

Schedule – MEAEOPP Conference 2024

February 18 – February 21, 2024

Hershey Lodge

TRIO: How Sweet It Is!

Times are tentative and subject to change

Saturday, February 17

MEAEOPP Board Meeting

Sunday, February 18



The TRIO Candy Factory Opens!

Registration (1 – 6 p.m.)

Opening plenary session (6 p.m.)

Odell Bizell will be the featured speaker.

Opening reception will follow.

Monday, February 19

Newcomers' Breakfast (8:00 – 8:45 a.m.)
(First-time attendee event)

Morning Plenary and Candidates' Forum (9:00 – 10:30 a.m.)

Invited Speakers: Kimberly Jones, COE President and Samuel Blanco III, Board Chair of COE

Vendors Showcase (10:30 – 11:00 a.m.)

*Breakouts (11:00 – 11:45 a.m.)

Luncheon and Business Meeting (12:00 – 3:00 p.m.)

Program Roundtables (3:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

*Breakouts (4:00 – 5:15 p.m.)

Dinner on your own

Tuesday, February 20

*Breakouts (9:00 – 10:15 a.m.)

State meetings (10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

Lunch on your own (12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

*Breakouts (2:30 – 4:00 p.m.)

Reception with cash bar (5:30 – 6:15 p.m.)

President's Banquet (6:15 – 9:30 p.m.) After dinner activity to follow

Wednesday, February 21

Breakfast with scholarship announcements and prizes (8:30 – 11:30 a.m.)

Closing Session with remarks from Gaby Watts, Senior Director of Higher Education Programs, Office of Post-Secondary Education (Invited)

Post-Conference Session (SEPARATE REGISTRATION REQUIRED) with **Dr. T. Chris George, Past Board Chair of COE on Team Leadership Development** (12:00 – 5:00 p.m.)

Lunch Provided for post-conference registrants

Thursday, February 22

Post-conference training continues (8:30 – 11:00 a.m.) Continental breakfast provided

***Breakouts – While we are still soliciting and planning breakout sessions, we do have several strands of topics we plan to include:**

*Sessions for those new to TRIO

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*Best practices for all programs

*Financial aid updates and information

*Hot topics of interest to TRIO personnel from our vendors

*Grant writing tips to get you started

*Golden Ticket Sessions to include self-care, wellness, and other activities