



2017 Council for Opportunity in Education Policy Seminar

What: Nominations are being sought for two Maine TRIO Program Alumni to attend the 2017 COE Policy Seminar in Washington, DC to advocate for TRIO Programs

Dates: Monday, March 20, 7 pm through Wednesday, March 22, 7 pm

Location: Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

Who: Alumni of Maine TRIO Programs who would be effective advocates for TRIO programs with Maine's Congressional Representatives and Senators

COE Policy Seminar is an opportunity for TRIO Program alumni to share the impact of their participation in a TRIO program with Maine's Congressional Representatives and Senators. Talking about their personal journey from participating in a TRIO program to their current educational and professional goal attainment, helps Maine's delegation understand the impact and importance of continued and increased funding for TRIO programs.

Alumni will have the opportunity to:

- Give back to TRIO programs by sharing their personal story of success;
- Network with TRIO alumni and staff from around the country;
- Learn how federal funding impacts programs in Maine and the nation;
- See the connection between Congress and the success of TRIO programs;
- Meet Maine's Congressional delegation and Congressional staff;
- Gain skills and experience in effectively advocating for first-generation, low-income students, and the programs that make their success possible;
- Have fun exploring Washington, D.C. in their limited free time!

The Maine Educational Opportunity Association (MEEOA) will cover the cost of alumni transportation, housing, and meals during the seminar. Alumni will be responsible for personal expenses. The Maine Team will stay at the Hyatt Regency Washington, Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001 • (202) 737-1234. All nominators and nominees will be notified no later than February 3, 2017 following the February meeting of the MEEOA Executive Committee.

Questions? Contact Laurie Davis at laurie.j.davis@maine.edu or 207-780-5282.

Sincerely,
Laurie J. Davis
MEEOA President 2016-2017



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TRIO Alumni Nomination Process

Nominators: Please include the **Nominee Information Form (page 3 of this document) and a **Letter of Nomination** that includes the following-**

1. A description of the nominee's background, including how participation in a TRIO educational opportunity program had a meaningful impact on realizing their education and professional goals (as acknowledged by the nominee);
2. Your assessment of the nominee's ability to speak articulately and communicate his/her story to Maine's Congressional delegation and staff effectively as part of a team;
3. A description of the nominee's accomplishments/stature within his or her profession;
4. The nominee's academic achievements; and
5. A description of the nominee's noteworthy civic, community, or professional activities and contributions. Alternately, you may choose to attach a resume or statement describing educational background, professional employment, academic and/or professional honors, and civic/community contributions.

MEEEOA strongly encourages you to include the following:

A brief **Letter from the Nominee** outlining the impact participation in a TRIO program has on their educational and professional goals and attainment.

ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN FULL

BY 4:00 pm, January 30, 2017

Please forward nominations to:

Laurie Davis – laurie.j.davis@maine.edu

and Michelle Richards - Michelle.Richards@maine.edu



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Alumni Nomination Form

Nominee's name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email (personal): _____

Current Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ **Work Email:** _____

TRIO Program Graduation Information

Project: _____

Institution: _____

Dates of Participation: _____

Date of graduation: _____

Current Project Director: _____

Project Director during participation: _____

Nominator Information

Nominator's name: _____

Work address: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email address: _____



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Tentative Agenda

Monday, March 20

2:00– 7:00 p.m. Arrive in Washington and Registration

7:00–8:30 p.m. The Outlook for TRIO and GEAR UP in the 115th Congress

Dinner on your own or with the Maine Team (TBD)

Tuesday, March 21

Breakfast on your own

8:30–10:15 a.m. Budget Outlook

10:30–11:30 a.m. Legislative Update from Members of Congress

11:30 a.m.–1:15 p.m. Lunch with Maine Team

1:30–2:45 p.m. Working with Your Institution

3:00–4:15 p.m. Congressional Staff Panel

4:30–5:30 p.m. Appropriations Update from Members of Congress

Evening Dinner with New England Team

Wednesday, March 22

Breakfast on your own

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Congressional Visits

Lunch with Maine Team

5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Debriefing and Rally

Dinner on your own and leave Washington

MEEOA will cover hotel room costs on 3/20 and 3/21 and meals (up to amount of MEEOA per diem) on 3/20, 3/21, and 3/22. MEEOA will also reimburse cost for travel to and from Washington, DC and alumni selected to attend COE Policy Seminar will make all travel arrangements with advance consultation and approval of Laurie Davis, MEEOA President and Maine Team leader. All reimbursements will require submission of original itemized receipts and may not include alcoholic beverages.