TRIO Advocates: A Legacy of Educational Opportunity

MO-KAN-NE

- MO KAN-NE (MKN) is the 3 state chapter of MAEOPP, one of the 10 regional associations in the U.S. that form COE.
- There are 137 TRIO programs in the MKN service region with approximately $39 million dollars going to programs that help serve over 43,000 participants.
- MKN provides professional development and resources to its members, assists eligible students in their efforts to gain access to and succeed in post-secondary and graduate education, and provides information regarding issues of equal access to higher education.

Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel

- Formally established in 1975, MAEOPP advocates on behalf of those persons least likely to enroll in and obtain a college degree at our nation’s higher education institutions and is a member organization of COE.
- MAEOPP is the representative professional body for colleges, universities and agencies that host TRIO programs within 10 states in the Midwest serving nearly 148,000 participants.
- MAEOPP provides TRIO and Educational Opportunity Program Personnel with tools to improve their professional growth and their capacity.

Wichita State University

- The Office of Special Programs at Wichita State University is a unit of the division of Student Affairs and administers a number of programs that provide comprehensive services to low-income, first-generation, foster care and disabled individuals.
- We work to further the success and well-being of our clients through academic, career, social and accommodation services.
- WSU hosts 9 TRIO Programs, 3 GEAR UP Programs, the Office of Disability Services, and 9 College Access Challenge Grants serving 5,000 participants.
- WSU TRIO programs have advocated for TRIO with two MAEOPP Presidents, three MKN Presidents and several committee chairs.

Council for Opportunity in Education

- Established in 1981, COE is dedicated to furthering the expansion of college opportunities for students throughout the United States. Its membership includes more than 1,000 colleges and agencies.
- The Council works in conjunction with colleges, universities, and agencies that host TRIO programs to help low-income students enter college and graduate. 790,000 low-income students and students with disabilities each year receive college access and retention services through our member colleges and agencies.