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**Association for Equality and Excellence in
Education, Inc.**
AEEE
Elections: April
Officers change: July

1st Year Board Member: Stephen Rebello
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2nd Year Board Member: Angelica A. Benitez
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ASPIRE, INC.
Elections: October
Officers change: October

1st Year Board Member: Samantha Hill
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576 West 200 South
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Caribbean Association of Educational

Opportunity Programs

CAEOP

Elections: May

Officers change: May

1st Year Board Member: Mayrel Artiles
Academic Specialist, TRIO Student Support
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Antillean Adventist University
PO Box 118
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2nd Year Board Member: Alejandro Morales
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3rd Year Board Member: Fabiola A. Falto Castro
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Educational Opportunity Association

EOA

Elections: May

Officers change: November

1st Year Board Member: Leroy Burroughs
Director, TRIO Upward Bound
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300 College Park Avenue Chaminade Hall
Dayton, OH 45469-0510

2nd Year Board Member: Karen Smolarek
Director, TRIO Student Support Services
University of Wisconsin – River Falls
410 S. 3rd St.
River Falls, WI 54022

3rd Year Board Member: Adam Cinderich
Director, TRIO Student Support Services
Kent State University
975 University Esplanade
169-S Center for Undergraduate Excellence
Kent, OH 44243

Mideastern Association of Educational

Opportunity Program Personnel

MEAEOPP

Elections: April

Officers change: October

1st Year Board Member: Chelsey Toms
Academic Advisor, TRIO Upward Bound
100 Campus Drive
Elkins, WV 26241-3971

2nd Year Board Member: Danny Giles
Associate Director, TRIO Student Support
Services
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1 Hayden Dr.
Petersburg, VA 23806

3rd Year Board Member: Jessica Lewis
Director, TRIO Programs
Mountain Empire Community College
3441 Mountain Empire Road
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Northwest Association Educational

Opportunity Programs

NAEOP

Elections: September

Officers change: October

1st Year Board Member: Robin Williams
Director, TRIO Development and Program
Support
Oregon TRIO Association
1290 Irving Ave
Astoria, OR 97103-4021

2nd Year Board Member: Megan Simila
Executive Director, Apprenticeship
Idaho Business for Education
877 W. Main Street, Suite 706
Boise, ID 83702

3rd Year Board Member: Dina Ibarra
Director, GEAR UP
University of Washington OMAD
3240 Fort Road
Toppenish, WA 98948

**New England Educational Opportunity
Association**

NEOA

Elections: April

Officers change: September

1st Year Board Member: Arielle Derival-Joseph
Director, GEAR UP
Boston University
2 Silver Way
Boston, MA 02215-1723

2nd Year Board Member: Yara Zoccarato
Student Support Liaison, Pre-Collegiate and Access
Programs
Western Connecticut State University
181 White St
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3rd Year Board Member: Lindsay Carpenter
Director, TRIO Upward Bound
Lyndon Institute
168 Institute Circle
PO Box 127
Lyndon Center, VT 05850

**Southeastern Association of Educational
Opportunity Program Personnel**
SAEOPP

Elections: October

Officers change: March

1st Year Board Member: Maurice Mathis
Senior Director, TRIO Pre-College Programs
North Carolina State University
P.O. Box 7001
Raleigh, NC

2nd Year Board Member: Holly Lawrence
Director, TRIO Talent Search
Valdosta State University
1500 N. Patterson Street
Valdosta, GA 31698

3rd Year Board Member: Sherontae Maxwell
Assistant Director, Access Programs
The University of Georgia
243 Milledge Hall
Athens, GA 30602

**Southwest Association of Student Assistance
Programs**

SWASAP

Elections: November

Officers change: November

1st Year Board Member: D'Angelo Sands
Executive Director, College Access and Outreach
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
6300 Ocean Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78412

2nd Year Board Member: Teriki Barnes
Director, TRIO Educational Opportunity Center
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Durant, Oklahoma 74701

3rd Year Board Member: Donta Mills
Assistant Director, TRIO Upward Bound
Baton Rouge Community College
201 Community College Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

**Western Association of Educational
Opportunity Personnel**
WESTOP

Elections: March

Officers change: July

1st Year Board Member: Maria Sandra Jimenez
Director, TRIO Student Support Services
Truckee Meadows Community College
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2nd Year Board Member: Dalia Hernandez
Director, TRIO Upward Bound and Upward
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