Executive Summary

The Rural Talent Search grade level progression and college enrollment assessment was administered during September of 2011. All 606 of the Rural Talent Search Program records were reviewed to confirm grade level advancement and college enrollment rates. The demographics of the participant records include 7th through 12th grade RTS program participants; approximately 71% of the participant records were low-income, first generation students.

The assessment demonstrates the Rural Talent Search program yielded a 94.87% grade level advancement rate of pre-college Trio participants and a 71.18% post-secondary enrollment rate of all senior-level Trio participants. Grade level advancement rates of pre-college Trio participants and secondary enrollment rates of all senior-level Trio participants will be reevaluated annually.

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Assessment Review/Update Form for Student Affairs
(Complete after assessment)

| Department: Rural Talent Search (RTS) |
| Assessment Title: RTS Annual Performance Review Data Analysis |
| SAAT Liaison: |

Overview & Response Rate: Provide the methods used to administer the assessment and the timeline. Identify demographics of respondents; include the number mailed or interviewed and the number completed.

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Distribution: List groups that will receive reports (oral or written) from this assessment. Include timeline for when presented.

RTS staff will receive reports from this assessment during summer program planning. Multicultural Student Affairs (MSA) will receive a summary report from this assessment in the Student Affairs Annual Report submitted in June of 2012. The assessment information was also submitted to the Department of Education in the required Annual Performance Report (APR) during the fall of 2011.

Summary of Findings: Include executive summary, table and figures, if applicable. What did you learn?

Rural Talent Search Trio Program records were reviewed to assess enrollment rates. The grade level advancement rate for Rural Talent Search Program participants was 94.87%; the college enrollment rate for Rural Talent Search Program participants was 71.18%.
**Link to Strategic Plan:** List the strategic plan supported by this assessment. Specifically identify the results which relate to strategic initiative(s).

**Link to Learning Outcomes:** List the learning outcome supported by this assessment. Specifically identify the results which provide evidence of learning.

Outcome 2
Method 1 – The program records of all Trio staff will be reviewed each semester and analyzed annually and will yield an 80% grade level advancement rate of pre-college Trio participants and a 70% post-secondary enrollment rate of all senior-level Trio participants.

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**Recommendations/Action Plan:** Describe specific actions or programmatic changes you will make resulting from this assessment. Include semester(s) of implementation and proposed follow up assessment.

Specific actions that will be taken resulting from this assessment include:
1. Implementing regularly scheduled report card monitoring each grading period
2. Implementing a tutoring referral system for students to link to tutorials provided at their campuses
3. Increasing communication and services for recent high school graduates to assist with college enrollment

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Return completed form to VPSA Office, 980 J.C. Kellam, before the end of the semester in which the assessment was conducted.