

Spring 2018

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

CONGRATULATIONS 2017-2018 RETIREES

Massachusetts ~ Kristi Pierce, American Student Assistance
New Hampshire ~ Steve McGrath, UNH Talent Search
Vermont ~ Terry Callahan, VSAC Talent Search
Michele Dalhaye, VSAC EOC
Nancy Schwartz, VSAC Gear Up & Talent Search
Clyde Stats, JSC Student Support Services

WELCOME NEW TRIO PROGRAMS PERSONNEL

Ronald E McNair Program

Castleton University ~

Amanda Richardson, Director.

Amanda has been working in higher education as a survey researcher since 2003. She joined the Castleton University in 2015 as the Associate Director of the Castleton Polling Institute from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Bureau of Sociological Research. Her educational background is in sociology; she holds a Master of Arts in Sociology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Macalester College.



Reid Brechner, Assistant Director



Reid recently received his M.F.A. from the University of Georgia as a painter and ceramic artist. As an artist, his work primarily concentrates on abstraction and color, and is often informed by concerns over the environment or other sources of societal adversity. Brought to McNair by an overarching interest in the pursuit and study of higher education, Brechner is thrilled to begin his journey at Castleton University.

Rhode Island College ~

Brian Kennedy, McNair Program Coordinator

Brian holds both Bachelor and Master degrees from Providence College where he played for the Men's Soccer Team and was blessed to earn 2 Big East Championships: a Final 4 and Elite 8 appearance in 2014 & 2016. Coupled with his Rec Sports Department experience, Brian serves as an Advisor for the Peer Mentoring Program (the First-Generation Student Group) and the Motherland Dance Group (a multicultural dance group). In his free time, Brian likes to play soccer, listen to music, dance, and enjoy quality time with friends.



Brianna Edwards, McNair Advisor

Brianna holds a Bachelor and Master degrees from Providence College. Originally from Minneapolis, MN, she played basketball at Providence College. She previously worked as an advisor to 50 African American female students at Cal Lutheran University. Over the span of four years Brianna lived and played professional basketball in Germany and worked as a Social Worker in her hometown of Minneapolis. In her free time, she reads, writes, listens to music and watches Marvel movies. Passionate about students, Brianna is extremely excited to get the opportunity to work with students who want to further their education and can't wait to see what the McNair Scholars at Rhode Island College accomplish.

Upward Bound Math - Science

Keene State College ~

Keene State College (KSC) has unique STEM majors taught by faculty who are passionate about creating pathways for high school students to continue their education. The Upward Bound Math-Science grant allows us to provide TRIO services, including mentoring opportunities for the KSC community, in new rural target areas with significant need. *Director, Laura Mielke*

Christin Monroe, Educational Advisor



Christin joined the UBMS at Keene State College on February 19th. Christin is completing her Ph.D. in Chemistry at Princeton University, where she designed and led a STEM outreach program for high school students in conjunction with the American Chemical Society. She has a passion for generating interest and enthusiasm for science by helping students understand the relevance of science to everyday life and coaching them to explore educational and career options.

Noah Jenkins, Educational Advisor

Noah joins the Upward Bound Programs after completing his Master's degree in Higher Education with a concentration in Student Access and Success from the University of Michigan. Noah brings to the team more than 5 years of experience in college admissions, primarily at selective liberal arts colleges. Having grown up in rural Upstate New York, Noah is excited to work with our rural school populations and enhance college access and opportunities for our Upward Bound students. Noah is a 2013 graduate of St. Lawrence University.



~ NATIONAL TRIO DAY ~
CROMWELL, CONNECTICUT ~ FEBRUARY 23-24



TRIO STUDENTS WITH CONNECTICUT SENATOR MURPHY

There were 600 students and staff in attendance, 15 college tours, 56 colleges were represented at the college fair, three keynote speakers, one Senator, and one heck of a dance party. Students made thirteen blankets to support the YMCA homeless shelter in Bridgeport, played over 40 different board games, danced for four straight hours, and put on their scholarly hats for an amazing Scholars Bowl. The Connecticut TRIO Day Committee extends a huge thank you to the NEOA community for the support and encouragement. This is one of those events you look back on and feel fantastic about being a part of.

SSS/McNAIR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – MARCH 9, UNH

SSS/McNair PD Day – was held on Friday, March 9th, at UNH. Twenty-four (24) SSS and McNair professional were in attendance and participated in “Collective Wisdom: SSS/McNair Case Studies and Solutions”. Professionals shared four case studies involving students with “complex” issues, for each student, the attendees brainstormed Predictors of Academic Success: personal, circumstantial, and academic factors described in the case study. The afternoon was spent in further group discussion of the predictors of academic success and how TRIO professionals and college campuses are working to address them.

POLICY SEMINAR 2018

Policy Seminar had 60 attendees from New England. New England Congressional Delegations were very receptive to our concerns about the HEA re-authorization and FY 2019 appropriations. We continue to discuss with our Members of Congress.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING – APRIL 13, UNH

Youth Mental Health First Aid training conducted by Sweetser Training Institute attracted 19 attendees from GEAR UP, Talent Search, Student Support Services, Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math Science programs. Attendees were introduced to Mental Health First Aid and the history of the program. They learned how to identify students with mental health issues and guide them in the right direction for their needs through a dynamic method of instruction that included listening, moving and talking. Selected quotes from attendees indicate that this training met expectations and needs.

THE TRIO WAY TO ADVOCATE: *EFFECTIVE, INCLUSIVE, CREATIVE*

Around the region in 2018.....

MEOA Annual Advocacy Day

The MEOA Annual Advocacy Day was held on April 17, 2018 at the Massachusetts State House, Boston, Massachusetts. This annual activity provides an important opportunity to spread awareness and share the TRIO work with elected officials. The focus was on how college access or college success programs have helped opportunity students.

MAINE HALL OF FLAGS

Augusta, ME -- Over 50 TRIO and GearUp students and professionals ascended upon the Maine State Legislature in celebration of the work that is being for first-generation and low-income college and pre-college students. The annual Maine Education Opportunity Association (MEEEOA) hosts what is called "Hall of Flags" every spring to bring awareness to the work that is being done to help these students achieve the goals of attending college and persist toward graduation once they are there.

The event was headlined by three speakers, including Myles Ouellette, an EOC and UB alumnus from the University of Maine who shared his story of growing up in abject poverty and through the support of TRIO was able to graduate and attain his professional goals. The event also featured a speech by Senator Rebecca Millet (D) of Scarborough who sits on the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. Senator shared the vision of her colleagues for 2019 and how thankful they are for the work being done in TRIO and GearUp.



UB students from Presque Isle enjoy the day.

VERMONT: TRIO DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE

Twenty-one students from nine programs across the state of Vermont converged on the Vermont State House, March 29 to participate in Trio Day at the Legislature. Students and staff were treated to an overview of the history of TRIO programs by longtime TRIO professional Monica Sargent, attended committee meetings (often at the invitation of their legislative representatives), had a fascinating tour of the state house by the State Archivist and met with the Governor. Following the tour, students and staff had lunch with their legislators, and then met in the Legislative chamber to hear a resolution by Representative Dylan Giambatista, himself a former TRIO student, read in support of all of Vermont's TRIO programs.



Michele Delhaye & 3 EOC students

VEOP LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

TRIO Alumni gathered at the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier on March 20, 2018. Several TRIO and higher education professionals were also in attendance. Alumni spoke with John Tracey of Senator Leahy's office and VSCS Chancellor Jeb Spaulding, as well as other legislators about their success with TRIO programs in Vermont and their current debt and employment in Vermont.



Monica Sargant with TROI alumni

Advocacy for individual programs and staff.....

- 1) Volunteer to get voters to their polling stations
- 2) Have your students attend Town Hall meetings
 - a. Don't forget to wear TRIO and/or program tee shirts
- 3) Meet your members of Congress at their local offices with your students
 - a. Have your students share their personal stories
- 4) Invite your Congressional representatives to campus
 - a. Have your students walk the members out of the meetings

REGIONAL AND STATE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

NEOA Leadership Institute Accepting Applications

The Arnold L. Mitchem Leadership Institute (AMLI) provides participants the opportunity to develop greater awareness, expertise and skill as leaders while enhancing their ability to expand educational opportunities for their students. It accepts TRIO/EOP professionals with varying levels of experience. Currently offered every two years, this 15th session of AMLI will offer three 3-day retreats over the year featuring a variety of leadership topics. A fourth session will be held at the 2019 NEOA conference. There is much emphasis on experiential programming facilitated by outstanding guest faculty including Dr. Doug Johnson and Judy Ringer. You are most welcome to contact the facilitator, Craig Werth*, at any time for more information. Application are now being accepted.

Craig Werth will serve as director for his third term. He brings decades of TRIO/EOP experience, primarily with Upward Bound and Student Support Services. Craig has been supporting NEOA's leadership institute in various roles since it began. In addition to service as a leadership trainer-facilitator, Craig is also an interfaith chaplain, the pastor of a Unitarian Universalist Church, a teacher/facilitator at a center for survivors of brain injury, and a composer/performing artist.



"Here's a message from the Leadership Institute's Director, Craig Werth: <https://youtu.be/buCMUP-Vr7w>"

For more information and application materials,

visit: http://www.neoaonline.org/a_professional_li.php

Contact: Craig Werth, craigwerth.leadership@gmail.com, 603-327-9792 (text message preferred)

Maine Emerging Leaders Institute ~ March 16, Bowdoin College. Ginny Fowles-Ward and Steve Visco, Co-coordinators

TRIO professionals participating spent the day exploring leadership through discussions & self-reflection, & a team challenge. Guest facilitator Lynn Ploof-Davis, Director of TRIO Services at UMF, guided participants through a discussion of Johari Window. Participants also explored leadership styles, strengths & challenges through the frame of the NOLS No-Doze Leadership Styles model. Participants got an overview of state and regional association structure and where leadership opportunities might exist for them. Finally, participants considered where they see themselves as leaders in 1, 2, 5 years, challenges they might face and support they might need and sharing in pairs. Designed to help TRIO professionals reflect on their leadership style, the aim of MELI is also to provide a networking opportunity and encourage members to consider where they might contribute their skills both within and beyond their program positions. Participants were encouraged to consider future participation in the more intensive NEOA Arnold Mitchem Leadership Institute.

Fair Share

April was a superb month for Fair Share! At the end of April in 2017 our national community was at 74% at and end of April this year we are at 80%! We must continue to focus on membership for the next 60 days. We need \$682,000 to reach 100% of our goal. NEOA can help reach this goal by June 15 if we reach 95% at the end of this month. Our 2018 Fair Share campaign ends June 30, 2018. NEOA was at 78 % this time last year, today we are one of two regions that is leading the nation at 91!

If you have already participated in our fair share effort, thank you so very much. If you have not yet donated, do it today! Click here and donate <http://coenet.org/donate.shtml>

Contact Ramon Gonzalez with any questions. (r_gonzalez@mwcc.mass.edu)

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

COE is offering an institutional membership discount for institutions whose memberships are due between September and December of 2108. Pay by May 31 for a \$300 discount.

State Initiatives to Admire and Replicate!

UB Youth Empowerment Summit

The SUNY Plattsburgh and Johnson State College Upward Bound Programs co-facilitated the 1st Annual UB Youth Empowerment Summit held on the beautiful University of Vermont campus on March 29, 2018.

The vision of the summit was to foster student leadership through workshops in the areas of bullying prevention, finding your life's passion, creating a positive school climate (and UB!), and staying positive in challenging times. Students were treated to the summit's keynote speaker and workshop facilitator, **Shaun Derik** (www.shaunderik.com).

Shaun is a nationally-recognized speaker and performing artist, whose dynamic presentation left students motivated and energized. Students also attended two additional workshops, one on how to foster a positive climate at UB through video, and another on strategies for coping with stress.



With participation from SUNY Adirondack, Castleton University, Lyndon State College, and UVM Upward Bound Programs, and attendance at well over 100, this inaugural event was definitely a success!

\$\$\$\$\$\$ STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS \$\$\$\$\$\$

MEOA

Provides scholarships in the amount of \$750 to five deserving students each year in the springtime.

NHEOA

Each EOP program that is in good standing can select one of their current participants to receive a scholarship each year. The amount varies each year according to number of programs. This year the amount is \$200 for each. Most programs select students in the Fall to help cover first semester gaps.

VEOP

Provides scholarships of \$750 (first place) and \$500 (second place) for UB, SSS, EOC and Talent Search.

2018 – 2019 Upcoming Events

COE Annual Conference	New York City	Sep 13 - 16, 2018
NEOA EOC Annual Conference	Connecticut	Nov 1 – 2, 2018
NEOA Leadership Institute		2019-2020
National TRIO Day	New Hampshire	Feb 2019
NEOA Annual Conference	Rhode Island	April 2019

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 or location? Please, consider the folks you know who might be a good fit for our community and forward the vacancy announcement(s) to them. Current vacancies include:

Boston University: *Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math Science Academic and College Coordinator position*. This is a full-time position. To apply, go to https://bu.silkroad.com/epostings/index.cfm?fuseaction=app.jobinfo&jobid=301985&company_id=15509&version=1&source=ONLINE&JobOwner=1017508&startflag=1

Bunker Hill Community College: *TRIO Chelsea Talent Search Part-Time Middle School Outreach Specialist*.
<https://bhcc.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp;jsessionid=88F0E9EB2694C11F80F3B76CB336D0FD?JOBID=94832>

Mount Wachusett Community College: *Talent Search Student Activity Officer*. If you know anyone who would be a great fit for this team, please send them to this website and have them apply!!!! If there are any questions, you can always ask Ramon Gonzalez, Director, Educational Talent Search.
<https://mwcc.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=97223>

Rhode Island College: *McNair Program Project Director*. For more information about the program, visit: <http://www.ric.edu/mcnairprogram/Pages/default.aspx>
To apply: <https://employment.ric.edu/postings/3595> Posting closes on May 25, 2018.

University of Connecticut: *Student Support Services Academic Advisor I*. Salary is in the mid 40's and includes full benefits. This is a full time, end-date position, subject to annual renewal. Apply online at UConn Jobs at <http://www.jobs.uconn.edu>. Posting is scheduled to be removed at 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on April 25, 2018.

University of Massachusetts - Boston: *Talent Search Program/Project REACH Educational Outreach Counselor*, two (2) positions available. Please follow the link below for job description and instructions on how to apply.
<http://employmentopportunities.umb.edu/boston/en-us/job/494275/educational-outreach-counselor-two-positions-available>

University of Massachusetts - Boston: *Upward Bound and Urban Scholars Programs Assistant Program Director* (the individual will work across the two programs) -
<https://umb.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=95752&CNTRNO=0&TSTMP=1522178216589>.