

An update from the Desk of Your President....



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Colleagues:

I recently had the opportunity to participate in a webinar sponsored by Ohio TRIO that focused on the History of TRIO programs. While completing research for my presentation, I ran across several documents written by veterans of our movement that have helped shape my comments this month. As much as my goals for the Association are focused on preparing us for the next 40 years, it is no coincidence that I have spent hours, if not days learning about the early years of our movement. It's as if the universe works to prepare me and the board for our decisions by exposing the path that was taken before... hills, valleys and pitfalls included.

The personal sacrifices made and the battles fought should not be forgotten...especially in the shadows of our TRIO Day celebrations. Ohio President, Thomas Jefferson and his leadership team of Patty Anderson and Adam Cinderich agreed to share the link below for those who might be interested in the presentation.

<https://kent.webex.com/kent/jdr.php?RCID=c1edae5b7c40c713335e41e470a6d0d8>

I hope that you all enjoyed your respective TRIO Day Celebrations and are "pumped" up and ready to advocate at the upcoming Policy Seminar in order to preserve all that has been built over the last 50 years!

Kaye Monk-Morgan



The MAEOPP Nominations process has recently closed and the election information will be available soon. Thank you to all those who accepted the nomination for leadership roles. Voting for the leadership of our Association is a benefit of membership and helps ensure our future success. Please don't miss out on the opportunity to shape the future.



The MAEOPP Board of Directors would like to offer our congratulations to the following EOP students and their respective TRIO nominators on their recent selection as a 2015 Keith Sherrin Global Leader participant. Twenty-two students were selected from a national pool of applicants. Of 22 students, 11 of whom are from programs within MAEOPP, will travel abroad to Salamanca, Spain from May 28<sup>th</sup>-July 27, 2015.

Participants will have a chance to explore Salamanca, one of Spain's most spectacular cities, and immerse themselves in an intense, month-long study of Spanish language and culture. Participants will study with Spanish and other international students at the University of Salamanca and have the option to live with a Spanish family or with other international students in a residence hall.

Participants received a \$200 stipend to offset the costs of participation and are expected to work with their chapters to share their experience with other TRIO/EOP students.

**Olivia Afolabi**, Inver Hills Community College; Director Mike Kruger

**Amanda Aguirre-Jaimes**, Grand Rapids Community College; Advisor Anna Maria Clark

**Alonso Barragan-Martinez**, Garden City Community College; Advisor Kurt Peterson

**MollyJo Bautch**, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Director Wilma Callaway

**Kalvin Chung**, North Hennepin Community College; Director Shelly Siegel

**Gerardo Guerrero- Segura**, University of Iowa; Advisor Camelia Rubalcada

**Darrico Harris**, Bowling Green University; Director Roger Grant

**Abigail Hernandez**, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh; Director Kaitlyn Cooper

**Jordan Olson**, Marian University; Director Melissa Luedtke

**Eduardo Silva**, University of Iowa; Advisor Camelia Rubalcada

**Adrianna Welter-Mayne**, NE Iowa Community College; Director Cindy Benedict



The Council for Opportunity in Education's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Policy Seminar will take place March 14-17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The TRIO and GEAR UP communities will have the opportunity to help educate Members of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, congressional staff, and Obama Administration officials about the history and the success of TRIO and GEAR UP. More importantly, this event gives participants a chance to represent the interests of low-income and first-generation students and students with disabilities in the policy arena.

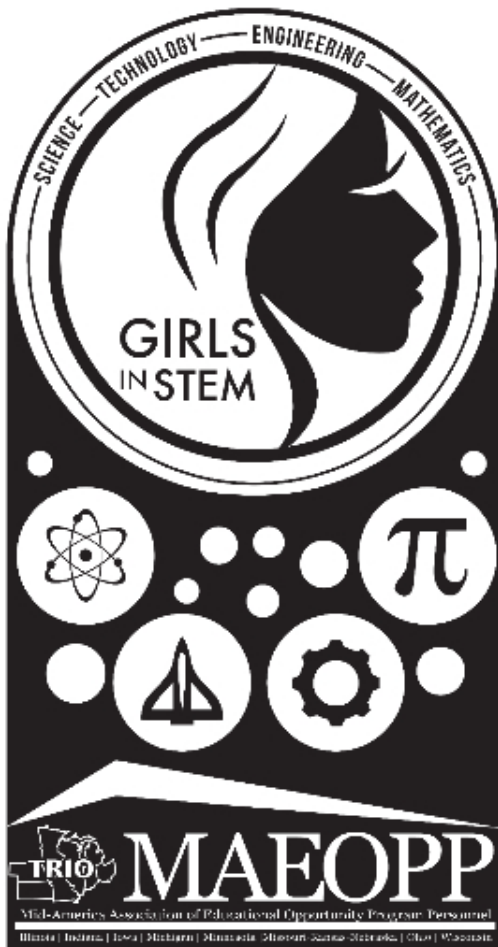


The MAEOPP Board of Directors has entered into contract with an independent contractor to begin a branding campaign for the Association. Data and ideas are currently being collected from the MAEOPP and chapter boards of directors to drive this work. The Board hopes to present a new Association logo to the membership at the November General Assembly meeting.

Many EOP professionals are unable to attend the Policy Seminar in person. I would like to encourage those not walking the hill, to be active on the net. Please use this time to post on your social media networks that #TRIOworks and stories that tell of student and program success. Tag your political leaders and let them know that college access professionals are standing on their doorsteps. Encourage them to open the door!

When you hold onto your history, you do so at the expense of your destiny.

– T.D. Jakes



MAEOPP invites you and your female students to our inaugural Girls in STEM Conference on May 29-31, 2015 at Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis, IN.

**Application Deadline:** March 31, 2015

Each pre-college program can nominate up to five students who have at least a 3.0 GPA and are interested in learning about STEM majors and careers. Only 100 students will be chosen. The selection committee will notify nominators by April 10, 2015 and send out conference registration packets, to be processed with payment by May 11, 2015.

**Registration Cost:** \$300 per participant, which includes all meals and lodging at the IUPUI's campus.

**Throughout the conference girls will receive STEM exposure to the following:**

- Hands-on activities in laboratory settings
- Education about majors, colleges, and careers
- Mentoring opportunities with college students, professors, and professional women
- Critical thinking and discussion exercises

**Conference Highlights:**

- College campus and medical building tours
- Project-based Think Tank activity with group presentation
- Discussion on current STEM issues
- STEM professionals and college student panel
- Concurrent sessions that allow students to be exposed to all disciplines of STEM
- Motivational speakers



Fair Share is the sharing of budgetary responsibility needed for the Council for Opportunity in Education to operate based on the relative number of TRIO projects in an region. The Council's Board of Director's votes on the General Administrative Budget (GAB) of the Council. The GAB supports the critical work of the Council not supported by outside grants. The Fair Share is then calculated using the GAB amount.

Fair Share is given In four ways:

- Regional Membership Dues                      Institutional Membership Dues
- Subscriptions                                      Annual Giving Campaign (Personal Donations)

As of today MAEOPP has collected 58% of our Fair Share, up from 43% at this same time last month. The state percentages are:

IA- 66%	IN-75%	MI-82%	MN-58%	OH-82%
IL-37%	KAN-45%	MO-53%	NE-60%	WI-48%

Let's get moving MAEOPP! We want to meet our Fair Share!

The MAEOPP Student Leadership Conference committee would like to invite you nominate young men to participant in our first annual MAEOPP 100: Men Of Excellence Conference on the campus of Bowling Green State University on **July 23 to 25, 2015**.

The MAEOPP 100: Men of Excellence "Be R.E.A.L." conference is based on President Obama's "My Brother's Keeper" initiative for young men of color. "R.E.A.L." stands for Responsible, Educated, Authentic, Leader. The conference will focus on 100 young men of color. The conference will target 40 pre-college students, 40 college students, and 20 young professionals. The conference should address at minimum four of the six goals of the initiative:

- Ensuring all youth graduate from high school
- Ensuring all youth complete post-secondary education or training
- Ensuring all youth out of school are employed
- Ensuring all youth remain safe from violent crime

Throughout the conference participants will be exposed to the concept of R.E.A.L. through:

- Mentorship
- Action planning
- Networking opportunities
- And critical thinking and small group exercises.



**Target Audience:** 100 young men of color (40 pre-college students, 40 college students, and 20 young professionals from chapters within the MAEOPP Region).

Directors and participants are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible. Spaces are limited and only two males will be chosen from a particular program.

For More Information Contact: Thomas Jefferson [maeopp100@maeopp.org](mailto:maeopp100@maeopp.org)





The 41st Annual Conference Committee is preparing to host you in Grand Rapids, MI this fall.

Online and phone reservations can be made via a dedicated website. Guests are also be able to modify and cancel their hotel reservations online, as well as take advantage of any room upgrades, amenities or other services offered by the hotel.

[https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=13757094](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=13757094)

Please use the following dedicated Group Reservations phone numbers for telephone reservations:

Reservations Toll Free: (800) 253-3590

Reservations Local Phone: (616) 776-6450

The Amway Grand Plaza may not be able to accept reservation inquiries on certain non-group reservation phone numbers.



Many thanks to MKN President Mike Conley, MKN Past President Valdis Zalite, COE Board Chair-elect Trent Ball and St. Louis Community College TRIO leader, Carolyn Johnson for inviting me to attend their TRIO Day luncheon and Town Hall meeting featuring Dr. James Minor.

The luncheon was host to more than 50 educational partners in the St. Louis area, including TRIO, GEARUP, EOP, and foundation professionals, along with community college and university administrators. Participants had the opportunity to network and were led through a sharing exercise by Mr. Zalite.

Dr. Minor's comments were shared to a crowd of students, administrators and community leaders. He focused on the Obama Administration's goal of increasing college degree attainment, shared efforts to improve access and discussed the success of current government funded programs, including TRIO and GEAR UP. Dr. Minor asked those professionals present to consider the following questions?

- How does the administration address the fact that the two fastest growing demographic groups in America (African American and Hispanic) are also the two groups with the lowest high school graduation rates? How do we attack that phenomena?
- In times of limited budgets and increased accountability, how do program administrators know which services are the ones that matter? How do we know which baskets to put our eggs in and with whom do we share that information?

Poignant questions for professionals engaged in the college access and success world. Congratulations to the MKN Chapter and their leadership for a shining example of what MAEOPP can do if we open our doors and engage other stakeholders in our fight for college access and success.