New Members Orientation

Welcome to the SoCal Chapter of WESTOP!



Brief History and Overview of TRIO

- The TRIO programs were the first national college access and retention programs to address the serious social and cultural barriers to education in America.
- TRIO began as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty.
- The Educational Opportunity Act of 1964 established an experimental program known as Upward Bound.



President Lyndon B. Johnson 36th U.S. President

Brief History and Overview of TRIO

- Original programs
 - Upward Bound
 - Economic Opportunity Act of 1964
 - Talent Search
 - Higher Education Act of 1965
 - Student Support Services
 - Authorized in 1968 by the Higher Education
 Amendments

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- Also part of TRIO...
 - Educational Opportunity Centers
 - Veterans Upward Bound
 - Higher Education Amendments of 1972
 - Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs
 - Higher Education Amendments of 1976
 - McNair Scholars
 - Higher Education Amendments of 1986
 - Upward Bound Math Science
 - Created in 1990 by the U.S. DOE

What is WESTOP?

 The Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (WESTOP) is 1 of 10 regional associations dedicated to furthering educational opportunities for low-income, firstgeneration, and disabled students.



Arizona • Central California • Nevada • Northern California • Pacific Islands • Southern California

Regional Associations

- 1. AEEE Association for Equality and Excellence in Education, Inc.
 - 1.1. New Jersey and New York
- 2. ASPIRE
 - 2.1. Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming
- 3. CAEOP Caribbean Association of Educational Opportunity Programs
 - 3.1. Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands
- 4. MAEOPP Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel
 - 4.1. Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin
- 5. MEAEOPP Mideastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel
 - 5.1. Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia

Regional Associations

- NAEOP Northwest Association of Educational Opportunity Programs
 6.1. Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington
- 7. NEOA New England Educational Opportunity Association
 - 7.1. Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont
- 8. SAEOPP Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel
 - 8.1. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee
- 9. SWASAP Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs
 - 9.1. Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas

10. WESTOP - Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel

Brief History & Background

- WESTOP was founded in the early 1970's
- One of the original founders is Dr. Charles A. Ratliff, former Upward Bound director at Cal State Long Beach and former Chief Deputy Director California
 Postsecondary Education Commission
- Founded by TRIO directors in the Western region out of a sense of need to build political leverage at their host institutions and in Washington D.C.

Brief History & Background

Three important areas which provided the impetus for the creation of WESTOP:

- 1. The key issues to be addressed were primarily political
- 2. It was important to establish and maintain a working communication system with all directors
- 3. If we did not hang together, we would all hang separately.

WESTOP - Presently

- Vision:
 - Serves educational equity professionals to ensure and advocate for educational opportunity
- Mission:
 - To create and develop educational professionals who are able to advocate and provide educational opportunities for those who are underserved.

WESTOP as of 10/2/2013

- WESTOP is comprised of 6 chapters
 - \circ Arizona = 57
 - California
 - CenCal = 32
 - NorCal = 112
 - SoCal = 192
 - \circ Nevada = 17
 - \circ PAC IS = 27
- Total membership = 437

WESTOP Governing Board

- President
- President Elect
 - Presides over the Service Council
- Past President
- Board of Directors 6 Chapter Presidents
 - Financial Affairs Committee
 - Chaired by one of the chapter presidents

WESTOP Governing Board

- Officers
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Parliamentarian

• Service Council

- Members and Elections
- Research
- Legislation and Education
- Public relations
- Professional Development
- Resource development
- Technology

Chapter Governance

- Chapter level organizational structure reflects that of the association.
- SoCal Officers and Service Council



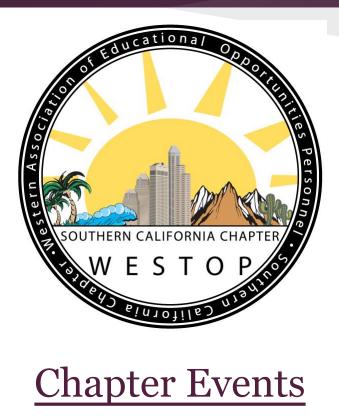
Annual Functions & Events

- Professional Development Seminar
- Student Leadership Conference & Student Scholarships
- WESTOP Annual Conference
- Chapter Fundraisers
- COE Conference
- Policy Seminar
- Chapter meetings

Chapter Meetings

- There are 5 chapter meetings per year.
- The purpose of the meetings are to:
 - Give members an opportunity to network
 - Conduct chapter business
 - Vote on issues
 - Committee updates and reports
 - Discuss and work on issues that impact the field of opportunity and access in education
- Chapter meetings are conducted following Robert's Rules of Order.

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Chapter Meetings

Membership Benefits

- Professional Development
 - In-service trainings during association events
 - Opportunities for leadership development through participation in leadership positions within the association
 - Discounts on association conference fees

Membership Benefits

- Networking
 - Chapter Meetings
 - Access to a network of TRIO professionals
 - Listserv communications

Membership Benefits

- Student Advocacy
 - Legislation Updates and Calls to Action
 - Scholarship nomination privileges

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- 1. Share your talents and <u>GET INVOLVED</u>!