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IA MAEOPP Conference-April 13-15 **Stoney Creek Inn and Conference Center** **Sioux City, Iowa.**

Room rates are \$89 and will be honored two days previous and two days post conference. The Stoney Creek Inn is located in downtown Sioux City, within walking distance of the Argosy Casino, the Promenade Theatre, Famous Dave's and other attractions. The theme for the conference will be "Put your Money on TRIO." Can you guess the theme for the Funtivity? Let's plan on a great conference and lots of fun.

Get involved and join a committee!

Working Board and Committee Meeting
Friday, Feb. 4th, 2011 – DMACC

Committees looking for members are

- **Membership and Credentials**
- **Fair Share**
- **TRiO Alumni**
- **Media/Communication**
- **Association Planning and Development**



You could bring your info for the TRiO Factbook to this meeting. Contact Trudy at tahrens@iowalakes.edu for what information to bring.

Contact an IA MAEOPP Board member for more details. We look forward to hearing from you!

ALUMNI and TRiO Stories!

- **Brooke Paulsen is collecting TRiO alumni information. Send your alumni info to brooke-paulsen@uiowa.edu**
- **Daisy Garcia is collecting TRiO stories – Send your TRiO stories to maeopp.immabe@gmail.com**

ELI 2010

Jessica McCormick and Chantel Olufsen would like to thank IA-MAEOPP for the opportunity to participate in the 2010 Emerging Leaders Institute. We would not have been able to do it without the support of IA-MAEOPP President Katherine Whitsitt, President-Elect Jayna Woolridge, past Iowa ELI's, and the IA-MAEOPP membership. MAEOPP President, Ms. R. Rene Hampton, gave the ELI class of 2010 a charge that was twofold. The first part of the charge was to complete the first comprehensive evaluation of the Emerging Leaders Institute since its inception. The second part of the charge was to create a toolkit of resources for future ELI trainers to use, thereby



encouraging the use of best practices, and ensuring consistency in the ELI training process. This was a difficult task as no comprehensive records had been kept. They spent the year making phone calls, emailing, and having conversations to unearth this information. Once they collected and compiled the list of names and contact information, they administered a survey to ELI alumni and past ELI facilitators to ascertain whether or not the Emerging Leaders Institute was meeting its objectives. The data overwhelmingly proved that the Emerging Leaders Institute is effective in meeting its benchmarks and in preparing individuals to take on leadership roles within their state chapters, as well as at the regional level.

Both Jessica and Chantel feel that the ELI process has been a truly transformational experience in their lives. They are now prepared to serve in leadership roles and are both IA-MAEOPP committee chairs/co-chairs this year, in addition to still working with their fellow ELI's on behalf of the MAEOPP Education Foundation. If any of you are interested in becoming an ELI, or just want more information on the ELI process, please contact the current IA-MAEOPP President Jayna Woolridge, current President-Elect Kris Nerem Lowry, or any ELI alumni.

TRiO Factbook – Nicole Heng or Trudy Ahrens will be calling you again for information for the TRiO Factbook. You may contact them at nheng@iowalakes.edu or tahrens@iowalakes.edu

COE – Fairshare – MEF ?

Why Join COE?

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By becoming a member of COE, you and your organization will receive a set of valuable benefits available exclusively only to COE members, including:

Educational & Networking Opportunities

Ask the Experts Webcasts

Join your peers in a one-hour interactive learning experience! COE members will have the opportunity to discuss current strategic issues in the industry via a teleconference. The format allows for a 45-minute presentation, with a 15-minute interactive Q & A following. For more details and schedule of events, visit the Ask the Experts page of the COE Web site.

Publications

COE NewsNet

COE Members receive an electronic newsletter, COE NewsNet, packed with informative articles and tips and techniques each month.

COE Membership Directory

Participating corporate members will receive online access to the COE Member Directory including a listing of the installation demographics of each member organizations. This is a most helpful tool for networking and problem solving.

Advocacy - A United Voice

Dassault Systèmes looks to COE for user perspectives to inform its product development team. Members have a direct line to Dassault Systèmes executives and developers through COE's volunteer communities. And by joining COE, you'll strengthen the user groups' ranks, thereby assuring that COE has even more influence with your vendor, Dassault Systèmes.

Requirements Gathering

A Strategic Enhancement Request (SER) is the tool for communicating requirements, for the Dassault Systèmes family of products to Dassault Systèmes. An enhancement request can be submitted, by a COE member company or individual member to the Development Planning Council Committee Chairperson by filling out the Enhancement Request form at a

conference or by submitting it electronically using the Enhancement request process on COE's Web site.

Volunteer Opportunities

Website

No other Website provides users of Dassault Systèmes' PLM solutions like www.coe.org. Your COE membership allows you unlimited access to:

- Online discussion forums
- A virtual TechniFair showcasing third-party vendors
- Members-only pages providing a data exchange repository
- Online conference proceedings
- A shareware library
- Access to Regional User Groups (RUGs)
- Data Exchange Tips
- Ask the Expert Webinar Recordings

What is Fair Share?

KEEP TRIO MOVING AND WE ALL BENEFIT!


The Council for Opportunity in Education depends on institutional memberships, subscriptions, and personal contributions as its major source of operating revenue. Fair Share is the sharing of budgetary responsibility needed for the Council for Opportunity in Education to operate based on the relative number of TRIO projects in an area. The Council's [Board of Directors](#) votes on the General Administrative Budget (GAB) of the Council. The GAB supports the critical work of the Council not supported by outside grants. The Fair Share is then calculated using the GAB amount.

How is Fair Share collected?

In four ways:

1. Regional Membership Dues
2. [Institutional Membership Dues](#)
3. [Subscriptions](#)
4. [Annual Giving Campaign \(Personal Donations\)](#)

10 for 10 (10 Payments for 10 Months)

Make life a little easier this year by starting your personal donation to COE early. Sign up for payments to come out monthly and be done for the year! Complete the [10 for 10 Form](#)  (.pdf) to start your giving today. (Please visit below — Donate to COE — for one time gifts).

What is MEF?

The Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (MAEOPP) Education Foundation (MEF) provides scholarships and awards to Trio and Educational Opportunity Program students in the ten-state region served by MAEOPP. Approximately 200,000 of the students served by MAEOPP professionals are participants in the Federal TRIO Programs. These states are Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin. MAEOPP is a professional association. Its members work with low-income and first-generation college students, and students who participate in Educational Opportunity Programs.

President's Blog: Meet Jayna Woolridge



Greetings Iowa Mid-America Educational Opportunity Program Personnel! As the new IA MAEOPP President, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who don't know me, and for those that do, I apologize for putting you through this. I have been working in TRIO since August of 1998. I work at Briar Cliff University and began my career as the counselor of UB. In 2005 I became the director of UB and then last year I began directing Talent Search in addition to UB. Directing two programs has been a challenge but I truly love what I do and I have really great and supportive staff. If it weren't for them, I would never have been able to run for president.

On a more personal note, I am married and have an 11 year old son, Connor who loves sports almost as much as I do. My husband, Jeff, will be finishing up his mechanical engineering technology degree in May at Western Iowa Tech Community College.

I am very excited, nervous, and humbled as I begin my journey as President of IA MAEOPP. With that being said, I have several goals I have set for the 2010 – 2011 year:

1. Establish an active TRIO Alumni Association through development of an Iowa alumni database
2. Include a donate to IA MAEOPP/TRIO tab on the website
3. Utilize the Media/Communication Ad Hoc Committee to increase TRIO exposure in the state
4. Meet and exceed Iowa's Fair Share goal by 10%
5. Transition all IA MAEOPP terminology to IA TRIO

There are many committees that need additional members so please consider volunteering to serve our chapter in this capacity. A complete list of committees can be found on the IA MAEOPP website. You may contact me or the committee chair directly if you are interested.

I would also like to extend a very heartfelt invitation to Sioux City in April for the Spring Conference. The conference committee is hard at work, preparing for a fabulous opportunity for you to network, learn, and experience all that Sioux City has to offer.

In closing, I would like to assure you that I will do my very best for you and our Chapter in the upcoming year. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas, concerns, or if you just want to chat about IA MAEOPP. Finally, and most importantly, know that I am here to serve you.

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