

**Congratulations to all of the current Student Support Services (SSS) programs in Iowa that were refunded and welcome to the following new SSS programs:**



- **Ellsworth Community College**
  - **Marshalltown Community College**
  - **University of Dubuque**
- **Western Iowa Tech CC**  
(received an additional program)

**Although we are fortunate, there are approximately 21,000 students this summer that lost services in the most recent Student Support Services (SSS) competition. Please keep our fellow TRiO colleagues in mind as they discuss strategies for pursuing the right of appeal guaranteed by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008.**

**TRiO Achiever** – Jonathon Fields, Briar Cliff University, ETS & UB

Jonathon was recognized at the Tri-State Conference

**Scholarship Winners should be receiving awards soon!**

**MAEOPP Board of Directors** – Darcy Bohner, Iowa State University, ETS

**Ed and Jane Banfield Achievement Award** – Shrista Little, Graceland University, SSS

**Roger Childs Achievement Award** – Jackie Herzberg, University of Iowa, SSS

**Thomas Mortenson Achievement Award** – Alberta Wilmer, Iowa lakes Comm. College, SSS

**IA MAEOPP Achievement Award** – Peggy Wunderlich, Southeastern Iowa Comm. College, SSS

**IA MAEOPP Achievement Award** – Sharon Drent, Northwest Iowa Comm. College, SSS

**IA MAEOPP Achievement Award** – Toby Ratcliff, Graceland University, ETS

**IA-MAEOPP Achievement Award** – Victoria Lagel, Luther College, UB

**\$\$\$Your membership and nominations make a difference!\$\$\$**

## News Around the State!

Submitted by UB Director Susie Catanzareti @ Graceland University.

The Graceland University Upward Bound program hosted an Academic Bowl on the Graceland campus this summer. Along with academic contests and challenges there were a few athletic competitions and the "Fingers Only" art contest. Graceland is located only a few miles from the Missouri state line so Northwest Missouri State University and North Central Community College participated along with Simpson College from Indianola, Iowa. Graceland In the afternoon, an awards assembly followed the events with Northwest taking the title away from Graceland this year. Approximately 175 students and staff participated in this Academic Bowl which started in 2008 at North Central Missouri State.



Have anything you want to see in the next newsletter? Please email Trudy Ahrens at [tahrens@iowalakes.edu](mailto:tahrens@iowalakes.edu)

## **Take Advantage of These Upcoming Events and Opportunities**

- **TRiO Drive In**  
**October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Iowa State University, Memorial Union**  
**Ames, Iowa**
  
- **Pre-college Student Leadership Conference**  
**October 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pheasant Run Resort**  
**St. Charles, IL**
  
- **Adult Student Leadership Conference**  
**October 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Hilton Garden Inn**  
**St. Charles, IL**
  
- **MAEOPP 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
**November 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sheraton North**  
**Indianapolis, IN**



# **Adult Student Leadership Conference (ASLC)** ***TRiO LEADERSHIP AWARD INFORMATION***

The SLC committee will bestow a Leadership Award to two dynamic student leaders in TRiO. Students will be nominated by their Program Director and will be recognized for their outstanding leadership qualities during the TRiO Leadership Awards Luncheon on **Saturday, October 23, 2010**.

## **Who should you nominate?**

This is an opportunity for Program Directors to recognize their best of the best. For example, nominate a student who demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities, maintains a positive attitude, serves as role model for his/her peers, is always respectful to others, and exemplifies the TRiO mission and the 2010 SLC theme. Each program should limit their nominations to two students and be sure to only nominate a student who will be **attending the Adult SLC in October**.

## **How do I nominate a student?**

- 1) Complete the TRiO Leadership Award nomination form.
- 2) Include one (1) nomination letter and one letter of support. The nomination letter should come from Program Director and the letter of support can be from other TRiO personnel, school personnel, or a community leader.
- 3) Include student's resume or activity sheet.

**Complete the TRiO Leadership Award nomination form before or on October 8, 2010.  
Using the Internet, download form and mail, fax, or email to:**

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## **President's Blog: September, 2010**



It is strange to call this a blog, because this is only my third entry and it will be my last as President. Though I still have time in this position, by the time the next newsletter comes out we will be welcoming in our new leader. Before that exciting time however, I want to make sure I let you all know what an amazing experience this has been for me. I have not only grown so much as a person and professional, but I can look back on the year and say that we have accomplished quite a lot!!

How can I not start off the list of activities/accomplishments with the SSS competition and ultimately the results? What a long, arduous process this was, one I know our SSS colleagues are so happy to be finished with! Iowa turned out to be a complete anomaly as we not only retained ALL of our SSS programs, but we gained an additional FOUR programs!! Congratulations to everyone!! I wish that I could say the same was true for other states, but we all know that was not the case. In total, SSS lost over 21,000 students and 106 programs, which is equivalent to 11% of the programs. COE is working with the defunded applicants to enforce the right of appeal. There were 118 new programs funded, which will serve about 23,600 students. It is important to remember with these losses and gains that in each case we are talking about human lives and while the new students will benefit greatly from the services of SSS, the 21,000 students who lost services are currently in shock and in desperate search for some sort of assistance to help them achieve their dreams. Due to the very strong working relationship we have developed over the past year with Senator Harkin and his staff on both the HELP committee and the LHHS Appropriations committee, Iowa had a complete slate developed immediately. The communication from the Iowa TRIO community has been clear and concise throughout this year and it was due to the continued communication that the need for complete information was of primary focus. There are many states that still do not have a complete slate of programs available. We are a strong Chapter of conscientious members and your willingness to stick your neck out repeatedly throughout this year has absolutely paid off in so many ways.

We have voted as a community to officially change our name to Iowa TRIO. This change is still in the works at the regional level, but it is clear this is the direction many chapters are headed and we are among the leaders in this area. We all recognize the importance of branding ourselves as TRIO and working diligently to create and maintain partnerships with other educational opportunity programs throughout the state and region.

There is much focus currently on Upward Bound and the College Cost and Reduction Act (CCRA) money and what happens if the additional money is not found. If congress does not find the money, all Upward Bound programs are at risk, not just the 187 funded through the CCRA money. When the Upward Bound competition takes place in the fall of 2011 there will be 964 CURRENTLY funded programs competing for 778 spots, and this does not include the new program applications that will enter into the pool. Recently, Congressman Tom Latham held a town hall meeting at NICC, our institution, and I was able to not only thank him for his support, but to ask him directly about the likelihood that congress would find the money to replace the CCRA money. He was upset about the statistics I shared with him and stated that he would work to make sure the money is found. It is great to work so closely with our legislators and know that they believe in the work we do and are willing to go to great lengths to support TRIO programs.

We are currently working on establishing partnership relationships with many important educational entities across the state. It is my hope that these will be firmly in place by November and that I will be sharing great news at our Chapter Business meeting in Indianapolis! There has been so much work on all of the committees this year and I need to highlight just some of this for all of you!

The Scholarship Committee had a very difficult pool of applicants to choose from for the scholarships this year. They worked quite thoroughly to select an amazing group of individuals for these awards. The students are SO grateful and one of the extreme benefits of this position is being able to hear from the recipients personally and hear how much these scholarships are helping them get just one step closer to reaching their goals. Such an amazing gift!

The Professional Development committee has planned a very comprehensive professional development Drive-In for Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at Iowa State University. This will be a great event and a very full training agenda for IA-MAEOPP

professionals and I encourage all of you to attend. The work this committee has done in putting this together is commendable and it will undoubtedly pay off with a very beneficial day of growth and challenge.

Back in March, during Policy, Iowa held its' first Legislative Breakfast at the Cannon House Building in Washington, DC. Congressman Bruce Braley served as an opening speaker and host, while there was representation from Congressman Loebesack and Boswell's offices as well. This was a big success, especially given that on the day of the breakfast, the President was signing the Health Care Reform into law. This was a great kickoff and one I am sure will be equaled and surpassed with next year's efforts.

It has been a very busy, productive and exciting year for IA-MAEOPP and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you during this time. There is more to highlight, but space is limited and I am sure attention spans are too!! I look forward to remaining active within IA-MAEOPP and hope that all of you will as well. We need your voices, your expertise and your proven professionalism. If anyone is on the fence about whether or not to get involved, PLEASE contact me and we can talk about it further. These next few months will be exciting and busy as we prepare for the annual MAEOPP conference in Indianapolis, IN. in November. This will be a great conference full of exceptional speakers, enriching break-out sessions, lively business meetings, and more. Please plan on attending and representing Iowa on a regional level. And keep in mind, there are only more exciting things to come and being a part of IA-MAEOPP is such a rewarding opportunity!!

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