

Member Newsletter

Mark Your Calendars: 2018-2019 Dates and Events

Now!!!!	Call for Conference Moderators	MMuccio@ric.edu
February 19	Conference Proposals Due	Online Form
February 21-22	NEOA TRIO Day	Nashua, NH
February 26	SSS Grant-Writing Webinar	<i>Contact Karen Madden</i>
March 4-6	AM Leadership Institute III	Biddeford Pool, ME
March 24	COE Leadership Summit	Washington, D.C.
March 24	COE Alumni Leadership Forum	Washington, D.C.
March 25	COE Seminar on Relations w/ USDE	Washington, D.C.
March 25-27	COE Policy Seminar	Washington, D.C.
April 2	Board Meeting	Warwick, RI*
April 3-5	NEOA Annual Conference “Creating Spaces for Student Success” *****Sponsored by ASA *****	Warwick, RI
June 6-7	Board Meeting	Putney, VT*

Attend an NEOA Board meeting and discover how much fun and rewarding Board work can be. The meetings are open to all NEOA members. See the work that is being done and become familiar with Board work. Interested in attending a meeting? Please contact Ms. Stephanie Cruz, scruz@ccri.edu, or 401-825-2305.

“This just in! American Student Assistance (ASA) with a \$10,000 donation is a Master’s Level Sponsor for NEOA’s 2019 activities! We thank ASA for their strong support of equal educational opportunity throughout New England!”

ALUMNUS FEATURE

Natalie Deaette, Truman Scholar Boston College

The prestigious Truman Scholarship, established by Congress in 1975 to honor the memory of the 33rd president, supports the graduate education and personal development of standout undergraduates committed to public service leadership. Awarded on the basis of leadership potential, intellectual



ability and a strong record of public service, the scholarship requires a detailed policy proposal that addresses a particular societal challenge.

Boston College junior Natalee Deaette of Montgomery, Vt., a student in the Lynch School of Education, has been named a recipient of a 2018 Harry S. Truman Scholarship, one of just 59 winners nationwide from an applicant pool of 756 candidates. "Receiving the Truman Scholarship is such an honor," said Deaette, who is BC's 19th Truman Scholarship recipient overall. "When I started the application process almost a year ago, it was a pipe dream that I never thought

would become a reality. I was the first in my family to go to college and I have had to work incredibly hard to afford it, so the fact that I am now going to receive support to go to graduate school to study what I am passionate about means the world to me. I hope to focus my coursework on finding and developing solutions to the inequitable access to higher education, particularly for the often-overlooked population of rural high school students."

A graduate of North Country Union High School in Newport, Vt., Deaette distinguished herself both as a participant and staff member at Johnson State College's Upward Bound program, which provides low-income, first-generation Vermont high school students with an opportunity to prepare for collegiate success.

"Working with Upward Bound is what ultimately has pushed me to pursue a career in public service," said Deaette, who plans to pursue graduate studies in educational policy and leadership. "I've not only experienced firsthand the difficulties that students with this background face in accessing and completing higher education, but I've also had the privilege of hearing the stories of countless more through my work as a staff member."

CELEBRATE ALUMNI IN MULTIPLE WAYS

*******NEOA Achievers and Rising Stars******* **Applications Due: February 1, 2019**

Achievers/Rising Star award descriptions, nomination forms and past recipients can be viewed on the website: http://www.neoaonline.org/alumni_achiever.php
Award winners will be selected and notified in late February/early March. The awards presentation will take place on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019 during the NEOA Annual Conference in Warwick, RI at the Crown Plaza Resort. The committee looks forward to receiving your nominations.

*******TRIO Alumni Leadership Forum******* **Washington, D.C.** **March 24, 2019**

The Forum is a one-day conference that allows alumni the opportunity to network, gain valuable skills in different areas, and learn strategies to organize at the local level. Cost for attendance is \$50. What a great investment to acknowledge their successes and reinforce our commitment to their continued engagement in TRIO.

*******TRIO Alumni Breakfast******* **Warwick, Rhode Island** **April 3, 2019: 8 – 9:30 a.m.**

TRIO/Gear Up alumni are all invited to attend the annual Alumni Breakfast at the NEOA Conference. There is no cost for this event. Please register your alumni on the NEOA website, www.neoaonline.org What a great way to keep connected and enhance the network of alumni relationships!

*******National TRIO Achievers*******
Chicago, Illinois
September 8 – 11, 2019

What do an astronaut, award-winning actress, college president, and TV writer/producer have in common? They have all been National TRIO Achievers. COE is seeking nominations for the 2019 awards. Do you know of any outstanding TRIO alumni who you would like to nominate for this year's competition? COE recognized several outstanding National TRIO Achievers during the Educational Opportunity Dinners in [Washington, D.C., in 2017](#), and in [New York in 2018](#). The Council looks forward to honoring an equally outstanding group during COE's [38th Annual Conference](#) this September!

2018 - 2019 NEOA Board of Directors

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Vermont	Sue Polen, President Monda Kelley, State Liaison

Introducing Our Board Chairs and Co-Chairs

Below please find an introduction to the folks who serve as chairs and co-chairs of the various Board committees. You can learn more about the tasks that are assigned to each committee on the NEOA website: <http://www.neoaonline.org>

We encourage you to consider a position as a Chair, Co-Chair or Elected member of the NEOA Board.

Advocacy, Sarah Morrell

*Dean, Division of Access and Transition
Bristol Community College
TRIO service since 1989*

"To serve & help those in need, to educate, and to improve the world in a social justice sense."



Corporate Development Co-Chair, Reggie Jean

*Director, Upward Bound
Boston University
TRIO service since 1994*

"Encourage. Support. Share"

Corporate Development Co-Chair, Ramon Gonzalez

*Director, Talent Search
Mount Wachusett Community College
TRIO service since 2004
"Helping Other People"*





Finance, Melissa Goyait

*Assistant Director, Talent Search
University of New Hampshire
TRIO service since 2012
"Live, LOVE, Laugh"*

Memberships & Credentials, Steve Visco

*Assistant Director
Maine EOC and Educational Talent Search
TRIO service since 2000*

"Family. Friends. Fun"



Newsletter/Retirees, Elaine Leavitt

*Graduated, Upward Bound
University of Vermont/SUNY Plattsburgh
TRIO service since 1973*

"Family, Service, Exploration"

NEOA Achievers, Brian Post

*Director, Upward Bound Programs
SUNY Plattsburgh
TRIO service since 2008*

"Adventure, Commitment, Fun"





Professional Development, Karen Madden

*Director, Student Support Services
Northern Vermont University
TRIO service since 2001*

"Fairness, Honesty, and Opportunity"

Public Relations, Anthony Staffiere

*TRIO College Success Counselor
University of Maine - Augusta
TRIO service since 2012*

"Educator, Leader, Laughter"



Technology, Casey Henderson

*Technology Specialist, EOC & ETS
University of Maine - Orono
TRIO service since 2000*

"Help Other People"

TRIO Day Co-Chair, Josh Gagnon

*Director, Upward Bound
University of New Hampshire
TRIO service since 2006*

"Never Stop Exploring"





TRIO Day Co-Chair, Randy Schroeder

*Associate Director of TRIO and Educational Counselor
Center for Academic Resources
University of New Hampshire
TRIO service since 1997*

"Adventure ~ Compassion ~ Love"

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

The 2018-2019 Fair Share Season is upon us!

Fair Share Update- Your help is needed! NEOA is lagging behind in COE Fair Share contributions this year! If you are planning to contribute this year, please do it soon! If you hadn't thought about contributing, please think about it now...and contribute! Any amount is welcome and appreciated! Expect an email from your state fair share coordinators in the near future!" Thanks, Jane

The 2019 Fair Share Campaign began on July 1, 2018. 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 we all give! Click here and donate <http://www.coenet.org/donate.shtml>

Questions? Contact Jane Kimball Foley, Fair Share Coordinator/NEOA Past President

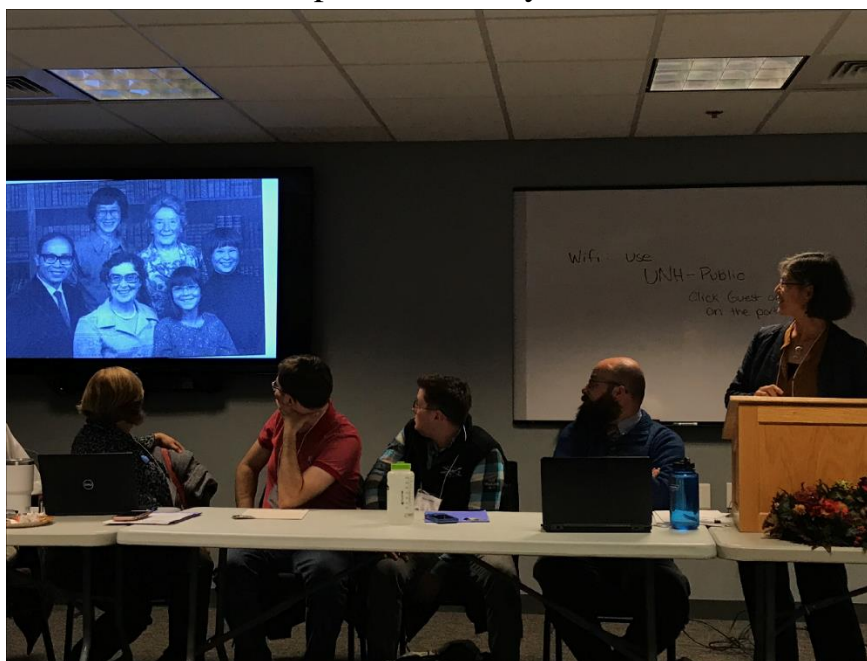
~Announcing New Gear Up Grants in Our Region~

**Mount Wachusett CC
Gear Up NH**

Project Director, Stephanie Soule Lesperance

**New Hampshire Annual Conference
October 12, 2018
University of New Hampshire**

UNH's ETS Programs hosted the annual state conference. Just over 30 members attended the conference and were treated to a presentation by the Associate Vice President of Community, Equity and Diversity, Monica Chiu, who shared her experiences as a first-generation student and her support for the work done in TRIO. Her presentations included an analysis of the political landscape before the mid-term elections, an update from COE and an update from our



NEOA President. Additionally, there were discussions about needed state efforts in the areas of alumni outreach efforts, fundraising opportunities, government relations and the financial state of NHEOA.

**34th Massachusetts Annual Conference
“The Future is Today”
UMASS Lowell Inn and Conference Center
October 19, 2018**

Over 100 TRIO personnel gathered to attend workshops, celebrate scholarship winners, network and learn best practices and strategies to take back to their programs. attended the Annual Conference. Speakers included Eden Shaveet, alumna from the Gateway to College at Mount Wachusett, as well as the COE Director of Congressional Affairs and the NEOA President.



Scholarship winner, Adam Abdelrahman, with students, staff and alumna from Holyoke Community College Strive

**EOC Professional Development Day
Norwich, Connecticut
November 1 -2, 2018**

For 2018 Connecticut Talent Assistant Cooperative Incorporated (CONNTAC, Inc.)-EOC coordinated and hosted the interactive two-day experience. Beginning with a warm welcome from NEOA President, Stephanie Cruz, there were presentations and discussions on topics including Understanding the CSS Profile, Financial Aid Overview and a presentation on resources and information for undocumented students. Individuals were also able to share best practices on different scenarios that they may experience at their sites. EOC colleagues were given a chance to participate in relaxation strengthening through yoga stretches.

The conference brings together people who do similar work serving the same population. Thus, the annual event never fails at building a strong sense of comradery for individuals across the New England regions to continue their efforts in strengthening the Educational Opportunity Centers' Mission.

FIRST GENERATION CELEBRATIONS IN NEW ENGLAND

“I’M FIRST”

Western Connecticut State University
November 8, 2018



An all-out campus celebration of first-generation students was held incorporating the Pre-Collegiate and Access Programs in partnership with the offices of Diversity and Equity, Intercultural Affairs, the Honors Program, Enrollment Services and Institutional Advancement. Students, faculty and administrators shared their personal experiences as first-generation college students and the impact those experiences had on their lives. The guest speakers included the University President, administrators, currently-enrolled students and alumni. Opportunities to complete a “first-generation only” scholarship application were provided and all participants received an I’m First shirt, pin, and button.

**First Generation Celebration
University of New Hampshire
November 8, 2018**

Over 50 students, faculty, student support staff and administrators, including President James Dean, attended the 2nd Annual First-Generation Celebration. Also, among the attendees were staff liaisons from the offices of each of the state's U.S. Congressional delegates. Each liaison brought and read a letter on behalf of their Member of Congress.



**First Generation Celebrants
Vermont Student Assistance Corporation**

VSAC honored two alumni in recognition of the 2nd First Generation Day. Tabitha Pohl-Moore, a school counselor at Mill River Union High School and Gear Up alumna, and Foram Patel, a recent graduate of UVM and Educational Talent Search alumna. Tabitha was this year's recipient of the VEOP Achiever Award – from the Vermont Educational Opportunity Program – and she is president of the Rutland area NAACP. Foram Patel is working full time as a medical assistant and plans on furthering her education with a physician assistant program in the future. She is from Bennington and graduated from Mount Anthony Union High School.

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 as 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:

Bunker Hill Community College – Student Support Services, Program Director

Submit cover letter and resume addressing qualifications to:

[HTTPS://BHCC.INTERVIEWEXCHANGE.COM](https://bhcc.interviewexchange.com)

College for Every Student/ Brilliant Pathways – Gear Up, Program Director.

Contact Rick Dalton at dalton@collegefes.org

Information available at www.brilliantpathways.org

Mount Wachusett Community College – Gear Up, *Multiple Positions!*

<https://mwcc.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=103876>

Mount Wachusett Community College – Student Support Services, Transfer Academic Counselor

<https://www.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=106579&type=7>

Rhode Island College – Upward Bound, Program Counselor

<http://employment.ric.edu/postings/3958>

Worcester State University-Student Success Center, Academic Advisor

<https://worchester.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=103774>

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