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## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY ASSOCIATION

A Midwest Association of TRIO and College Access  
and Success Professionals (EOA)

*(Formerly known as the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel)*

## Association Adopts a New Name

Less than two weeks ago, the membership of our Association voted to change our name by accepting amendments to our Constitution. The Public

Relations, Technology, Conference Planning, Finance and Executive committees are all working to complete the steps necessary to fully implement this change.

While this change will take some time to fully enact, this branding campaign will help solidify our Association's place in the college access and success space and position us to retain our leadership role for years to come.

Many thanks to those of you who exercised your membership responsibility/right and cast your vote. Engagement in the planning and visioning for our Association is the work with which we should all be involved. As an Association almost 1200 members strong, we have an obligation to be forward facing... not just for our members and professionals, but for our participants as well.

Thank you each for your continued support and trust!

**Kaye**

President, Educational Opportunity Association

(Formerly the Mid America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel)

Do you have colleagues that have retired or "transitioned" in the last year? Please forward their name and institutions to [LaWanda Holt-Fields](#) for recognition at this year's conference. Let's CELEBRATE!



### **MAEOPP Annual Professional Conference 2015**

*The regular conference rate registration is being extended until October 9th! Get registered before the late registration rate begins on Saturday, October 10th.*

*Pre conference sessions are now open for registration!*

Please consider registering for additional pre conference workshops. They will all be held Sunday, November 15th from 1:00-4:00pm. To register for a pre conference workshop or to register for the conference, please go to [Annual Professional Conference - 11/15/2015](#)

If you have not yet registered for the Annual Professional Conference, you can still do so at the regular registration rate through October 9th!

#### **Preparing Submissions to the National MAEOPP - Educational Practices Center**

Have you been interested in learning more about the National MAEOPP Educational Practices Center? Would you like to submit one of your education practices to share with other members of the MAEOPP community? Would you like to learn about the education practices that you could use in your program?

#### **Grand Rapids Public Museum School: A Progressive Education Partnership**

Looking for exciting ways to leverage the resources in your community to make learning more exciting and relevant for students? Learn how the city of Grand Rapids is doing just that. This onsite, interactive seminar with Museum School educators will introduce you to the innovative Grand Rapids Public Museum's Immerse Program and the Grand Rapids Public Museum School.

#### **Supporting Students who are Differently Able**

This preconference will share strategies, programming, and interventions that have been successful on their particular campuses or within their organization. This presentation will demonstrate best practices for supporting students with disabilities on a college campus. This presentation will also include strategies to prepare high school students for transitioning to college and how to secure resources for the best success.

### STEM for All:

Join us as we dive into the world of STEM education in a fun and interactive format. This preconference will share strategies, programming, and interventions that have been successful with underrepresented minorities and females on the area of STEM education. This preconference session will focus on development and implementation of STEM services such as robotics, game development, science hands-on experimentation, app development and much more. Additionally, we will review grant funding for STEM education with an emphasis on underwater robotics.



Our Best Practices Center (BPC) has gone NATIONAL! Under the leadership of Dr. David Arendale, the BPC is now accepting submissions from practitioners outside the region. See our new website at [www.besteducationpractices.org](http://www.besteducationpractices.org)



Each year our Association co-sponsors several TRIO student's study abroad experience to Salamanca, Spain. This global learning experience is done in partnership with the Council for Opportunity in Education and the Keith Sherrin Global Initiative. The videos below are submitted by the participants, including the students from our region. Congratulations to those TRIO professionals whose students took advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rLjZQcBRYol>.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AIWGc\\_OUzQg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AIWGc_OUzQg)

<http://youtu.be/z9kcdsa1L-w>

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## 24th Annual National Ronald E. McNair Research Conference and Graduate Fair

*Presented by MAEOPP and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*

**OCTOBER 30 - November 1, 2015**  
**Lake Lawn Resort, Delevan, Wisconsin**  
[For more information or to register](#)

EOA needs you! President-Elect Gregg is looking for people to serve next year on committees and as chairs. There are several efforts that need your support. You can serve on the social media committee if you only have a little time to give or a more involved committee like one of the student leadership conference committees, if you have more time/energy to give. Either way, we need you!

Please take a minute to fill out the survey: <http://goo.gl/forms/3vAF2g111y> .

For more information, please contact Roxanne Gregg at [rgregg@maeopp.org](mailto:rgregg@maeopp.org)

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## High School Study Abroad



The U.S. Department of State recently announced **scholarships for American high school students to study abroad**. Please share the information below with your K-12 students and colleagues!

Applications are now being accepted for the following study abroad programs for U.S. high school students.

These merit-based scholarships include international airfare, tuition, and program costs, as well as meals and living accommodations (often with a host family). The programs have no language prerequisites, and gap year students are encouraged to apply as long as they meet the age requirements.

Please note that each program has a separate online application process, and application deadlines vary from late October through early January. Visit the program websites or [www.exchanges.state.gov](http://www.exchanges.state.gov) for specific information and application deadlines.

- **The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)** offers merit-based scholarships to study one of seven critical foreign languages: Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian (Tajiki), Russian, and Turkish. The NSLI-Y program is designed to immerse participants in the cultural life of the host country, provide formal and informal language practice, and spark a lifetime interest in foreign languages and cultures. The application deadline for summer 2016 and academic year 2016-17 programs is October 29, 2015. Visit [www.nsliforyouth.org](http://www.nsliforyouth.org) for more information.
- **The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad Program** offers merit-based scholarships to spend an academic year in countries that may include Bosnia & Herzegovina, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Macedonia, Malaysia, Morocco, Philippines, Senegal, Thailand, and Turkey. This program increases understanding between people in the United States and people in countries with significant Muslim populations. Students live with host families, attend local high schools, do community service, and complete a capstone project. Applications for academic year 2016-17 programs are due December 1, 2015. Visit [www.yes-abroad.org](http://www.yes-abroad.org) for more information.
- **The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX)** offers merit-based scholarships for an academic year in Germany. The program was

established in 1983 to celebrate German-American friendship based on common values of democracy. Students live with host families, attend local schools, and participate in community life in Germany. For more information and application deadlines, visit the organization in charge of recruitment for your state at [www.usagermanyscholarship.org](http://www.usagermanyscholarship.org). Deadlines for U.S. applicants range from December 1, 2015 to January 15, 2016, depending on state of residency.

**For more information on exchanges sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, visit [www.exchanges.state.gov](http://www.exchanges.state.gov) or watch [this video](#) about U.S. high school student exchanges. To receive printed brochures and/or posters about study abroad opportunities, send an email with your request to [youthprograms@state.gov](mailto:youthprograms@state.gov).**

**For information on having an international experience without leaving home, consider hosting a Department of State- sponsored exchange student. Learn more at <http://hosting.state.gov>.**

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Beginning Tuesday, September 22, all TRIO staff, students, alumni, and other supporters are urged to participate in [#TRIOTUESDAY](#) and engage in at least ONE advocacy activity that day and every Tuesday until the end of the year.

Please be sure to share your photos, activities, and other advocacy with COE and the TRIO community using the hashtag [#TRIOTUESDAY](#). Every week COE will highlight at least one activity by TRIO programs and students. Will it be yours?

Have any comments, questions or concerns? Contact Kimberly Jones ([Kimberly.jones@coenet.us](mailto:Kimberly.jones@coenet.us)) and Selene Ceja ([selene.ceja@coenet.us](mailto:selene.ceja@coenet.us)) via email or phone (202.347.7430).

It's time to make your voices heard. Take the pledge today!

Check out COE's [#TRIOTUESDAY 1 pager](#) for more ideas on how to advocate for TRIO this year!.



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