

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

Mark Your Calendars: Dates and Events ~ 2017-2018

September 13-16	COE Annual Conference	Washington, DC
October 13	Connecticut State Conference	Goodwin College
	Massachusetts' State Conference	Devens, MA
	New Hampshire State Conference	Keene State College
	Vermont State Conference	Randolph, VT
November 2-3	NEOA EOC Conference	Gardner, MA
January	Maine State Conference	
February 22-23	NEOA TRIO Day	Connecticut
March 19-20	COE Leadership Summit	Washington, D.C.
March 19	COE Alumni Leadership Forum	Washington, D.C.
March 20	COE Seminar on Relations w/ USDE	Washington, D.C.
March 20-22	COE Policy Seminar	Washington, D.C.
April 4-6	NEOA Annual Conference	Stowe, VT

2017-2018 NEOA BOARD

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Introducing Our Board Members

In the next two issues of the NEOA Newsletter we hope to share a bit about our Board members. They were asked the following questions:

- ~ What their current position is (location, title) and how long they have worked in this field;
- ~ What excites them about their work; and,
- ~ What they hope to gain from the coming year on the NEOA Board.

Here's the first round of biographical info. Enjoy!

Past President, Ramon Gonzalez: “I am currently the Director of Educational Talent Search at Mount Wachusett Community College for the past 10 years! I have worked in education for over 20 years! What excites me about this work is that I get to shape the future of our country! My hope for this upcoming year at NEOA is to continue the good work we have done to help our students fight the good fight against poverty!”



Treasurer, Adam Shaughnessy: “ I am currently the Assistant Director of the Y.O.U., Inc – Bruce Wells Scholars Upward Bound Program. I have worked in TRIO and Upward Bound in various roles and programs since 2008. The most exciting thing about my work is that every day, every student, every family, and every situation is different. To have to be ready, willing, and able to do anything at any time is thrilling! This year I hope to gain valuable insight and learn from all of the many new faces on the NEOA Board.”

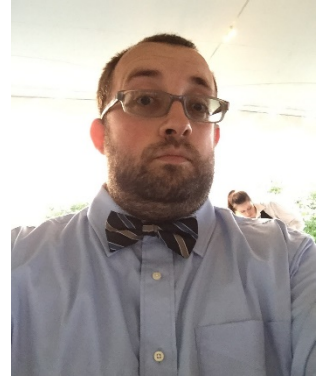


Connecticut State Liaison, David Celotto: “Bridge to College Division Director at Naugatuck Valley Community College. I have spent 8 years as a high school science teacher in Waterbury and have worked with GEAR UP/TRIO since 2012. The smiles on the faces of students and families when they realize their hopes, dreams, and goals are within reach. To continuously develop my leadership skills through the guidance and support of my NEOA colleagues.”

Maine State President, Dori Fellman: “College Transition Coordinator - GEAR UP ME (statewide). This position 1.5 years, 4 years SSS TRIO Director, 12 years UMF GEAR UP Partnership Grants (7 years as Director, 5 as College Access Coordinator). Working in this field for 17.5 years. Seeing low income, first generation students succeed in college and career. Hope to gain: A strong desire because I am TRIO alumni and have extended experience in GEAR UP and college access, for ALL program work together to keep helping the students in our states.”

Maine State Liaison, Laurie Davis: “Executive Director TRIO Programs, Upward Bound & Student Support Services at the University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME. I have worked in TRIO for ten years. The opportunity to change lives, families and communities is what excites me about working in TRIO. I enjoy working directly with students, doing financial and administrative work that supports USM grants and contributing to policy changes that remove barriers for low-income and first-generation students. I hope to learn and contribute to the future of TRIO through NEOA board work, thinking about how NEOA can better support TRIO staff and students we serve.”

New Hampshire State President, Josh Gagnon: “I am currently the Interim Director of the Upward Bound program at the University of New Hampshire. I have been working at UNH UB for a little over 3 years and spent 8 years as a teacher prior to my time at UNH (with a special shout out to the U Maine Farmington Upward Bound program, where I spent 4 summers working and discovering my true calling in life). I love my job because I get to be a beacon of light for my students and watch them achieve their goals and develop into confident young adults. I am looking forward to sharing conversations with, and learning from, colleagues throughout New England. These shared experiences will not only benefit those of us on the board, but also our programs and the students we all work with!”



New Hampshire State Liaison, Christopher Lee: “I am an Educational Coordinator at Plymouth State University and I have been working in the TRIO field for just over 3 years. I love that my job allows me to help other make their dream of graduating from college come true. The best part being that I get to see my future students go on to make great things of their lives, even after having such rough beginnings. I hope to grow my connections in the TRIO field through NEOA this year. I think that with those connections we can work better as a team than as individual offices.”

Rhode Island State Liaison, Chuck Youn: “Currently work as a Counselor with the Rhode Island College Upward Bound Program. This is my 7th year in this role. I also served as a tutor counselor for 6 summers and resident manager for 1 summer for the same program. Helping students from the same program and neighborhoods that I was from, navigate their way to and through college. I feel connected to every student and family I serve. To jump feet first back into the advocacy aspect. It’s needed now, more than ever.”

Jason Lewis Amendment Fails!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thanks to the exceptional and persistent efforts of the TRIO Community and our supporters the Jason Lewis Amendment designed to transfer \$60 million in funding from TRIO (and \$10 million from GEAR UP to career and technical education programs failed overwhelmingly in the House of Representatives. Thank you to all who were able to call your representatives!!!

\$\$\$\$\$\$ Fair Share \$\$\$\$\$\$

The 2017-2018 Fair Share Season is upon us!

Last year NEOA hit its Fair Share Goal at **117%**, tied with ASPIRE for number 1. We raised \$207,299! Congratulations everyone.

Your donations allowed COE to achieve several important victories for TRIO, including:

Securing a \$50 million funding increase, resulting in at least a 3% grant increase for all programs in FY 2017.

Ensuring timely delivery of grant award notices by the Department of Education.

Providing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to our 160+ National Student Leadership delegates, who came to Washington, DC during June 10th to 15th, 2017.

Listed below are services that COE provided last year because of your generous donation:

- Allowed TRIO Alumni and other Professional to travel to DC to testify before Congress;
- Allowed COE staff to attend Regional or State Conferences;
- Helped your State qualify for a free Policy Seminar registration;
- Created Marketing Materials for grassroots efforts to organize TRIO Alumni; and,
- Hosted National TRIO Achievers to speak at Annual Conference

The 2018 Fair Share Campaign began on July 1, 2017. We hope that you will contribute again. Your donations go a long way! Sign up for the 10 for 10 campaign or give as little or as much as you can. It doesn't matter the amount, as long as you all give! Click here and donate <http://www.coenet.org/donate.shtml>

Questions? Contact Ramon Gonzalez, Fair Share Coordinator/Past President of NEOA

Need More Proof Why You Should Give to Fair Share???????

On July 13, 2017 “ the House, recognizing the impact and effectiveness of the TRIO programs, boosted our funding to over one billion dollars”. The battle, of course, is NOT over. This increase has to be defended in a process that might extend itself to December. But three consecutive years of TRIO increases, anchored to unflinching bipartisan support, suggests that we will again expand opportunity for America's low-income, first-generation, and disabled students.” Arnold Mitchum, President Emeritus, COE

Upward Bound Competition Results

<u>State</u>	<u>Re-funded for 5 Years</u>	<u>New Programs</u>
Connecticut	Fairfield College Sacred Heart Stamford Public Schools	<i>Naugatuck Valley (3)</i>

Maine	Western Conn State	
	U Maine/Farmington (2)	
	U Maine/Presque Isle	
	U of Southern Maine	
Massachusetts	Boston University	
	Bristol CC	
	Fitchburg State	
	Mass Higher Education	
	Middlesex	
	North Shore CC	
	Northfield/Mount Herman	
	Salem State	
	Suffolk U	
	U Mass/Amhurst	
	U Mass/Boston	
	U Mass/Dartmouth	
	YOU, Inc.	
New Hampshire	Keene State	
	University of New Hampshire	
Rhode Island	Rhode Island College	
Vermont/ New York	Castleton	<i>Castleton(1)</i>
	Johnson State	
	Lyndon State	
	SUNY Adirondack	<i>SUNY Adirondack(1)</i>
	SUNY Plattsburgh (2)	
	University of Vermont	

Upward Bound Math/Science Competition Results

<u>State</u>	<u>Re-funded for 5 Years</u>	<u>New Programs</u>
Connecticut	Wesleyan College	<i>Naugatuck Valley (Fund Band)</i>
Massachusetts	Boston University	
	Mount Wachusett CC	
	U Mass/Boston	
Maine	U Maine/Orono	

McNair Competition Results

<u>State</u>	<u>Re-funded for 5 Years</u>	<u>New Programs</u>
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Connecticut	University of Connecticut Wesleyan College
Massachusetts	Boston University U Mass/Boston Suffolk University
New Hampshire	University of New Hampshire
Vermont	<i>Castleton (Fund Band)</i>

The Pre-College~ SSS Connection

Pre-college folks! Yes, you in ***Educational Talent Search, Gear Up, EOC, Upward Bound Classic and Upward Bound Math/Science.***

Now that your high school seniors or EOC students have graduated, made their college decisions and submitted deposits for the autumn semester, do not forget to get these entering college students connected with the Student Support Services Programs on their campuses. Some SSS programs have online registration for summer or other pre-autumn semester orientation. Please take the time to make referrals before the summer pulls you into other projects!

**NASPA and The Suder Foundation~
Center for First-generation Student Success**

WASHINGTON, DC – NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and The Suder Foundation announced today a formal partnership to establish the Center for First-generation Student Success (Center). Led by NASPA with \$3M in seed funding from The Suder Foundation, the Center will be devoted to increasing the research, scholarship, and effective practice around first-generation student success and to expand both increased awareness in and presence of evidence-based programs.

**Social Justice Conference
Northfield Mount Herman Upward Bound
July 20-21, 2017**

NMH Upward Bound Annual Social Justice Conference was held on July 20-21. The conference featured a performance by Coach Hawk and the Atlas Band and a keynote address from Onawumi Jean Moss .

**Council for Opportunity in Education Annual Conference
Washington, D.C.**

September 13-16, 2017

New England was well-represented at the COE Annual Conference this year. Excellent plenaries and workshops were available for all to glean valuable information. Equally, there was time to form new professional relationships and network with colleagues.

**New England Student Leadership Conference
Hulbert Outdoor Center
Fairlee, Vermont
September 22-23, 2017**

The 29th Annual New England Student Leadership Conference is co-hosted by the Lyndon State and SUNY Plattsburgh Programs. There will be 53 students representing the majority of New England and Northern New York Upward Bound, Talent Search and Gear Up programs. During this three day conference students participate in a ropes course, a leadership development workshop and the Eclipse challenge, an exercise in prioritizing the national budget. The weekend allows students to develop leadership skills to bring back to their schools and into their own lives as they prepare for postsecondary education. Vermont Senator and Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders and VEOP President-Elect, Adam Hurwitz are this year's guest speakers.

Positions Available

Do you know someone who would be fantastic as a TRIO professional or who is a TRIO professional ready for a new challenge? Casey Henderson quietly and consistently sends out announcements to the membership and Ramon Gonzalez just puts it right out there when he learns about positions. Please, consider the folks you know who might be a good fit for our community and forward the announcements to them. Current vacancies include:

North Shore Community College Student Support Services Educational Advisors (2)
<http://www.northshore.edu/hr/interviewExchange.jsp?contentUrl=http%3A//nsc.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp%3FJOBID%3D84454>

North Shore Community College Talent Search Program Special Program
Coordinator/Educational. If you have any questions about the position, please contact Kim Bevan in Human Resources at kbevan@northshore.edu or at [978 739-5572](tel:9787395572).
Posting URL: <http://nsc.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=89418>

Rhode Island College -Director of Upward Bound. Closing Date 10/01/2017
<https://employment.ric.edu/postings/3143>

Southern Maine Community College TRIO Student Success Services Coach

HR@smccME.edu or mail to Southern Maine Community College, 2 Fort Road, South Portland, ME 04106; Attention: Denise Reny, HR & Benefits Manager