

# ILAEOPP NEWS

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM PERSONNEL

*Making the Right Connections*

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PERPETUATING  
SUCCESS AND EXCELLENCE  
IN EDUCATION

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### COE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT:

President Elect Bammeke Jenkins and I attended the Leadership Summit. We attended all the sessions and actively participated. This resulted in ILAEOPP receiving \$600.00 reimbursement from MAEOPP. The focus of the Leadership Summit was organizing the State Initiative and TRiO Alumni Societies. The focus was on the importance of organizing both. Illinois is important in terms of appropriations this year. Many of our congressmen are pivotal on the appropriations committee. Bam and I attended a dinner meeting on Saturday night with the COE staff and other colleagues. At this meeting the discussion was about monies becoming available (future) from the Alumna Foundation. The funds are based on new initiatives as a way of getting students to go to college. It is still in the talking stage. However, in order for ILAEOPP to receive any of the funding we must have our 501c3. I know that Alfred Jackson is working diligently on this effort.

### POLICY SEMINAR

President Elect Bammeke and I attended the COE Policy Seminar as well as walked Capital Hill. The focus of this meeting was to request an increase in funding of TRiO Programs by 100 million dollars. The

questions that were taken to the hill were: Will the member support the bipartisan Payne/Cole letter being circulated regarding Absolute Priority on the Upward Bound program? Will the member contact Secretary Spellings' office and an assurance that Upward Bound programs can immediately move to accept students from the 2007 summer program without regard to the Absolute Authority? and, will the member include a 100 million dollar increase for TRiO in his/her priority list to the Chairman and the Ranking Member? As we visited the hill we received positive responses in terms of supporting funding. There is a strong need to fund education. This was said loud and clear. Dr. Mitchem felt positive about some type of increase this year.

### LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Bammeke and I stayed in the hotel with students while participating in Policy Seminar. This was a very positive experience, in that, I was able to really interact with the students in preparation for the Hill visit. The students did an excellent job representing Illinois. The stories that were shared really caught the attention of the legislative aid. One set of students got a glimpse of Barack Obama as he was preparing to meet the firefighters association. This trip is a life altering experience for the students that participated. This is



**Viola Gray, ILAEOPP  
President**

# From the President

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something I feel should be continued and expanded as our students are not the same when

they return to their respective schools. It is something about telling their stories, their hopes

and dreams; it becomes closer to a reality for some of them.



DeSean E. Coleman

## 2007 Washington D.C. Student Leadership Seminar

DeSean E. Coleman led a group of Illinoisians to Washington, D.C. for the annual Student Leadership Seminar. Students encounter one of the most memorable experiences as a result of this coveted opportunity.

Students and staff were busy the entire time visiting area colleges like Howard University and Georgetown. They took tours of the city and visited Arlington Cemetery. Students met with the ILAEOPP President Viola

Gray and President Elect, Bammeke Jenkins and went on capital hill to meet with senators, representatives, or aids.



## TRiO Day 2007



# TRiO Day 2007

2007

February 24,



TRiO Day South

TRiO Day South was held at the Southern Illinois Univer-

sity and chaired by Kehven Wilson. TRiO Day Central was held at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and chaired by Dr. Sandra Kato. TRiO Day North was held

at Governors State University and chaired by Sharon Spence. TRiO Day is an annual event that usually oc-

curs around the end of February.

The content of TRiO Day varies for each region and their resources. However, based on student responses, all regions had a fun, educational and successful day.

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STAGE  
FOR  
SUCCESS**



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**TOPICS OF NOTE:**

- Developing Learning Communities for Students
- U.S. Department of Education: Six State Revisited
- Using the Internet for Research and
- Writing/Think Outside the Box Program
- Working Harder to Access It Than Say "No, They Want Us"
- Encouraging Under Success in Math & Science
- College Selection: Making the Most of Your Options
- Student Support Services (SSS) Revisited for 2007
- College Access: How Does Your State Measure Up?
- Using Public/Private Partnerships for Access
- Creating State Networks to Help Vulnerable Youth
- Chicago: Philosophy & Classroom
- Disability: Approaches to College Access
- Methods with Disabilities in College for Research
- Building a College-going Culture
- How and Why to Set Up a Blog

**THIS YEAR'S THEMATIC STRANDS INCLUDE:**

How TRiO Operates: Best Practices • Student Retention Strategies for Black • TRiO Advancing in Your State  
Research: The Core Data • Opportunities to Service our Work • Program Management •  
College Access: The Future • Technology

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Conference  
November 4-7, 2007  
Pheasant Run,  
St. Charles, IL*

## **ILAEOP NEEDS YOU**

**By Tracy Cureton**

As TRiO personnel, we have the great responsibility to serve students that have an array of obstacles along their educational track. It is our mission to ensure that each student that seeks our help receives the best in terms of quality of service, expert advice, direction, dedication and commitment. We cannot afford to fail in this mission because if we do our students will suffer. This is why we need your valued support within the ILAEOPP association.

The great state of Illinois needs you to be an active part of its association. ILAEOPP is only as good as you make it. We need your voice and your efforts to keep our association alive and strong. ILAEOPP has always been at the forefront with new and innovative ideas, which have been duplicated within other regions. We need to keep our membership strong in order to continue having an impact on TRiO.

Let's not lose momentum. Our association can maintain its perpetual flow as long as you keep your membership

current. If you are new to TRiO, consider applying for membership into ILAEOPP today. Membership into MAEOPP automatically gives you membership into ILAEOPP. Benefits of an ILAEOPP membership include:

### **The TRiO Link -**

Newsletter features national, regional, and state, news, legislative issues relevant to TRiO and other educational opportunity programs.

### **Representation on the national level**

- Membership provides an important link to the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE).

**Reduced Registration fees** - Members attend state and regional conferences at reduced rates.

**Emerging Leaders Institute** - A new class of emerging leaders is sponsored each



**KKC/Dawson Tech summer college tour 2006**

year by the association, of which you need to be a current member to apply.

### **Membership Directory**

- A directory is produced each year with complete personnel information

### **Voting Privileges**

- Your vote would be counted in general assembly and in upcoming elections.

**Apply to ILAEOPP today!**