



**Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel
Past President Report
2020 – 2021
(Friday, October 9, 2020)
Via Zoom**

Name:	Dalia Hernandez
Position:	Past President
Committees to Oversee:	Professional Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Development Seminar (PDS) • Professional Development Scholarships (Graduate and Conference) • Professional Development Academy Spring 2022
Committee Co-Chairs:	PDS: Eddie Paje, SSS, UCSD and Elizabeth Duarte, UB, VVC
Position Description: Work closely with the President and Vice President to provide support and knowledge related to Chapter objectives, activities, procedures and services. Ensure that chapter is providing adequate professional development opportunities to the membership.	

Goals & Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan, coordinate and execute a successful annual Professional Development Seminar (PDS) that generates revenue for the chapter • Plan, coordinate and execute the chapter’s graduate and conference scholarships. • Circulate opportunities for professional development through the chapter’s communication platforms. • Collaborate with the WESTOP Professional Development Chair to ensure that opportunities for professional development available through the association and its network are shared with the members. • Submit the Spraggins Grant proposal to COE. • Serve as resource to members to support in their knowledge of TRIO and Educational Equity programming and implementation. • Support the president in ensuring the fiscal health of the chapter, including but not limited to, ensuring compliance with FAP Manual and adhering to best practices. • Served on WESTOP’s By Laws Committee and other committees appointed by the chapter president. • Support the WESTOP 2021 Annual Conference Committee



Updates

Given the COVID-19 Pandemic, all in person chapter professional development activities for the remainder of 2020/2021 will be held virtually.

WESTOP Updates: Round Tables: The WESTOP Round Tables will be back in October. More information about how to register for those sessions will be released in the coming weeks.

Annual Conference: The WESTOP annual conference, scheduled for March 2021 will be held virtually. The Annual Conference co-chairs, Michele Scott and Michelle Thomas, and Senior Advisor to the Annual Conference President-Elect Jesus Maldonado are working diligently to ensure the conference is a success. More details will be released soon.

US. Department of Education Update: Dr. Chris McCaghren, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Programs and Dr. Linda Byrd-Johnson, Senior Director of Student Service joined over 2,000 attendees at the COE Conference on September 22 to address pressing concerns from the TRIO community. The following updates were provided.

- The SSS Funding Band will be released by the end of month.
- The Priority Training Grants will be released by the end of the month.
- ED is hopeful the Talent Search and EOC competitions will conclude by the end of 2020.
- The Annual Performance Report open and due dates are below.
 - ✓ TS: 11/13/20
 - ✓ EOC: 12/7/20
 - ✓ SSS: 12/7/20
 - ✓ UB: 12/18/20
 - ✓ UBMS: 12/18/20
 - ✓ McNair: 2/26/21
 - ✓ VUB: 3/5/21
- 2020-2021 EOC and Talent Search Applications - Draft Notice for Comments
 1. We can expect a short, 30-45-day turnaround between the release of the 2020-21 RFPs and the proposal due dates.
 2. The competitive preference priorities included in the drafts just released will be different.
 3. Talent Search application possible due date to be in early December or the end of January with the EOC application due date to be approximately a month after.

COE Update: COE's Annual Conference was held virtually in September and brought together 2000 TRIO and educational equity professionals. The new BOD was sworn in and WESTOP is being represented by Dr. Diana Tapia-Wright who was sworn in as COE's BOD secretary. COE is offering professional development opportunities, for more information on the opportunities available, please visit this link: https://www.coenet.org/professional_development.shtml.

Professional Development Scholarships (Graduate and Conference): The chapter's scholarship component for this year will be held virtually. All details and call for applications will be sent in November 2020.

Professional Development Seminar: Will be held virtually on October 26-29, 2020. Theme is "Blazing Pathways for Change: Zooming into a New Decade". Dr. Nathan Sessoms will serve as our keynote speaker and we will have John Quinones as a special guest and TRIO Champion. Attendee goal for PDs is 100, currently at 57 attendees registered. A Talent Search Professional Development Workshop will be held as part of this year's PDS.



A call for PDS Workshop Moderators will be sent out in the coming week. Seeking workshop moderators who have experience and skills with managing virtual meetings through Zoom and Teams platforms. If interested, please send an email to akhan@csusb.edu or respond to the call for moderators w-once it is released.

Defer to PDS Co-Chairs to provide additional PDS details.

PDS Website link: <http://www.westopsocal.org/pds-2020.html>

Professional Development Academy (Spring 2022): Due to COVID-19, the Academy has been postponed to Spring 2022.

Other Resources: Please visit the links below for additional professional development resources.

CSU Counselor Resources: <https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/counselor-resources/counselor-conferences>

UC Counselors Conference: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/news-events/conferences/>
College Board SAT Test Centers Closing: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/test-center-closings>

NASPA Conference: <https://www.naspa.org/events/naspa-western-regional-conference2>

Campaign for College Opportunity: <https://collegecampaign.org/our-publications/>

SoCal College Access Network: <http://socalcollegeaccess.org/newsreports/>

Recommendations

➤ None at this time.

Action Items

✓ None at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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