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Iowa State University Talent Search is excited to send two of its pre-college TRIO students to the Georgetown University Campus this June for a six-day intensive leadership conference.

The Council for Opportunity in Education's (COE) 33rd Annual National Student Leadership Congress

Washington D.C., June 11-16th, 2022– Iowa State University TRIO is proud to announce two of its students were selected to attend the leadership congress this summer. They were nominated by their Talent Search advisors and selected by the COE after their submission of an application and meeting appropriate academic standards. Students across the United States apply for this event.

The students selected are as follows: 11th Grader Katelynn Pentico of Perry High School and 10th Grader Natalie Vianey Andrade of Marshalltown High School.

Megan Averill, Katelynn's TRIO Talent Search advisor states why she chose her for nomination.

"She is kindhearted, dependable, and motivated. I can always count on her to be at our meetings and get things done. She works hard and does well in her classes. She can make easy conversation with just about anyone. She is a role model, a true leader, and really wants to help others and make a positive change/impact. I think this conference will be great for her and help her home in on some of these skills even more."

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Bri Laughlin, Natalie's TRIO Talent Search Advisor, states:

"I nominated Natalie because she is intentional in all that she does. She values hard work, commitment, and perseverance. She has a passion for creating positive and meaningful change within her community; she is always thinking about the bigger picture and what she can do to contribute to that picture. I want to see her grow in her ability to impact her peers and community while continuing to build on her confidence and her ability to lead."

National Student Leadership Congress

The National Student Leadership Congress is where TRIO pre-college students come from across the U.S. and territories to Washington, D.C. to collaborate in finding innovative solutions to today's societal issues. It is an intensive six-day leadership experience hosted on the campus of Georgetown University. Highlights of the event include a Mock Congress Competition, Diversity and Inclusion Training, Interactive Learning Labs, College and Career Fair, Monuments Tour, and a day on Capitol Hill! Please see coenet.org to learn more about this event.

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Iowa State University TRIO Talent Search is a college preparatory program funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The goal of Talent Search is to increase the likelihood that participants graduate from high school and enroll in college. This goal is accomplished by providing participants with academic support, financial aid resources, and personal counseling through monthly school visits. Talent Search advisers work with school counselors and teachers to identify qualified youth who have the potential for success in college.

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