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## The work continues...

thank you for your continued support!

The summer is time for vacations and relaxing... except for college access program professionals and MAEOPP board members and committee chairs. Even during the summer, there is much work to be done and we are doing it! This newsletter is intended to provide updates for MAEOPP members about regional news.



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SSS Programs will be notified – both the first wave of programs and programs in the funding band – by August 10. There is no further information on the competition at this time..



The MAEOPP Association is excited to host the inaugural MAEOPP 100: Men of Excellence Conference from July 23-25, 2015 at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH. Young men from the region will work with TRIO/higher education professionals on personal/college planning and life skill development

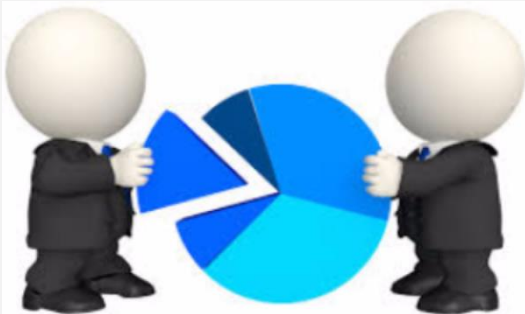


Legislators are back home in their States and Districts this week for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday! Take advantage of this opportunity to make face-to-face connections with your Legislators: attend summer town halls, set up meetings with the district office and, of course, invite your Member of Congress to Campus.

Please be sure to thank Members for their continuous support of the TRIO programs, especially in the recent House appropriations bill proposing to increase TRIO FY 2016 funding by \$60 million (for a total of \$900 million)! This is a critical time for Members of Congress to hear from TRIO staff, students, alumni and allies about why TRIO WORKS!

Don't know how to get started? Feel like you need to shake things up with your Member of Congress? Then take the [Summer Advocacy Challenge](#)! Check out where your state ranks in the competition.

- 8. Kansas = 6.67 points
- 13. Iowa = 4.43 points
- 18. Nebraska = 3.03 points
- 21. Ohio = 2.5 points
- 25. Michigan = 1.61 points
- 26. Wisconsin = 1.59 points



**Did you know...9 out of 10 MAEOPP states met their FairShare this year? Special thanks for MKN President, Mike Conley for helping each of his three states meet or exceed the bar. I think it's a first or at least the first it has happened in a very long time. MAEOPP overall is 106%. Michigan is highest at 134%**

Congratulations to students from the following MAEOPP pre-college programs who have been invited to attend First Lady Obama's "Beating the Odds" Summit July 23-24, 2015. Participants from:

- Central College - Upward Bound
- Indiana University Purdue University Indiana - Upward Bound
- Purdue Calumet - Upward Bound
- Western Nebraska Cmnty College - Upward Bound
- Wichita State University - GEAR UP
- Wichita State University - Talent Search
- Wichita State University - U B Math Science



On behalf of the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MAEOPP), we are pleased to invite you to attend our 41st Annual Professional Conference from November 15th to 18th, 2015 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

2015 MAEOPP Professional Conference Highlights:

- Concurrent sessions presented by TRIO professionals and subject matter experts

- Program roundtables for you to interact with professionals addressing many of the same challenges and situations you are encountering
- Featuring Keynote speaker [Dr. Steve Perry](#)
- Featured speakers from the Council for Opportunity in Education and the U.S. Department of Education
- The opportunity to interact with regional exhibitors
- Chapter business meeting and the MAEOPP annual business meeting

Find more information here: [http://maeopp.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=87&club\\_id=254413&item\\_id=399388](http://maeopp.org/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=254413&item_id=399388)

Or register today:

**(TO REGISTER AS A MEMBER, YOU WILL NEED TO LOGIN WITH YOUR MAEOPP WEBSITE LOGIN AND PASSWORD. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THIS INFORMATION, PLEASE [EMAILTECHNOLOGY@MAEOPP.ORG](mailto:EMAILTECHNOLOGY@MAEOPP.ORG))**

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**Share Your Good Ideas!**

**Don't delay—submit a session proposal for the 2015 Professional Conference today!**

We are now accepting proposals for the MAEOPP Professional Conference in Grand Rapids, November 15–18, 2015.

The deadline for submissions is:

- Friday, July 17, 2015.

[Click here](#) for more information and to submit a proposal. Questions? Please e-mail

*MAEOPP is a is a recognized 501(c)3 non-profit consortium of professionals with the specific purpose of leveling the playing field of educational opportunity for first-generation, low-income, underrepresented, disabled students and veterans.*

We believe that you will find this a wonderful professional experience and we look forward to seeing you in November.

Sincerely,

MAEOPP Professional Conference Co-Chairs Tricia Wilkinson and Aaron Cortes.

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