

IA-MAEOPP Newsletter Fall09

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Iowa MAEOPP Drive-In
October 9, 2009
North Iowa Area Community College
Mason City, Iowa
Plan to attend!
10a.m. - 3p.m.

COE Conference Call
Roundtables
IA MAEOPP Committees
Reports
New & innovative ways to
communicate with staff and
students
Door prizes
Bring questions for COE
Prepare to get Motivated!
Iowa's Plan of Action

**(registration materials available
on the IA MAEOPP website)**

Free FAFSA Assistance Available at Iowa College Goal Sunday

Help for College-Bound Students in 12 Locations in February

College-bound students can receive free help preparing their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at 12 locations across the state in February. Volunteers will help students and families fill out FAFSAs during Iowa College Goal SundaySM, part of the national College Goal SundaySM program.

The main focus of Iowa College Goal Sunday is to help first-generation and low-income students find the funds they need to attend college, but all students can benefit from free help with the FAFSA. The FAFSA is a free form that may be completed without professional assistance via paper or electronic forms provided by the U.S. Department of Education.

The second annual Iowa College Goal Sunday will take place in February 2010 at the following locations:

- Des Moines Downtown Library, Des Moines
- Eastern Iowa Community College, Davenport
- Grand View University, Des Moines
- Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa
- Iowa Lakes Community College, Estherville
- Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs
- Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids
- New Iowan Center, Denison
- Northeast Iowa Community College, Calmar
- Southeastern Community College, Burlington
- UNI Center for Urban Education, Waterloo
- Western Iowa Tech Community College, Sioux City

For updated information on the 2010 event, please visit www.iowaCGS.org.

You can help promote the mission of Iowa College Goal Sunday by referring high school seniors and new and returning college students, helping transport students and families, and volunteering your time. For more information on how to get involved, visit www.iowaCGS.org or contact Juan Garcia, state coordinator, at jgarcia@ICANSucceed.org or (877) CPC-Iowa.

Iowa College Goal Sunday is sponsored by various state and nonprofit organizations in Iowa, including TRiO and the Iowa College Access Network[®] (ICAN). Funding for Iowa College Goal Sunday is provided by Lumina Foundation for Education.

TRIO Training Opportunities for 2009

Go to: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/triotrain/opportunities.html> for information on the various TRIO training opportunities for 2009-10 for TRIO personnel.

TRIO Alumni

Be sure to have your TRIO alumni visit the IA MAEOPP website and click on the alumni link. There they can fill out a survey and become part of our alumni listing. This is a great opportunity to get our alumni involved in making TRIO stronger!

IA MAEOPP Election Results

Last spring 2009, IA-MAEOPP elections took place. Two members ran for President-Elect, one for Secretary and one for Treasurer. Ballots were mailed and collected in May. Results of the 2009 elections are as follows: Jayna Woolridge (President-Elect), Ellie Burns (Secretary) and TJ Thayer (Treasurer). Congratulations to all!

College Access Connections

We're working on the October issue of the [College Access Connections](#) e-newsletter from the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN). This publication is your forum for ideas, innovative programs and recognition for college access and success, as well as a tool for distributing the latest information to more than 1,700 college access professionals across the state.

Please e-mail us about your program, events and news so we may spotlight your success. We'd also like to hear your ideas for topics and discussion. If you're willing to write an article for us from your unique perspective, let us know. The College Access Connections is distributed three times a year so we can make sure information is timely and useful for our readers.

Please submit your articles to Rebecca Bahl, rbahl@ICANSucceed.org, by Friday, October 2.

ACT Dates for 2009-10

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
September 12	August 7
October 24	September 18
December 12	November 6
February 6	January 5
April 10	March 5
June 12	May 7

College Day/Night Programs in Iowa

September 21 – Fayette Upper Iowa University 10-11:30am
September 21 – Decorah, Luther College 6-8pm
September 22 – Cedar Falls UNI Dome 9-11am
September 22 – Dubuque, University of Dubuque 6-8pm
September 23 – Cedar Rapids, Kirkwood Community College 9-11am
September 28 – Osceola, Clarke High School 9-10:30am
September 28 – Creston, Southwestern Community College – 1-2:30pm
September 28 – Shenandoah High School 6:30-8pm
September 29 – Shenandoah High School 9-11am
September 29 – Atlantic High School 2-3:30pm
September 30 – Denison High School 9:15-11am
September 30 – Council Bluffs, Mid-America Center 6:30-8pm
October 4 – Des Moines Golden Circle College Fair 12:30-3pm
October 5 – Southeast Polk High School 9-10:30am
October 6 – Marshalltown Community College 9-11am
October 7 – Fort Dodge, Iowa Central Community College 9-10:30am
October 12 - West Burlington, Southeastern Community College 9:30-11am
October 12 – Quad City College Fair 5-7:30pm
October 12 – Sheldon, Northwest Iowa Community College 9:30-11:30am
October 12- LeMars High School 6-7:30pm
October 13 – Ida Grove, Battle Creek-Ida Grove High School 9-10:30am
October 13 – Carroll, Kuemper Catholic High School 6:30-8pm

Iowa MAEOPP Student Leadership Conference

The 2nd annual Iowa MAEOPP Student Leadership Conference is coming up on Monday, October 19th, 2009. This year's event will be held on the campus of Central College in Pella. Guest speakers include Brian Brown and President Roe of Central College. (Brian Brown is in his eighth year as an assistant coach on the Drake staff working with the high jump and horizontal jumps. **He currently serves as the Director of the Drake Relays.** Under Brown's guidance, current senior Marcus Gaines was the 2008 MVC Indoor long jump champion and set a new indoor school record of 25-3.25. Gaines also qualified for the 2006 and 2007 NCAA Outdoor Regionals. Brown, who owns the Drake Relays special invitational high jump record of 7-7 set in 1997, was an NCAA Indoor high jump champion for Northwestern State, as well as a medalist at the U.S. Indoor and Outdoor Championships. He was ranked seven times on the top ten U.S. high jump list during his distinguished career as well as No. 9 in the world in 1998.)

The conference will have a variety of breakout sessions targeted for both pre-college and college level TRIO students. Campus tours will be available in the morning and during breakout sessions for those wanting to incorporate a tour with your groups visit. Information on registration and the call for proposals form can be found at www.ia-maeopp.org. For questions, contact Matt Diehl at 641-628-5230 or diehlm@central.edu .

Upcoming IA-MAEOPP Events

The 2009 IA MAEOPP Drive In will be held on the campus of North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City on October 9, 2009.

The 2009 IA MAEOPP Student Leadership Conference will be held on the campus of Central College in Pella on October 19, 2009.

Next IA-MAEOPP Board Meeting: November 9th, St Charles, Illinois, MAEOPP Conference

Upcoming Events: IA MAEOPP Drive-In, NIACC, Mason City, IA, October 9th
IA MAEOPP Student Leadership Day, Central College, Pella, IA, Oct 19th
MAEOPP Annual Conference, Pheasant Run Resort, St Charles, IL,
November 8th-11th