

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

Mark Your Calendars Dates to Remember 2016-17

November 3-4	EOC Regional Conference	Gardner, MA
November 4	CAEOP State Conference	New Britain, CT
November 18	SSS Professional Development Day	Manchester, CT
January 4-5	MEEOA State Conference	Orono, ME
February 23-24	NEOA TRIO Day	Warwick, RI
March 19-20	COE Annual Leadership Summit	Washington, D.C.
March 19	TRIO Alumni Leadership Forum	Washington, D.C.
March 20	COE Seminar on Relations w/U.S.D.E.	Washington, D.C.
March 20-22	COE Annual Policy Seminar	Washington, D.C.
April 11-13	NEOA Annual Conference	Portland, ME

Congratulations!!!!

Upward Bound 1966 -2016: 50 Extraordinary Years!!!

Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Wellesley

Rhode Island College

SUNY Plattsburgh

University of New Hampshire

PHENOMENAL SUCCESSES TO CELEBRATE!

Educational Talent Search ~ 2016 -2021

NEOA is extremely proud to announce that Educational Talent Search Programs have been funded for each state within our region. They will serve a total of 12,105 students with an average annual budget of \$323,914. Please reach out and welcome our newly funded program and staff at University of Massachusetts ~ Boston.

Connecticut:	Central Connecticut State	\$240,000	500
Maine:	U Maine Orono	\$533,280	1,111
	U Maine Presque Isle	\$240,000	500
Massachusetts:	Bristol Community College	\$240,000	501
	Bunker Hill CC	\$240,000	525
	Colleges of Worcester	\$372,960	777
	Mass HEAC	\$328,800	685
	Mass HEAC	\$240,000	503
	Middlesex CC	\$342,720	714
	Mount Wachusett CC	\$333,600	695
	Mount Wachusett CC	\$240,000	500
	North Shore CC	\$288,000	600
	<i>U Mass Boston</i>	<i>\$240,000</i>	<i>500****New</i>
	U Mass Boston	\$396,000	825
New Hampshire:	University of New Hampshire	\$556,800	1,160
Rhode Island:	CC of Rhode Island	\$498,240	1,038
Vermont:	VT Student Assistance Corp	\$464,138	971
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$5,506,538</i>	<i>12,105</i>

Educational Opportunity Centers~ 2016 -2021

NEOA is extremely proud to announce that eight (8) Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) have been funded within our region. They will serve a total of 17,821 students with an average annual budget of \$568,536. Please reach out and welcome our newly funded program and staff at Massachusetts Higher Educational Assistance Corp.

Connecticut:	ConnTAC	\$762,622	3,205
Maine:	U Maine Orono	\$701,027	2,269
Massachusetts:	Mass Ed & Career Opportunity	\$1,107,920	4,854
	Mass HEAC/ASA	\$236,000	1,000
	<i>Mass HEAC/ASA</i>	<i>\$236,000</i>	<i>1,000****New!!!!</i>
	Mount Wachusett CC	\$236,900	1,000
Rhode Island:	CC of Rhode Island	\$781,718	2,913
Vermont:	VT Student Assistance Corp	\$486,102	1,580
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$4,548,289</i>	<i>17,821</i>

Advocacy ~ Not Just for Directors!

Very shortly Congress returns to Washington, DC to determine whether TRIO will receive a \$60 Million increase. As legislators continue to meet with constituents in anticipation of the November 8th general elections it is critical that the entire community take this opportunity to reach out to Members of Congress at home. We often rely on the Program Director or other folks on our campus or organization to advocate for our programs. But, honestly, your voice is equally as important to be heard! You have direct knowledge of the challenges, hurdles, efforts and successes that come with being a TRIO participant. So, please, consider getting your thoughts out to our legislators! Here are few options for connecting:

- Visit the legislator's office
- Attend a town hall meeting
- Send an email to the Congressional office

TRIO NEEDS ALL OF US!!!!

*****TRIO ALUMNI ***TRIO ALUMNI***TRIO ALUMNI*****

This year the COE December Board Meeting will be held in New York City from December 12 – 16. There will be a first ever, major TRIO Alumni event during the Board Meeting. Legislators and educational leaders will be invited to this event. Please connect with your TRIO alumni who are working and/or attending college in the New York City area and have them mark their calendars to attend this event! This will be a great opportunity for our alumni to shine and share their stories as well as network with valued TRIO supporters!! For more information please contact Randy Schroeder (the National Alumni and Achievers Co-Chair) at Randy.Schroeder@uhn.edu

Annual Performance Reports Timeline

December 2, 2016	Talent Search Student Support Services Upward Bound Upward Bound Math/Science
Late Nov-Mid December	Educational Opportunity Centers
January 13, 2017	McNair
February 17, 2017	Veterans Upward Bound

Positions Available

Do you know someone who would be fantastic as a TRIO professional? There are occasionally new and/or open positions available for creative, astute, knowledgeable individuals prepared to work with TRIO-eligible students from middle school to adults throughout our region. Casey Henderson quietly and consistently sends out announcements to the membership. Please, consider the folks you know who might be a good fit for any of these positions and forward the announcements to them. Current vacancies include:

SSS Director Southern Vermont College

McNair
EOC/Talent Search Coordinator

Associate Director
Counselor (3)

University of New Hampshire
Community College of Rhode Island

NEOA Sponsored Professional Learning Opportunities to Date

UB Grant-Writing and Best Practices Forum ~

September 9, 2016

Over **45** Upward Bound Directors and Assistant Directors convened at the University of New Hampshire for a full day of grant-writing training with Lucy Jones, a professional grant writer. While they prepared to attack the essential and demanding feat of addressing the grant-writing requirements for renewed funding of their grants, over **25** additional Upward Bound professionals including counselors and advisors engaged in a full day of sharing their best practices and learning about additional opportunities for strengthening their program offerings. The event was sponsored by NEOA as part of its commitment to supporting professional learning for its membership.

VEOP Conference ~~~~October 11, 2016



*NEOA President,
Ramon Gonzalez;
VEOP President-
Elect, Sue Polen;
VEOP President,
Kelley Beckwith; and
COE Alumni
Coordinator,
Fernando Cardenas.*

Over 70 people from Vermont, New York and New Hampshire attended the annual Vermont Educational Opportunity Programs' conference, held at Vermont Technical College on October 11. Keynote Speaker Fernando Cardenas, COE Coordinator for Alumni Affairs, provided a wonderful springboard for the day by sharing his compelling personal story and describing a range of engaging and attainable alumni initiatives. Ramon Gonzalez gave the NEOA update on upcoming professional development opportunities and the early planning for the 2018 NEOA Conference, which will be in Vermont. Educational aides for Senator Leahy and Senator Sanders were also present and supportive of TRIO as always.

Ten workshops covered a range of topics from the new First Generation/Working Class Initiative to UB Grant Writing to Self-Authored Advising. Our basket raffle raised \$600 for this year's VEOP scholarships and 12 people contributed to Fair Share. It was a great day!

MEOA Conference ~~~~ October 13, 2016



Dr. Charles Desmond, Keynote Speaker, with Rachel Mullins, MEOA Vice President.

MEOA held its 32nd annual conference on October 13, 2016. Over 100 MEOA professionals attended the conference, which had the theme of Civic Engagement for Social Change. Charles Desmond, Ed. D. - Senior Fellow, New England Board of Higher Education was the

plenary speaker. His heartfelt topic was why the MEOA community must continue to fight. The workshops included such topics as Guidelines for Success: Helping English Language Learners Develop Writing and Apply to College, Management and Supervision: No one told you it would be easy, Redesigned SAT Suite of Assessments, and Trauma: Impacts on biological, psychological, and social functioning and understanding how to provide or refer support. Two of the five MEOA scholarship recipients were on hand for the luncheon to personally offer their thanks of support to the MEOA community.

NHEOA Conference ~~~~ October 14, 2016



Our NHEOA Conference was held on October 14, 2016. We had a great day of collaborating, networking, and learning. For professional development, we had representatives from the McKinney Vento Organization for homeless youth conduct a workshop for our TRIO professionals on how to best serve homeless or at risk homeless youth. We also learned about a Student Mentoring program offered at Plymouth State University for all incoming freshmen college students. During our business meeting, we completed all our “official business” and reviewed deadlines and action items for the year, including next steps within our financial aid advocacy for NH students action plan that began last spring. We ended the day with a highly competitive and extremely fun game of 90’s trivia and a big group photo. We are ready for another year to serve!

Just Because.....

Do you know of some of the great things that happen within your states on behalf of the TRIO students you serve? Here are a couple for today. If something is offered in your state, that is just being done because it adds value and is funded independently of your state or our regional association, please, please, let us know! We would love to feature it in our newsletter!!

New England Student Leadership Conference

September 23-25, 2016



The New England Student Leadership Conference is an event sponsored by the Lyndon State College and SUNY Plattsburgh Upward Bound Programs. Over 60 Upward Bound, Talent Search and Gear-Up students and staff from throughout New England and Northern New York are provided opportunities to develop, refine, and implement their leadership skills. Some of the activities provided are the Eclipse Challenge, a firsthand look at how the United States budget is produced; workshops on the roles and responsibilities of good leaders; action plan development workshops that help students learn how to address real issues; and, team building activities on a ropes course. The Leadership Conference is held at the Hulbert Outdoor Center, located on the banks of Lake Morey (Fairlee, Vermont).

Green Mountain/Adirondacks Scholars Bowl



The Green Mountain/Adirondacks Scholars Bowl is an annual event co-sponsored by all the Upward Bound Programs in Vermont and Northern New York. Each program brings in at least one team for a day of friendly academic competition. The event location rotates to a different Upward Bound campus each year where the host institution provides a tour and/admissions presentation to complement the academic engagement. Scholarship funds are awarded at the end of the day to the winning teams.

To be of use

Marge Piercy

The people I love the best
Jump into work head first
Without dallying in the shallows
And swim off with sure strokes almost out of sight.
They seem to become natives of that element,
The black sleek heads of seals
Bouncing like half-submerged balls.

I love people who harness themselves, an ox to a heavy cart,
Who pull like water buffalo, with massive patience,
Who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward,
Who do what has to be done, again and again.

I want to be with people who submerge
In the task, who go into the fields to harvest
And work in a row and pass the bags along,
Who are not parlor generals and field deserters
But move in a common rhythm
When the food must come in or the fire be put out.

The work of the world is common as mud.
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust.
But the thing worth doing well done
Has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.
Greek amphoras for win or oil,
Hopi vases that held corn, are put in museums
But you know they were made to be used.
The pitcher cries for water to carry
And a person for work that is real.

Community Service Opportunities ~ Wonderful Additions for Our Students



Warm The Children: A joint initiative between the Johnson State and Lyndon State Colleges' Upward Bound Programs. For 15 years UB students have been volunteer shoppers helping area low-income students pick out winter clothing which has been paid for by area businesses.

Please visit www.neoaonline.org for more detailed information and services available to you through your regional association.

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