



Kentucky Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel

Kentucky President's Report

KAEOPP Business Meeting

Boone Tavern Inn

Berea, KY April 20, 2017

- I worked with Service Member at Large, B. Morrison & Awards Liason Dr. Geroge to secure awards for our Spring Meeting.
- I attended Policy Seminar in Washington, DC on March 21st-22nd. Kentucky had 17 TRIO Professionals and 3 non-TRIO Professionals attend. We visited all 6 Congressmen and both Senators. Our asks this year were to:
 - Ask legislators to approve an Omnibus Budget instead of a Continuing Resolutions for FY 2017. This would result in an additional \$30-60 million in funding for TRIO.
 - Reject the cuts that came out of the Trump "Skinny" Budget proposal for FY 2018.
 - Oppose any cuts to TRIO or GEARUP in FY 2018.
 - Invite legislators to sign the FY 2018 TRIO Appropriations letter.
 - Invite legislators to join the TRIO Caucus.
- I attended Relation with the Department of Education in Washington, DC on March 20th, 2017. Dr. Linda Byrd-Johnson noted that they hoped to have UB announcements made from mid-April through early May. Other competitions were not addressed, except to say that they hoped to notify awardees early.
- I participated in a Fair Share conference call with SAEOPP President Selena Blair, the state Presidents from SAEOPP, and Al Phillips, Vice President of COE on March 15, 2017.
- I represented KAEOPP at the 2017 celebration of TRIO Day at Murray State University on February 24-25, 2017. Student Initiative competitions took place at this time, and all competitions saw a healthy number of competitors. Murray State TRIO Professionals were amazing hosts!
- I attended the SAEOPP February Board Meeting, February 9-10, 2017 in Mobile, AL.
- KY's Fair Share goal for 2016-2017 at \$71,374. KY has raised \$32,400 through IMs and \$4,982 through pesonal contributions for a total of \$37,382 or 52%. If you've received an invoice for your IM, please get that into COE as quickly as possible! New invoices will go out next week from COE.
- Notes from February 2017 SAEOPP Board Meeting (parts that are still relevant repeated from past President's Report):
 1. Many SAEOPP Scholarships were submitted, but a large part of them did not include transcripts, ACT scores, poorly written essays, etc. Double check what is being submitted prior to submission. Reminder, you must be a SAEOPP member to submit a SAEOPP Scholarship.
 2. VUB draft was just released. Comment period is currently open. There is a meeting site USED has offered, but the link is not working right now at www.edmeeting.com/vub/ The VUB APR is due on February 17, 2017.
 3. Many reports are now available on the USED webpage on SSS/UB-UBMS/ETS. Reports on McNair are forthcoming.