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
*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
*Sessions for those new to leadership
*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