

ILAEOPP NEWS

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM PERSONNEL

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year is almost over. TRiO is weathering the storm caused by President Bush attempting to balance the budget by cutting funding for our two pre-college programs, TRiO Upward Bound and TRiO Talent Search. To date, the House of Representatives has restored funding for TRiO in its appropriation bill at last years funding level, which means the possible continued existence of the two programs.

Before you get too happy and complacent, the fight is not over. We still must press the Senate to include funding for TRiO in its appropriation bill. Even if the Senate includes the necessary funding, the two houses must then reconcile any difference in amounts before it goes to the president for signature. Be vigilant and keep pressure on our federal lawmakers to retain TRiO in its entirety.

For those who attended the Student Leadership Conference (SLC) and Professional Conferences (PC), on behalf of the executive board and the respective committee members, we hope you found the content of the conferences beneficial and enjoyable. Although the SLC continues to grow in

the number of participants, there are a number of programs that don't support the activity. If no one from your program attended the Professional Conference, your program missed a great opportunity to network with other TRiO professionals and to learn how the Illinois Student Assistant Commission (ISAC) has the ability to assist you in tracking your program participants through their college careers. This would be especially beneficial to the pre-college programs. The board and committees would like to know what needs to be done to garner your support. Without the support of all ILAEOPP members and TRiO professionals, we suffer as an organization.

Another way to show your support for the organization is to be active in the upcoming elections. Realizing that some may desire to hold office but lack institutional support, voting does not require any outside encouragement. Historically, ILAEOPP members follow the same pattern of voting as the nation when voting for national, state and local leaders. Only about 30% of eligible members vote. Let's show our colleagues who came forward and accepted the challenge of vol-



unteering to work for the organization that we are just as interested in ILAEOPP as they are. This can be accomplished by voting. Remember to cast your vote by August 12th.

On the behalf of the Executive Board, I would like to thank you for allowing us to serve you. We continually strive to have ILAEOPP remain at the top of the MAEOPP and TRiO community in terms of programming for our participants and membership. However, in order for us to carry the banner high, we need your support. Continue to support the organization and we hope to see each of you at the upcoming MAEOPP Annual Conference, where we will have our final state meeting of this year.

Alfred Jackson,
President, Illinois Association of
Educational Opportunity Program
Personnel

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Council for Opportunity in Education's Educational Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Center Grant Writing Workshop

On Monday, May 16th – Tuesday, May 17th, the Council for Opportunity in Education held a Grant Writing Workshop at the Holiday Inn City Center, here in Chicago. This event was more than well-attended and in several of the sessions, the walls were lined with those of us who were eager to here the words of advice spoken from Julia Tower, vice president for academic affairs, Maureen Hoyler, executive vice president, and Renee Romero, director of educational services.

Just to highlight on what was shared... interested applicants were encouraged to limit the number of schools served as there would be a strong case to be made for need, as competition would be stiff. Along with that, the page limitation is 75, as with the SSS submitted last year. Interested applicants were advised to at least log on to e-grants as you can make corrections numerous times without having to press the final **SUBMIT** button.

According to the council, it is likely that ETS and EOC grant applications will not be due until October; however, be mindful that is the Department of Educa-

tion, and not the council, that issues such edicts as deadlines, page limitations and grant awards in general. As with SSS last year, I have a strong assumption that the department, too, will host similar workshops throughout the country prior to the deadline (not yet official) so I would strongly encourage those writing for Educational Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Center grants to frequent the department's web page at www.ed.gov so that you might know this information immediately upon announcement. You are also advised to visit the council's website at its new electronic address which is www.coe.net.us for upcoming events and other announcements pertaining to the aforementioned.

One interesting twist announced by the council is that the department would be "*providing us with our objectives*" unlike our having to create our own in years past. This, too, has yet to be seen so as mentioned previously, continue to look for official notification of such to come directly from the Department of Education.

In closing, I wish each and every program writing for either grant award the best of luck and as soon as more official news is provided, please know that the association will disseminate via this means (electronically), posthaste.

Shawn L. Govan,
President-Elect 2005 - 2006



2005 Student Leadership Conference April 22-24

ILEAOPP, under the leadership of President Al Jackson, was successful in presenting an excellent Student Leadership Conference at the Chateau in Bloomington, IL. The event hosted over 200 participants (an increase of 50 from last year). The goal of presenting a student conference that would address the needs of high school and college participants was accomplished. Workshop presentations included popular topics such as:

- Etiquette with Ms. Manners,
- Sex and self-control,
- Young, beautiful and broke
- The Think Tank group activity, designed to encourage team work and team building skills, was a hit.
- ILAEOPP IDOL (patterned after the reality TV show) showcased TRIO talent and was enjoyed by all.

Overall, the conference evaluations were rated excellent. The success of the conference was attributed to the hard work and extra effort of the 12-member committee. Assisting Lore Cooper, co-chair and myself were:

Maggie Burkhead
Bammeke Jenkins
Charmaine Malone
Kijuana Boulrece
Fred Williams
DeSean Coleman
Marcia Medina
Martha Lawson
Vicki Jones
Debra Wafford

Viola Gray, chair of the professional conference and Shawn Govan, ILEAOPP president elect, provided valuable support and input. We look forward to an equally exciting Student Leadership Conference for 2006. Thanks to everyone who attended. We hope to see you next year.

Continue to support ILEAOPP.

Bruce Austin,
ILEAOPP Executive Council



Dr. Bruce Austin, ILEAOPP Executive Council Member and Chair, Student Leadership Conference





ILAEOPP Recognized at Black ★ Star Project Gala

The Chicago Athletic Club was the backdrop for a black-tie gala honoring the Black Star Project and Executive Director Phillip Jackson for nine years of service to Chicago's school children. The event was sponsored by Systems Concepts, Incorporated--an educational software company based in Chicago. Business leaders, community-based program administrators, news reporters, and educators from Chicago and Atlanta attended the event. This event provided a great opportunity for ILAEOPP to garner support in the fight to restore funding for TRiO programs. Mr. Ian Bryan, Director of Community Relations for Systems Concepts, told the audience that he was extremely concerned when he heard about the threat facing the TRiO programs. "We have to do something about this. Write your congressmen in favor of getting more money for the TRiO programs," Bryan said. The event's guest of honor, Phillip Jackson, also echoed the call to action on behalf of TRiO programs.

Following Phillip Jackson's speech, TRiO

alumnus Ivan Stephens spoke to the crowd about his experiences as a program participant, the benefits of TRiO programs, and the importance of TRiO programs for thousands of students nationwide. Mr. Stephens informed the audience of Mr. Bush's proposal to eliminate two TRiO programs and stressed the importance of writing to their congressperson(s) to support funding for TRiO programs. ILAEOPP President-elect Shawn L. Govan, along with Dr. Bruce Austin, Loretta Jones, and Pinkey Stewart represented ILAEOPP at this event, along with TRiO alumni Ivan Stephens, Bammeke Jenkins, Kweli Kwaza and Jude Laude. Arkishya Stephens (SSS alumna) was instrumental in getting ILAEOPP on the program for the evening's event.

Alfred Jackson,
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MAEOPP UPDATES

Plans are being finalized for the last Annual Conference to be held at the Abbey. Please make early plans to attend, since it is anticipated that on-site hotel space will fill up quickly. The dates for the conference are November 13-16, 2005. Information on registration will be forthcoming, both via postal mail and e-mail. Don't delay unless you desire to be off-site.

The executive board is reviewing the MAEOPP Constitution for revision. If you would like to see the possible revisions, please contact either Alfred Jackson or Shawn Govan.

MAEOPP has terminated the rental of storage space to house surplus inventory from the defunded training grants. All pertinent documents were transferred to

St. Louis University to be archived. Any recyclable inventory was retained for future use. All electronic equipment was inventoried and is available for use by the association and subordinate state chapters.

The winners of the MAEOPP 2005 Scholarships were announced. The winner from ILAEOPP is Rose Love, an SSS participant at SIUC.

Drs. Sandra Kato & Kimberly Washington-Pearse announced that the Research & Evaluation Institute would be conducting workshops during the MAEOPP Annual Conference to train TRiO personnel in the implementation of research designs. Knowledge and skills from the workshops will allow programs to conduct their own research which will add

to the literature on the effectiveness of TRiO. This information will be especially beneficial when lawmakers are looking to dismantle TRiO.

The Institute for the Advancement of Leadership and Program Management is looking for individuals to participate in the stand-alone workshops during the MAEOPP Annual Conference. Instead of attending the various concurrent breakout sessions, participants will receive CASS training during the conference. If interested, contact Alfred Jackson before September 15th.

Alfred Jackson,
President, ILAEOPP



Calling all interested ELI's for the 2005 – 2006 year!

The ILAEOPP Association is extending an open invitation to all TRiO professionals within the state who are interested in applying for the two available ELI slots representing the state of Illinois. To give you a brief history of ELI, in 1989, MAEOPP, under the presidency of Dr. Celerstine B. Johnson, initiated an effort to identify and prepare selected individuals to assume leadership positions at both the chapter and regional levels of the association as part of its five-year plan. Deltha Q. Colvin developed and took the lead in establishing the Emerging Leaders Institute. Through ELI, it was her hope that the number of TRiO professionals who were extensively prepared for leadership would increase each year. The ELI Training program was designed with the intent of developing the participants both professionally and personally, all the while, strengthening the MAEOPP Association. Participants who graduate from the ELI program possess a greater understanding of MAEOPP, its objectives, infrastructure and organization, as well as its operating procedures.

Eli participants have the opportunity to enhance and increase their leadership skills, observe the MAEOPP organization at work, and make a contribution to the association through their completion of a special project. **Please be advised that this is a one-year commitment which will begin in November of 2005 and conclude in November of 2006.** Eli's will be required to attend four – five annual board meetings, one of which ties directly with the annual MAEOPP conference, and the remaining meetings are held periodically throughout the year (approximately every twelve weeks) at locations throughout the region and usually last one full and one half day (possibly two depending upon the project and assignment).

Different chapters have committed varying levels of resources to support ELI participants so it is incumbent upon those interested to make this known as soon as possible so that necessary funds can be allocated through ILAEOPP. Even more importantly, ELI travel, although usually taking place on Friday and Saturdays, will require time away from work so those interested in pursuing ELI must get a full understanding as well as vote of approval from one's supervisor(s).

I would be remiss if I did not sing the praises of both Mr. DeSean Coleman and Mr. Bammeke Jenkins, our current ELI's as they truly represent the great state of Illinois in an exceptional way.

If this seems like an opportunity that you would like to take advantage of, please forward a 500 word response to the following questions:

- Why am I interested in becoming an ELI?
- What do I hope to gain from this experience?
- How will this experience allow me to better benefit the ILAEOPP Association?

All responses should be forwarded to Shawn L. Govan, president-elect 2005 – 2006 at sgovan@roosevelt.edu on or before Friday, September 2, 2005. Should you have any questions during the interim, do not hesitate to contact me directly at (312) 341-2031.

All the Best,

Shawn L. Govan,
President-Elect 2005—2006



ILAEOPP ELECTIONS UPDATE

Elections Update: The nominations for president-elect and treasurer ended on June 14, 2005. One person was nominated for president-elect and two people for treasurer. On June 22, 2005 a packet of information was sent to all the candidates for completion. The deadline to complete and return the packet of information was July 11, 2005. The elections committee reviewed all documentation, prepared and submitted it to the webmaster to be placed on the ILAEOPP webpage. Please review all candidates resumes and questionnaires, before casting your vote.

In order to vote you must be a registered member of ILAEOPP. The deadline to cast

your votes for president-elect and treasurer is August 12, 2005. **ANY VOTES RECEIVED AFTER AUGUST 12TH, WILL NOT COUNT. IN ORDER TO VOTE YOU MUST HAVE BEEN A REGISTERED MEMBER BEFORE JULY 22, 2005.** The webmaster will only send electronic ballots to registered voters. Now is a good time to renew your membership, if you have not done so.

Claude Magee,
Chair Elections Committee



31st MAEOPP Conference

“Bridging the Past to the Future”

November 13-16, 2005
Abbey Resort in Fontana, Wisconsin

MAEOPP/ILAEOPP SCHOLARS

<p>MAEOPP BOARD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT \$1,000</p> <p>Rose Love SSS—SIU Carbondale</p>	<p>ILAEOPP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS (College Division)\$500</p> <p>Latoya Bailey SSS—Univ. of Illinois Chicago</p> <p>Jessica Brumfield SSS—Eastern Illinois Univ.</p> <p>Chris Hogsett SSS—Carl Sandburg College</p> <p>Angelica Ibarra SSS—Illinois State University</p>	<p>Ashley Paige SSS—Parkland College</p> <p>Carolina Sosa Moraine Valley Comm. College</p> <p>Sharon Spicer SSS—Southwestern IL College</p> <p>Dwayne Williams SSS—Governors State Univ.</p> <p>Terry Chambers, Chair Scholarships Committee</p>
<p>ILAEOPP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT (HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION) \$500</p> <p>Charlie Valera ETS—Roosevelt University</p>		



FAIR SHARE REPORT

Dear ILAEOPP TRIO Personnel,

It is with great pleasure that I announce to you that we made our fair share goal by 101%.

Again, Congratulations!

Izola E. Woods,
Chair Council Fair Share Committee