Now More Than Ever

In 2017, a new leadership will emerge in Washington, D.C. to set education policy in the White House, U.S. Senate, and U.S. House of Representatives. The Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) invites you to the Nation’s Capital to take advantage of the opportunity to educate your Members of Congress and other federal leaders about the outstanding work you do in college access and success programs locally as well as advance the interests of low-income and first-generation students, adult learners, veterans, and students with disabilities.

Register Online at www.coenet.org
COE 37th Annual Policy Seminar • March 20-22, 2017

Now More Than Ever—COE’s 37th Annual Policy Seminar affords the TRIO and GEAR UP communities the opportunity to help educate Members of the 115th Congress, congressional staff, and Trump Administration officials about the history and the success of TRIO and GEAR UP. More importantly, this event gives participants a chance to represent the interests of low-income and first-generation students and veterans, adult learners, and students with disabilities in the policy arena. Come share your stories of success. Stories about real students can make a difference!

With your help and the help of your alumni, we can build support for TRIO and GEAR UP and expand services to assist a greater number of disadvantaged students.

Tentative Agenda
Monday, March 20
2:00–8:00 p.m. Registration
7:00–8:30 p.m. The Outlook for TRIO and GEAR UP in the 115th Congress

Tuesday, March 21
8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Registration
8:30–10:15 a.m. Legislative Update from Members of Congress
10:30–11:30 a.m. Lunch on Your Own
11:30 a.m.–1:15 p.m. Working with Your Institution
1:30–2:45 p.m. Congressional Staff Panel
3:00–4:15 p.m. Appropriations Update from Members of Congress
4:30–5:30 p.m. Congressional Visits

Wednesday, March 22
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Debriefing and Rally

Identify and Bring Your TRIO Alumni to the Policy Seminar.
Plan to bring TRIO college graduates to the Policy Seminar! Alumni participation at this event will give graduates the skills they need to be TRIO advocates at the local, state, and national levels.

COE staff is delighted to help TRIO directors provide good policy experiences in Washington for their students when they are on school breaks. Note: Students should not miss school in order to attend the Policy Seminar.

National College Opportunity Programs Leadership Summit • March 19, 2017

On March 19, COE is sponsoring a FREE Leadership Summit for current and potential state association leaders.

Please join us for this professional development seminar to explore concrete ways you can:
• Become a leader of the college access and success community
• Network with other current chapter leaders
• Advocacy training for newcomers and ELI participants

*Experienced professionals, emerging leaders, and current or potential state leaders are encouraged to participate.

To register, please go to the COE website (www.coenet.org). The deadline for registration is February 23, 2017. You may also contact Krysti Specht (krysti.specht@coenet.us) for additional information.

TRIO Alumni Leadership Forum
March 19, 2017

This year, COE is hosting the first annual TRIO Alumni Leadership Forum. More details will be available soon. Please contact Fernando Cardenas (fernando.cardenas@coenet.us) for more information.

The Leadership Summit and Seminar on Relations with the Department of Education do not involve any lobbying activities; however, certain aspects of the Policy Seminar do. Therefore, federal grantees must be sure to allocate costs for these separate activities appropriately and in a manner consistent with their institutional policies. Please contact Angelica Vialpando (angelica.vialpando@coenet.us) or Kimberly Jones (kimberly.jones@coenet.us) if you have questions regarding this process or require additional assistance.
33rd Annual Seminar on Relations with the U.S. Department of Education
Monday, March 20, 2017

This seminar is designed for administrators in postsecondary institutions and community agencies seeking information concerning:

- The Trump Administration’s higher education priorities
- U.S. Department of Education policies
- U.S. Department of Educational fiscal and programmatic regulations and reporting requirements
- The latest information on TRIO regulations
- How HEA Reauthorization affects your TRIO programs
- The outlook for upcoming TRIO grant competitions

Tentative Agenda
8:15–8:45 a.m.  Coffee and Rolls
9:00–10:15 a.m. “Update from the U.S. Department of Education”
U.S. Department of Education
10:45 a.m–12:00 noon Group Breakout Sessions with U.S. Department of Education Program Officers: EOC, Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science, Veterans Upward Bound, McNair, and Student Support Services
12:00–2:00 p.m. Luncheon—Update on Priorities of the 45th President
2:15 p.m. & 3:45 p.m. Specific Session Topics TBA
5:00 p.m. Adjournment

For questions on the 33rd Annual Seminar on Relations with the U.S. Department of Education, please contact Angelica Vilapando, vice president, Program and Professional Development with COE, at angelica.vilapando@coenet.us.

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Fax: 202-737-5773
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Hotel rooms: Single $349; Double $374; Triple $399

Identify yourself with the COE bloc to receive the special rate.

An extra person charge of $25.00 will apply for each additional adult (more than two) staying in the same room with existing bedding. All rates are subject to Washington, DC tax of 14.5%.

Cut Off Date
February 9, 2017 or when the COE room block is full. Reserve your room early!

Registration Information—for single individuals wanting to attend the Policy Seminar and/or Department of Education Seminar, online registration (www.coenet.us) is strongly encouraged. Online registrants will receive an immediate receipt.

All registrations not completed online must include a credit card payment, check, or purchase order to be accepted.

Special Half-Price Discount: If you attended last year’s Policy Seminar and bring a newcomer to Policy with you, the newcomer can register for half off of his/her regular registration rate (member or non-member). These registrations must be submitted by fax at the same time—there is no online registration for this special offer.

If you bring a member of your institution’s Government Relations staff or campus/institutional leadership, their registration for Policy Seminar only is also half off his/her regular registration price. This does not include the Seminar with the Department of Education. Registration for this special discount must be submitted by fax—there is no online registration.

*The Half-Off Discount does not pertain if you are registering for only the Seminar with the Department of Education.
**Special Early Bird Discount** (Registered by December 22, 2016)

Policy Seminar Only  
--- $325 Members & Non-Members  

Policy and Relations w/the Department Seminars  
--- $450 Members  --- $600 Non-Members

--- Pre-Registration Discount  
(Postmarked/faxed by January 23, 2017)

Policy and Relations w/the Department Seminars  
--- $525 Members  --- $675 Non-Members

--- Policy Seminar Only  
--- $400 Members & Non-Members

--- Relations w/the Department Seminar Only  
--- $405 Members  --- $625 Non-Members

--- Full Price Registration  
(Postmarked/faxed after January 23, 2017)

Policy and Relations w/the Department Seminars  
--- $630 Members  --- $780 Non-Members

Policy Seminar Only  
--- $450 Members & Non-Members

Relations w/the Department Seminar Only  
--- $555 Members  --- $680 Non-Members

--- National College Opportunity Programs Leadership Summit (no cost)

--- TRIO Alumni Leadership Forum (no cost)

--- Retiree Rate  
--- $175 Policy Seminar

--- TRIO Alumni Rate***  
--- $175 Policy Seminar

***Alumni rates are available to TRIO graduates who are *not* currently employed by a TRIO program. Please fill out one form for each TRIO alumnus.

| Name: ____________________________ | Project Affiliation: ____________________________ |
| Title: ____________________________ | Institution: ____________________________ |
| Institution’s Congressional District: State: _____ District: _______ |
| Mailing Address (No P.O. Boxes Please) ____________________________ |
| City: ____________________________ | State: ____________ | Zip: ____________ |
| Phone: ____________________________ | Fax: ____________________________ | E-mail: ____________________________ |

**TRIO Alumni** (Non-TRIO Employees)

Name: ____________________________ | E-mail (work): ____________________________ |

TRIO Project and Institution Graduated From: ____________________________

Current Employer: ____________________________ | Job Title: ____________________________ |

Work Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ | State: ____________ | Zip: ____________ |

Work Phone: ____________________________ | Fax: ____________________________ | Personal E-mail: ____________________________

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Payment Information
Charge my American Express, Master Card, Visa, or Discover (Please circle one).

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_____ A check is enclosed.

Registration Instructions and Deadline: The registration fee for both seminars includes all conference sessions and materials. The fee for the 33rd Annual Seminar on Relations with the U.S. Department of Education includes coffee and rolls in the morning, plus a luncheon. Registrations not completed online must be postmarked or faxed with purchase order, check, or credit card payment by January 23, 2017 to receive the pre-registration discount. For questions about registration and payment, please contact Business and Finance at finance@coenet.us or at (202) 347-7430.

Refund Policy: Registration fees paid in advance are refundable (less processing fee of $200) if written notice of cancellation is received/faxed on or before February 21, 2017. No refund requests will be accepted after this date. All refunds will be made after the seminars.

Return by mail or fax to: Council for Opportunity in Education; P.O. Box 742282; Atlanta, GA 30374; FAX: 202-347-0786

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