

# 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

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- 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, first-generation, and disabled students.



# 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

6. 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
  - Arizona = 57
  - California
    - CenCal = 32
    - NorCal = 112
    - SoCal = 192
  - Nevada = 17
  - 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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# 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

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

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1. Share your talents and GET INVOLVED!