

Educational Talent Search Grant Awarded



Pictured left to right are: Brandon Burk, Erika Smith, Julie Ulmer & Brenda Miner

RMCC is pleased to announce another grant cycle has been awarded to the Talent Search program and is anticipated to be funded through 2016. Rich Mountain Community College is host to four TRIO programs, including the Educational Talent Search Program. All TRIO programs must write for a grant to ensure federal funding for the operation of these projects. The grants typically are awarded for five years, and then a new grant request must be submitted. Lucy Jones, former TRIO Programs Director at RMCC, wrote the grant which received a perfect score and ensured this opportunity to approximately 700 students in our service area. Many sixth through twelfth grade students from eight school districts in Polk, Scott and Montgomery counties will directly benefit from services offered by the Educational Talent Search staff.

ETS began at RMCC in 1994, although the roots of the federally funded program date back to the mid 1960's. Two-thirds of the students accepted into the ETS program must meet certain income guidelines and are among the first in their families to receive a college degree. Talent Search is designed to provide post secondary preparation and assistance to these students. Talent Search will be accepting new students meeting the program criteria this fall after school starts. Interested parents should contact the ETS office at RMCC at (479)394-7622 or their school counselor.