

# THE MID-EASTERN BEACON

## WINTER/ SPRING 2007-2008

*The Mid-Eastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MEAEOPP)*  
 Serving Delaware / District of Columbia / Maryland / Pennsylvania / Virginia / West Virginia

### Greetings from the President, *Diane Sandefur*

Hello MEAEOPP Friends and Colleagues –

It is essential to acknowledge where we are now, March 2008. The region has had some challenges over the past 20 months, but I can state that we are on the road of solid recovery. Fiscally, because of you the MEAEOPP Membership, we are growing stronger every day. More importantly, however, we are united and this accomplishment is critical for our growth together as TRIO professionals. We are collectively seeing the point of MEAEOPP – to support one another with the ultimate goal of strengthening our programs and supporting our amazing TRIO Students. To each of you – Thank You. As we continue on throughout the remainder of 2008 and through 2009 I want us to focus on the opportunities that lie ahead and move MEAEOPP forward as a team of individuals who work tirelessly for the success of our TRIO participants. To do this let us revisit the strategic plan that former MEAEOPP Leadership created, and that you approved as the plan to lead us toward success as a region:

#### MEAEOPP Strategic Goals and Selected Accomplishments

##### Goal 1: Expand MEAEOPP's Strategic Position and Financial Resources

- ◆ *We have had an incredible financial recovery that continues to expand and move us forward.*
- ◆ *We have secured collaborations with corporations.*

##### Goal 2: Increase the Participation Level and Commitment of the General Membership

- ◆ *Because of the 2006 restructuring of Membership, many more MEAEOPP professionals are members of the association and the revenue for MEAEOPP is at an all time high of \$20,000..*

##### Goal 3: Expand Training and Professional Development Opportunities

- ◆ *The Emerging Leaders Institute will support ELI members this year and will continue to be directed by Ollie Tolliver*
- ◆ *Work to do: Establish a task force to explore the feasibility of awarding Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for professional development and make recommendations to the Board.*
- ◆ *Develop a professional development and resource database i.e., list of personnel with specialized skills, speakers bureau, products, services, etc.*

##### Goal 4: Increase Access for TRIO Students and TRIO Professionals to Advanced Technologies

- ◆ *Corris Davis and Rob Gibson urgently moved the MEAEOPP website to [www.meaeopp.org](http://www.meaeopp.org) and have uploaded all conference related materials online.*

##### Goal 5: Strengthen Partnerships with the Host Institutions, TRIO Alumni, State/District & Regional Associations

- ◆ Tom Wilson, VA President has accepted the position of Chair of Legislation and Education Committee.
- ◆ Diallo Sumbry, DC President-Elect will oversee the creation of an Alumni Database.

##### Goal 6: Increase MEAEOPP's Governmental Relations Efforts

- ◆ Begin the necessary responsibility of the board to professionally discuss issues that affect TRIO and MEAEOPP and decide democratically how we stand on issues.
- ◆ Need to appoint a Chair to the Governmental Relations Committee.

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### KEY MEAEOPP & TRiO DATES

**March 30-April 2, 2008** - MEAEOPP's 32nd Annual Conference, Hilton Hotel at Virginia Beach Oceanfront, Virginia Beach, VA "Raising the Banner of Success: MEAEOPP, TRiO, and You" Go to [www.meaeopp.org](http://www.meaeopp.org) for more information.



**June 4-13, 2008** - COE 19<sup>th</sup> Annual National Student Leadership Congress, American University, Washington, D.C. For more information, go to [www.coenet.us](http://www.coenet.us)

**June 13, 2008** - COE NATIONAL TRIO ACHIEVER To nominate one of your TRiO Alum as a National TRIO Achiever go to <http://www.coenet.us> -

**TRIO SSS applications and TRIO Training Applications** will be due to the Department of Education in 2008.

**Pell Institute** - for valuable information and resources go to <http://www.pellinstitute.org/>

**COE FAIRSHARE** To make a contribution go to <http://www.coenet.us> or contact your State/District President

**September 17-20, 2008** - COE 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Hilton Hotel, Washington D.C.

## In The States and the District –

*Statistics from MEAEOPP Membership Roster and the U.S. Dept. of Education (3/2008)*

*Unless otherwise noted, articles were submitted by the respective State Association President*

### DELAWARE (Delaware State TRIO Organization - DSTO)

#### State Stats

# of TRIO programs: 14, # of students served by TRIO: 2,467

TOTAL FUNDING \$4,085,684

TS - 2 programs, 1,350 students served, \$616,122 funded

UB - 4 programs, 252 students served, \$1,293,428 funded

UBMS - 3 programs, 174 students served, \$898,579 funded

VUB - 0 programs

EOC - 0 programs

SSS - 3 programs, 640 students served, \$821,555 funded

McNair - 2 programs, 51 students served, \$456,000 funded

**President:** *Rebecca W. Craft*  
**President-Elect:** *Tonya Perry-Conley*  
**Treasurer:** *Florence Pipes*  
**Secretary:** *Pamela Hendricks*  
**Fair Share:** Received \$8,500  
 Budgeted \$11,359  
 Difference \$ 2,859  
 Percentage 75%

- Hosted very successful fall staff development training for membership that focused on taking care of business and taking care of ourselves
- Sponsored 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Excellence in TRIO Student Leadership Conference on February 18, 2008 with workshops for students, parents, and special panel discussion featuring past DSTO TRIO Achievers

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (District of Columbia Consolidation of Educational Services - DCCES)

#### State Stats

# of TRIO programs: 20, # of students served by TRIO: 6,318

TOTAL FUNDING \$6,984,336

TS - 2 programs, 1,800 students served, \$673,058 funded

UB - 13 programs, 831 students served, \$3,966,711 funded

UBMS - 1 program, 68 students served, \$338,593 funded

VUB - 0 programs

EOC - 1 program, 3,020 students served, \$926,768 funded

SSS - 2 programs, 575 students served, \$859,205 funded

McNair - 1 programs, 24 students served, \$220,000 funded

**President:** *Marlene A. Guy*  
**President-Elect:** *Diallo Sumbry*  
**Treasurer:**  
**Secretary:**  
**Fair Share:** Received \$22,368  
 Budgeted \$12,170  
 Difference +\$10,198  
 Percentage 184%

- Held DCCES newcomers Orientation on November 8<sup>th</sup> for 19 New TRIO personnel
- Planning the first DCCES Student Leadership Conference for April 18-20<sup>th</sup> in the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, Chevy Chase, MD
- DCCES Conference to be held on May 22 at the University of the District of Columbia.

### MARYLAND (Maryland Executive Council for Educational Opportunities - MECEO)

#### State Stats

# of TRIO programs: 36, # of students served by TRIO: 10,356

TOTAL FUNDING \$11,377,053

TS - 6 programs, 4,425 students served, \$1,963,434 funded

UB - 12 programs, 865 students served, \$4,192,471 funded

UBMS - 0 programs

VUB - 0 programs

EOC - 2 programs, 2,000 students served, \$489,647 funded

SSS - 13 programs, 2,975 students served, \$3,912,767 funded

McNair - 3 programs, 91 students served, \$818,734 funded

**President:** *Wm. Darryl Allen, Ed.D.*  
**President-Elect:** *William Southerland III, PhD*  
**Treasurer:** *Aaron Kane*  
**Secretary:** *Beverly C. Lindsey*  
**Fair Share:** Received \$21,200  
 Budgeted \$32,453  
 Difference \$11,253  
 Percentage 65%

- Hosted a Professional Development Series in February with the Maryland Higher Education Commission on colleges and universities and on the Ten Important Leadership Lessons.
- Maryland has developed a wonderful website: <http://www.meceo.org/>

**PENNSYLVANIA** (Pennsylvania Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel - PAEOPP)

**State Stats**

# of TRIO programs: 78, # of students served by TRIO: 25,979  
 TOTAL FUNDING \$23,961,195  
 TS - 16 programs, 12,741 students served, \$5,070,051 funded  
 UB - 21 programs, 1,597 students served, \$7,466,833 funded  
 UBMS - 5 programs, 270 students served, \$1,344,068 funded  
 VUB - 1 program, 120 students served, \$358,696 funded  
 EOC - 4 programs, 6,225 students served, \$1,549,872 funded  
 SSS - 27 programs, 4,916 students served, \$7,171,675 funded  
 McNair - 4 programs, 110 students served, \$1,000,000 funded

**President:** Gary C. Seelye  
**President-Elect:** Angela Steffy Gierchak  
**Treasurer:** Leo Conway  
**Secretary:** Michele Lagnese  
**Fair Share:** Received: \$55,100  
 Budgeted: \$62,473  
 Difference: \$ 7,373  
 Percentage: 88%

- Dr. Lori Francis, Assistant Professor of Biobehavioral Health at Penn State University and a former McNair Scholar was the Keynote Speaker at the Annual PAEOPP Conference.
- PAEOPP awarded 11 scholarships totaling \$5500 to TRIO Participants at the conference held in State College, October, 2007.

**VIRGINIA** (Virginia Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel - VAEOPP)

**State Stats**

# of TRIO programs: 49, # of students served by TRIO: 14,017  
 TOTAL FUNDING \$15,008,361  
 TS - 6 programs, 4,900 students served, \$1,934,994 funded  
 UB - 20 programs, 1,277 students served, \$6,371,331 funded  
 UBMS - 1 programs, 50 students served, \$250,000 funded  
 VUB - 1 program, 120 students served, \$249,274 funded  
 EOC - 2 programs, 3,820 students served, \$76,770 funded  
 SSS - 18 programs, 3,825 students served, \$5,270,992 funded  
 McNair - 1 program, 25 students served, \$225,000 funded

**President:** Thomas G. Wilson  
**President-Elect:** Maurice Cannon  
**Treasurer:** Kay Williams  
**Secretary:** Angela Moore  
**Fair Share:** Received: \$27,550  
 Budgeted: \$38,944  
 Difference: \$11,394  
 Percentage: 71%

- Congressman Bobby Scott spoke at the Virginia/West Virginia Associations of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel conference at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville, VA on November 12. He was recognized by naming a Virginia TRIO Scholarship in his honor.
- Henry Lee, a victim of the Virginia Tech shooting, was remembered by naming a scholarship in his honor.

**WEST VIRGINIA** (Virginia Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel - WVAEOPP)

**State Stats**

# of TRIO programs: 30, # of students served by TRIO: 8,316  
 TOTAL FUNDING \$8,872,833  
 TS - 3 programs, 1,850, students served, \$724,659 funded  
 UB - 10 programs, 748 students served, \$3,452,169 funded  
 UBMS - 1 programs, 50 students served, \$250,000 funded  
 VUB - 1 programs, 120 students served, \$355,666 funded  
 EOC - 3 programs, 3,500 students served, \$883,770 funded  
 SSS - 10 programs, 1,995 students served, \$2,723,121 funded  
 McNair - 2 program, 53 students served, \$483,448 funded

**President:** Nick Bedway  
**President-Elect:** Gene Ochsendorf  
**Treasurer:** Tira Runyon  
**Secretary:**  
**Fair Share:** Received: \$14,200  
 Budgeted: \$23,529  
 Difference: \$ 9,329  
 Percentage: 60%

- West Virginia currently awards scholarships in the names of Anne Crum who was with Davis & Elkins College and Jackie Hersman who is with Marshall Univeristy.
- The 2008 Student Leadership Conference was held in Charleston, WV from February 22-24, 2008

## In The Region



Delaware  
 District of Columbia  
 Maryland  
 Pennsylvania  
 Virginia  
 West Virginia

## REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION CAMPAIGN 2007-2008

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPLEMENT YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR TO INSPIRE OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR REGION TO CONTRIBUTE TO MEAEOPP. PLEASE JOIN WITH OUR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND STATE ASSOCIATIONS THAT ARE COMMITTED TO ADVANCING EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AND PROMOTING DIVERSITY IN AMERICA'S COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM OR PROJECT \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION

MY PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TO FURTHER SUPPORT MEAEOPP IS ENCLOSED.

BENEFACTOR FOR MEAEOPP (\$500 AND ABOVE)       CHAMPION FOR MEAEOPP (\$400 TO \$499)  
 PATRON FOR MEAEOPP (\$251 TO \$399)       ADVOCATE FOR MEAEOPP (\$100 TO \$250)  
 PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL FOR MEAEOPP (\$51 TO \$99)       FRIEND FOR MEAEOPP (\$5 TO \$50)

### STATE / DISTRICT ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTION

DELAWARE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MARYLAND \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PENNSYLVANIA \$ \_\_\_\_\_

VIRGINIA \$ \_\_\_\_\_ WEST VIRGINIA \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### WHY SHOULD I CONTRIBUTE?

By contributing to MEAEOPP (through personal or State Association Contributions) you are essentially contributing to the success of TRIO. Only with your support can the Mid-Eastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel effectively carry out four activities that are crucial to your program and your students:

Consistently working to provide scholarship funds that support outstanding TRIO students in their quest to attain the academic goals that they, and YOU, have diligently worked towards.

Consistently working towards the mission of assisting low-income and first generation students in overcoming the economic, physical, academic and social barriers that make accessibility to higher education difficult, if not impossible.

Consistently working to provide TRIO students with the support services needed to successfully enroll in and graduate from post secondary institutions, thus advancing equal educational opportunity and promoting diversity in America's colleges and universities.

Consistently working to bring together program professionals who have shared interest in the educational and cultural development of TRIO Program students. The association offers the opportunity for growth through staff development to ensure continuing quality of program personnel.

MAKE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

MEAEOPP PLEASE MAIL TO: Lesa Garland, Howard University, MSC 590486,  
 500 Howard Place NW, Washington DC 20059 Questions call 202-806-5132

An Association of Federal **TRIO** Programs

## In The Region

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## “Raising the Banner of Success: MEAEOPP, TRiO and You”

March 30, 2008-April 2, 2008  
Hilton Hotel, Virginia Beach, VA



### How YOU can make the 2008 Conference a Success:

- ◆ Consider running for a MEAEOPP Office. MEAEOPP Members can run and vote for President-Elect and Secretary.
- ◆ Consider submitting one of your participants for a \$1,000 MEAEOPP Scholarship
- ◆ Present a Workshop
- ◆ Purchase a booklet ad
- ◆ Participate in the Fun Run/Walk
- ◆ Go to [www.meaeopp.org](http://www.meaeopp.org) for more information

### Conference Highlights:

- ◆ Justin Jones-Fosu, <http://www.jns-solutions.com/aboutus.html> is the opening keynote speaker on Sunday, March 30, 2008.
- ◆ Congressman Bobby Scott will speak on Monday, March 31, 2008
- ◆ Kimberly Jones, COE, to bring Washington Updates

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**MEAEOPP MEMBERSHIP**

For information on how to join MEAEOPP, contact Marline Paramour, Membership Chair at [mparamour@ccp.edu](mailto:mparamour@ccp.edu) or go to [www.meaeopp.org](http://www.meaeopp.org) for a membership form

NOTE: You must first be a member of a state or district association before joining MEAEOPP.

**MEAEOPP DEVELOPMENT**

This year MEAEOPP Development will include a variety of items for sale to support your TRiO program. Additionally, there will be interesting and valuable items available for you to win through a silent auction. As always we will have the State and District Baskets available for you to win through a silent auction. Lastly, as many TRiO Conferences offer across the country, we are asking YOU to bring interesting items from your TRiO Program, your institution and your community to donate to MEAEOPP as a part of a LARGE Silent Auction!

Please begin to collect these items to bring with you or to send to the MEAEOPP Conference in Virginia Beach!

**MEAEOPP ELECTIONS**

*Have you thought about running for a MEAEOPP Office? Responsibilities of the upcoming open offices are:*

**President -Elect**

- (a) The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence and shall assume the Office of President at the expiration of his/her term.
- (b) The President-Elect shall be the chairperson of The Association's Annual Conference Committee.
- (c) The President-Elect shall represent The Association on the Executive Board of the Council for Opportunity in Education beginning with the New Board Member Orientation.

*The President-Elect office is a three year commitment, with President and Immediate past-President to follow.*

**Secretary**

The Secretary shall perform the duties of keeping records, taking care of correspondence, and other writing tasks of The Association. The Secretary shall be the official recorder of all meetings of the Executive Board and the Annual Business Meeting.

Go to [www.meaeopp.org](http://www.meaeopp.org) for more information!

**MEAEOPP SCHOLARSHIPS**

Consider submitting one of your participants for a \$1,000 MEAEOPP Scholarship. Go to [www.meaeopp.org](http://www.meaeopp.org) for more information.

## In The Nation

The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 4137, the College Opportunity and Affordability Act. The bill passed by a vote of 354-58. This legislation aims to reauthorize the Higher Education Act of 1965 and is a companion piece to the reauthorization bill the Senate that passed last summer.

This bill proposes the following provisions to benefit TRIO:

- the creation an appeals process that includes review by a second peer review panel;
- expands TRIO grants from four to five years;
- language directing the Secretary to consider the needs of students when reviewing TRIO grant applications;
- language moving prior experience from being defined as regulatory language (by the Department of Education) to being defined by Congress (legislatively);
- defines the primary purpose of any TRIO evaluation as "the identification of particular practices that further the achievement of the prior experience criteria" included in the bill and requires approval of the institution's IRB if a project is selected to participate in a TRIO evaluation;
- allows branch campuses that were previously excluded to apply for grants;
- includes language to expand the scope of the Veterans Upward Bound program to include federal reservists called to action on or after September 11, 2001, and expands the ability of older veterans to participate in the program;
- expands TRIO services and makes secondary schools eligible to apply for TRIO programs;
- expands eligibility to include "disconnected youth," including young people who are homeless, in foster care, and teen parents; and
- eliminates the Absolute Priority, including the evaluation of Upward Bound.

Per the Office of Management and Budget, Statement of Administration Policy, February 6, 2008, regarding H.R. 4137 – College of Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007, "the Administration strongly opposes House passage of H.R. 4137 because it restricts the Department's ability to evaluate and effectively manage Upward Bound and other TRIO Programs, prohibits the Department of Educations from ever rigorously evaluating the effectiveness of the Upward bound or TRIO programs. In addition, the Administration strongly opposes provisions that would nullify Upward bound's FY 2007 grant competition requirement that grantees target their activities to the neediest students and give rejected TRIO applicants special appeal rights not available in other grant programs.

The TRIO request for 2009 would maintain level at \$828 million for funding for these college preparation and student support programs, which would serve an estimated 830,000 middle school, high school, and college students and adults. Of the four TRIO programs reviewed by the PART, Student Support Services, Talent Search, and McNair received Moderately Effective ratings. The Upward Bound program received an Ineffective rating, but has implemented changes that address program deficiencies by better targeting funds to higher-risk students. The request also includes funding for Staff Training grants, evaluation, and administrative support for the TRIO programs. An additional \$57 million in mandatory funds were made available by the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, (September 27, 2007). These funds are not part of the fiscal year 2009 budget request.

## In The Nation

### Report Highlights: The Impact of Regular Upward Bound: Results from the Third Follow-up Data Collection (2004)

<http://www.ed.gov/rschstat/eval/highered/upward/upward-3rd-report.html>

*Let's Talk TRIO...News You Can Use* can be found at:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/newsletters.html>

Program Profiles can be found at:

TS	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/rschstat/eval/highered/talentsearch/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/rschstat/eval/highered/talentsearch/index.html</a> <a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/triotalent/tsinterimreport2002-04.doc">http://www.ed.gov/programs/triotalent/tsinterimreport2002-04.doc</a>
UB	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/trioupbound/ubprofile-00-01.doc">http://www.ed.gov/programs/trioupbound/ubprofile-00-01.doc</a>
UBMS	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/triomathsci/ubmsprofile2000-01.doc">http://www.ed.gov/programs/triomathsci/ubmsprofile2000-01.doc</a>
VUB	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/trioupbound/vubprofile2000-01.doc">http://www.ed.gov/programs/trioupbound/vubprofile2000-01.doc</a>
EOC	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/trioeoc/eocinterimreport2002-04.doc">http://www.ed.gov/programs/trioeoc/eocinterimreport2002-04.doc</a>
SSS	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/triostudsupp/sss-interim2002-04.doc">http://www.ed.gov/programs/triostudsupp/sss-interim2002-04.doc</a>
McNair	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/triomcnair/mcnairprofile1997-2002.doc">http://www.ed.gov/programs/triomcnair/mcnairprofile1997-2002.doc</a> <a href="http://www.ed.gov/programs/triomcnair/mcnair2004-05facts.doc">http://www.ed.gov/programs/triomcnair/mcnair2004-05facts.doc</a>

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