

IA-MAEOPP Newsletter Fall08

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Iowa MAEOPP Student Leadership Conference 2008

The 2008 Iowa MAEOPP Student Leadership Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 7th at the Memorial Union on the campus of Iowa State University. This year's conference will bring together pre-college and college level TRIO participants. Speakers include professional speaker Richard Santana, who previously worked for Upward Bound in California and Ed Ollie, Jr, a former Upward Bound participant and Tutor Counselor from Central College. Ed is a former national TRIO achiever and currently works for the University of Michigan's School of Business.

Iowa MAEOPP is proud to partner with Citi Corporation to put on this year's leadership event. Citi's generous financial support is enabling this event to take place without any registration fees. Iowa MAEOPP members were emailed registration forms in early September. If you did not receive one, please contact Jen Schuller at jlschuller@dmacc.edu. Each program is invited to bring up to 12 students and if room allows, more participants will be invited.

For more information contact the committee chair, Matt Diehl at diehlm@central.edu.

Upcoming MAEOPP Events

The 34th Annual MAEOPP Conference is quickly approaching. This year's conference will be held November 9th-12th at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in St. Louis, MO. This year's theme is "Achieving Rewarding Change." For detailed information on the conference and to register, visit www.maeopp.org.

MAEOPP is also offering two student leadership conferences. The pre-college conference is October 24-26th at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL. The adult student conference is held the same dates at the Hilton Garden Inn in St. Charles. The conferences are located directly across the street from each other. If you would like more specific information on either of these conferences or to register visit the MAEOPP website www.maeopp.org.

College Goal Sunday

Planning continues for the College Goal Sunday program for 2009. Currently plans have been developed to offer the program in different sections of the state of Iowa (Des Moines, Sioux City, Waterloo, Council Bluffs and Ottumwa). College Goal Sunday is a joint effort between TRiO, Iowa College Access Network, Gear Up, IJAG and several other organizations. The purpose of College Goal Sunday is to increase the number of FAFSAs filed by low-income, first-generation and minority students. For more information contact Jessica Rohrig at jrohrig@iastate.edu.

Golden Circle College Fair

The Golden Circle College Fair will be held on Sunday, September 28th, 2008. This year's event will be held at the Polk County Convention Complex in downtown Des Moines. Hours for the college fair are 12:30pm -3:00pm. The Golden Circle College Fair is the largest college fair in Iowa and is sponsored by ICAN (Iowa College Access Network).

ACT State Organization 2009 Annual Conference

Don't miss this networking opportunity to learn about Iowa's secondary and postsecondary key education initiatives, colleague's best practices, and ACT's latest research, programs, updates and consultative services that will assist you in preparing students to be college and work ready. The ACT annual conference will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at the Scheman Conference Center, Iowa State Center, Ames. For registration materials and more information visit ACT's website at www.act.org/events. IA MAEOPP has been invited to be a workshop presenter for this conference.

IA MAEOPP Annual Conference

Mark your calendar for the 2009 IA MAEOPP Conference. This year's event will be held April 15-17th, at the Holiday Inn – Ames Conference Center. Plan to come hear great speakers, learn from workshop presenters and enjoy the company of fellow TRIO professionals. The 2009 conference will be taking place during Iowa State's VEISHA celebration, so there will be many opportunities for off-site evening activities and even the option to see a performance of STOMP. Specific details of the conference will be provided to members after the first of the year. If you would like to volunteer to serve on the conference committee, email Kurt Roberts at krberts@iastate.edu.

Election Results

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the IA MAEOPP board members for 2008-09!

Katherine Whitsitt - President Elect
TJ Thayer - Treasurer
Amanda Graeber -Secretary

2008-09 Emerging Leaders Institute class members

TJ Thayer
Kari Meyer

2008 Iowa MAEOPP Board Members

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Next IA-MAEOPP Board Meeting: November 10th, MAEOPP Conference, St. Louis, MO

Upcoming Events: IA MAEOPP Student Leadership Conference, October 7th, Iowa State, Ames
IA MAEOPP Fall Drive In, October 10th, Iowa Central, Fort Dodge
MAEOPP Student Leadership Conference, October 24th-26th
MAEOPP Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, November 9th-12th