of financial assistance** to college with the essentials they need for on-campus living. Through the Trunk Party students have received **bed sheets, laptops, notebooks, towels, bath supplies and up to \$300 in book award money.**

Urgent 365 holds a Trunk Party event the last Saturday in July for students and guardians where the items are given, students are celebrated, and two college panels are held for students and parents to prepare for college life. Selected students must be able to attend

leadership experience which will ready you for the future.

The program runs from June 22 through August 15, two to three days a week. **Current 8th through 12th graders** are eligible to apply.

[Click here to get more information and apply today!](#)

the Trunk Party event in July.

In order to be eligible for the award, applicants must:

- live in Philadelphia, PA (or the Tri-state area),
- be a 2026 high school graduate,
- be able to explain financial need,
- and be accepted to a college and scheduled to live on campus in the fall.

[Click here to get more information and apply no later than May 11.](#)



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