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Building Relationships/ Forging Alliances

President: Pinkey Stewart

Greetings, ILAEOPP

This is the beginning of another fantastic year for our great association. As indicated by the year's theme, ILAEOPP is connecting with other organizations, corporations, and nonprofits to provide greater educational opportunities for first generation, low income, and disabled students served by federal TRiO programs in Illinois.

A number of committees have begun to establish relationships that will advance the mission of ILAEOPP. The **Publications and Editorials** and **Technology** committees are at work to distribute copies of ILAEOPP's newsletter to state and local officials as a way to increase awareness of the significant accomplishments and effectiveness of TRiO programs.

To further publicize ILAEOPP and TRiO, the **Legislative Concerns** and **Special Group Concerns in Secondary Education** committees will facilitate town hall meetings across the state. The new **Public Relations** Committee will ensure that ILAEOPP is highly visible and has a strong media presence to promote its events and initiatives.

I am also pleased to announce that ILAEOPP and the **Chicago SKY** women's professional basketball organization are collaborating to reintroduce TRiO

Night during the team's 2010 season. Look for more details about this exciting venture in the coming months.

Thanks to the talents of the Technology committee, ILAEOPP's website will soon have a new feature where members can log-on and read board meeting minutes and committee reports. In addition, registration forms and information for TRiO Day, Washington DC College Tour, Student Leadership Conference, and Professional Conference will be available for download from the website.



The **Financial Literacy** Committee is preparing for the second annual Financial Literacy Seminar to be held Saturday, January 23, 2010. Through this event, ILAEOPP is educating students and their families on how to avoid the pitfalls of debt associated with college attendance as well as personal money management.

While ILAEOPP continues to move forward, we need the support of all Illinois TRiO professionals. Get involved! Actively engage your staff and students by taking part in ILAEOPP events and other activities. Together, let's make 2010 an outstanding year for ILAEOPP.



We Need You!

The ILAEOPP Association needs YOU! Get involved! Opportunities are always available for those who are interested. Our theme for 2010 is Building Relationships and Forging Alliances. This theme is relevant to the growth of our Association. It is imperative that we build strong internal relationships and forge alliances with each other to continue the success of ILAEOPP.



ILAEOPP Membership Cards

Elizabeth Harris, President Elect

Do YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY?



Hey ILAEOPP Family,

Be on the lookout for your membership cards. The new ILAEOPP membership cards will be sent to you shortly after the New Year. Dr. Pinkey Stewart and Dr. Sandra Kato worked diligently to come up with an official new member's packet. Included in that was the decision to reinstitute ILAEOPP

An example of the membership card can be found below

membership cards. As a result, existing members will receive membership cards. The cards will be helpful in a few ways. First, you will be able to proudly display that you are one of an elite group of conscientious, hard working, responsible, and positive people. Not to mention, you are community minded, committed to education, value the whole person, etcetera, etcetera,

so forth and so on.

The card contains your name, membership **renewal** date, and member ID number. While the ID number will always be associated with the member name, the suffix may change if that individual

moves to another program (i.e., from SSS to McNair). There is information listed on the back of the card as well. Cards will be issued on an annual basis, but will not be mailed out until the Board designates a starting date.

Is there something special you would like to share about your students, staff, school, or possibly yourself? Please submit your articles to Laura Dayton at ladayton04@yahoo.com.

We would love to read about what is happening in programs across Illinois

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**ILAEOPP
Member Name**

Renewal: 11/1/09

Member ID # 00001-2

Membership expiration date Assigned number and suffix that identifies program affiliation.

Program affiliation codes:

- 1 – Upward Bound
- 2 – Educational Talent Search
- 3 – Student Support Services
- 4 – Veterans Upward Bound
- 5 – Educational Opportunity Centers
- 6 – Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program
- 7 – Upward Bound Math Science



Legislative Concerns Highlights

Marcia Bolden, Legislative Concerns Chairperson



ILAEOPP members must continue to be steadfast...

Recently Congress awarded TRIO a 0.6% increase of \$5 million for a total appropriation of \$853.1 million. The GEAR UP program received a 3.2% increase of \$10 million for a total appropriation of \$323 million. The TRIO Community in concert with the Council for Opportunities in Education continues to pursue other alternatives

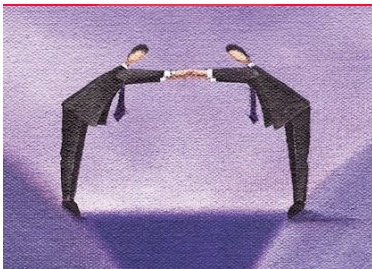
weekly conference calls to discuss government relation matters with Council for Opportunities in Education (COE) representative, Kimberly Jones.

During this time, numerous strategies were launched in an effort to advocate for larger increases in appropriations for fiscal year 2010. To date, ILAEOPP has participated in a number of phone calls, emails, letters, postcards, and other initiatives have made their way to the Hill. ILAEOPP continues to make a concerted effort to engage its membership, alumni, and parent groups. The association remains active and strong in its stance advocacy for securing adequate funding to support TRIO.

means for funding.

The Illinois Association of Educational Opportunity (ILAEOPP) Legislative Concerns Committee has been diligent in devising strategies for garnering support and leadership from state legislators during the recent appropriations and budget reconciliation fights. Over the last several weeks TRIO professionals and members of the Legislative Concerns Committee have engaged in

ILAEOPP members must continue to be steadfast in our approach of evoking the TRIO community to their reach out to Senators as well as Members of the Education and Labor Committee in the House of Representatives in support of this budget reconciliation legislation. For a complete listing of Illinois congressional officers, please visit: <http://www.ilga.gov/>.



NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Tracey Cureton, Nominations and Elections Committee

Get Heard . . .

The nominations & elections committee will be asking for nominations for the offices of treasurer and president-elect very soon. Historically, only about 18% of the membership participates in the voting of officers. These two offices are relevant to the decisions that affect the members-at-large. The office of president-elect is also a voting member of the MAEOPP board. When action is needed on the state level, these officers are the ones that are called upon to work on various tasks. Some people judge our entire association by who we elect as officers. It is important that we not leave this responsibility to others. We ourselves must make sure that our voice is heard in our vote.

Get Involved . . .

It also helps when people get involved in various branches of our association. This gives members the opportunity to see first hand the skill set the specific people possess. Involvement also helps one see all of the work that is involved in particular components of the association such as conferences, seminars workshops and more.

Get Busy . . .

. . . and VOTE!!!



ILAEOPP: BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS/ FORGING ALLIANCES

Illinois Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel
36th Annual Conference
April 11 – April 14, 2010
Chateau Hotel and Conference Center
1601 Jumer Drive
Bloomington, Illinois 61704-0902

2010 Conference Workshop Proposal Form

PRESENTATION TITLE: _____

(Please submit a separate form for each workshop you would like to present.)

Proposing a workshop for **Monday, April 12, 2010** **Tuesday, April 13, 2010**

Presenter Information

Name _____ Position _____

Institution _____ Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Email _____ Telephone () _____ Fax () _____

Co-Presenter Information

Name _____ Position _____

Institution _____ Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Email _____ Telephone () _____ Fax () _____





Target Audience (Check all that apply)

All EOC ETS GEARUP McNair UB UBMS SSS VUB
All Administrative Support Coordinators Counselors Directors Instructors Other

Workshop Proposal

Please attach a brief explanation of your proposed topic. Include your interest in the topic, your past accomplishment in the area, and the particular points you want to make in a 60-minute session.

Preferred Room Set-up

Theater Style  U Shape  Classroom Style  Boardroom Style 

Please return your proposal to Elizabeth Harris, eharris@ccc.edu, Fax: 773-451-2014, KKC/Dawson Technical Institute, 3901 S. State Street, Chicago, IL 60609. Proposals are due by January 10, 2010.