2015 Highlights

COE fought for and secured a $60 million appropriation increase for the Federal TRIO program. This legislation represented a 7.2% funding increase for TRIO programs.

COE welcomed 1,400+ attendees to the 2015 COE Annual Conference, the first to be held in Atlanta, GA, where the 50th Anniversary of the Higher Education Act was celebrated.

COE widely celebrated the Talent Search 50th Anniversary. Special events included Alumni receptions in the cities of Chicago and Atlanta and Saturday STEM Fairs.

In addition, the “Power of Story” was infused across a variety of activities. TRIO 2015 Video Contest winners and StoryCorp professionals shared the process they used in crafting oral histories at the Annual Conference. TRIO students and alumni also engaged in StoryCorps interviews which inspired our Voices of TRIO.
The Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education and the Penn Alliance for Higher Education and Democracy (Penn AHEAD) released the 2015 Indicators of Higher Education Equity in the United States at a National Press Club “shared dialogue” event. The report was picked up by the Associated Press and published in hundreds of prestigious newspapers and journals across the U.S. and Europe.

COE held the 26th Annual Student Leadership Congress at Georgetown University. This year’s event brought 160 students. COE also conducted its 16th annual study abroad program for low-income, first-generation students at the University of Salamanca, Spain, as part of the Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program.

Using “lessons learned” to inspire more robust delivery models for college access, COE published Lessons from the GO College Program, College Access Programs at Low-Performing Priority High Schools: A Principal’s Perspective by Keith Look. GO College continues as an on-going and institutionally supported program in both Erie, PA and Stamford, CT.