

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM PERSONNEL

STATE REPORT FORM FOR 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

This is to be a cumulative and comprehensive report of accomplishments for 2006... in response to the Strategic Plan Goals found on the next page.

Name of State: Kentucky

State Board of Directors: Gera Lynn Drake, President; Dolores Kiesler, Vice President; Chris George, Secretary; Annette Hines, Treasurer; Paula Maier, Service Member-At-Large; Miranda Martin, Conference Member-At-Large; Darla Pearson, Past President

Strategic Goal # 1

Accomplishments:

- The 2006 KAEOPP Spring Meeting was April 24-25, 2006, at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park in Jamestown, Kentucky. There were 47 registrants for the event. Workshops included CAS Standards, State Initiative, Summer Food Services, an update from KHEAA, and a presentation from the Kentucky Humanities Council.
- KAEOPP continued to maintain its website (www.kaeopp.org) as a mode for disseminating information and opportunities to its membership. KAEOPP continued to maintain and utilize its e-group, kaeopp@yahogroups.com, to communicate with the membership and the Kentucky TRIO community at large. Randy Wilson resigned as Technology Committee Co-Chair. Matt Hyden remained as Co-Chair.
- Mr. Bill Hailey, Chair of KAEOPP's Research Committee, and his committee were actively engaged in collecting state TRiO program information to be assembled into a State Annual Report.
- The Spring Edition (May 2006) and the Fall Edition (September 2006) of *The KAEOPPian*, the Association's quarterly newsletter, was distributed to membership via email. The newsletter was also sent to state and federal legislators representing Kentucky.
 - Highlights will included organizational goals for the coming year and updates on policy and legislative concerns; 2006 Policy Seminar; KAEOPP committees; important dates; and statewide program events (Kentucky TRIO Day and Student Initiatives events—Academic Bowl, Scholars Bowl, and SSS Debate).
 - KAEOPPians were encouraged to submit articles concerning program achievements, events, and successes.
- KAEOPP joined Tennessee for the 2006 Joint Fall Conference to be held October 18-20, 2006 at the Read House in Chattanooga, Tennessee. There were 72 Kentuckians in attendance. Several KAEOPPians presented informative workshop sessions, including Myers-Brigs, career counseling, and building an alumni base. Kentucky Conference Member-At-Large, Shawn Stokes, resigned in August. Miranda Martin, of Bluegrass Community and Technical College's Upward Bound program and conference co-chair from the 2005 Joint Fall Conference, was appointed by the KAEOPP BOard to assume the remainder of the term. KAEOPP members and the overall TRIO community (including participants and their families) continued to actively reach out to federal legislators to express their concern over the 2007 Budget, the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965, and the Upward Bound eligibility issue.

Strategic Goal # 2

Accomplishments:

- KAEOPP membership materials were updated for distributed in late summer. KAEOPP's membership deadline for the 2006-07 membership period (October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007) was September 30, 2006. KAEOPP's goal during 2006-07 was to increase its membership. KAEOPP exceeded the 2005-06 goal of 140, with 153 members.
- KAEOPP enjoyed the Affiliate Membership of individuals from the state financial aid association, the Kentucky Higher Educational Assistance Authority/Student Loan Corporation (KHEAA/KHESLC). KAEOPP will also be exploring an "Alumnus Membership" category.
- The KAEOPP Directory continued to be posted on the KAEOPP website.
- KAEOPP's Fair Share contribution for 2005-06 was 83%%. Kentucky has been selected as one of five states nationally to work closely with COE this year to ensure that Fair Share is achieved in Kentucky. Gera Drake Chairs the KAEOPP Fair Share Committee. In January, KAEOPP's 2006-07 Fair Share was at 39%.
- KAEOPP State Initiatives efforts continued to be emphasized among Kentucky membership. KAEOPP State Initiatives Co-chairs Kristen Galloway (Western Kentucky University) and Annette Hines (Morehead State University) submitted its State Initiative grant proposal to COE in August 2006. The proposal included planning a state policy seminar and a student advocacy workshop during TRIO Day. COE granted the committee a \$500 grant to further its State Initiatives efforts.
- The Kentucky Alumni Society has two new co-chairs: Kimberly Cox (Morehead State University) and Amanda Keller (Morehead State University). A Kentucky TRIO Alumni reception has been planned to be held during Kentucky TRIO Day in February 2007. Amanda Keller presented a workshop entitled "Building an Alumni Base" during the Fall Conference.

Strategic Goal # 3

Accomplishments:

- Kentucky TRIO Day has been scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2007, at Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky. Mary Claire Collins is Chair of the TRIO Day Committee. Approximately 700 students are expected to attend this event. The event will feature an Alumni Reception with a MSU Upward Bound alumnus and a rally with Dr. Wayne Andrews (MSU President), Congressman Harold Rogers (5th District Kentucky), and student testimonials. The KAEOPP Student Competitions are to be held in the morning. Other activities scheduled include campus tours, tours of the Kentucky Folk Art Center, Chattaqua performances, and a student ambassador workshop.
- KAEOPP will once again sponsor a KAEOPP Scholarship competition this Fall with winners to be announced at the KAEOPP Spring Meeting in April 2007.
- Kentucky Emerging Leaders Institute was held immediately preceding the Joint Fall Conference. Five (5) KAEOPPians participated in the Institute. KAEOPP will be sending four second year and three first year Emerging Leaders to SAEOPP.
- KAEOPP began its nomination process in October for the upcoming election for the 2007-09 KAEOPP Officers. Nominations have been forthcoming for the offices of President, Vice President, and Service Member-at-Large. New officers elected will be installed during the April 2007 Business Meeting.

Strategic Goal # 4

Accomplishments:

- The KAEOPP Finance Committee completed the KAEOPP Fiscal Policies Manual, a document to guide the financial activities of the Association. This document was presented and approved by the KAEOPP Board

during the February 2006 Board Meeting and was presented for acceptance by membership at the February 2006 Business Meeting. It has been posted on the KAEOPP website.

- KAEOPP's Strategic Planning Committee held a Strategic Planning Summit just prior to the 2006 KAEOPP Spring Meeting to solicit input to further progress on this initiative. The KAEOPP Strategic Plan was being developed in concert with changes and revisions that occurred to SAEOPP's Strategic Plan. The KAEOPP Constitution was examined for potential changes and update. A draft Strategic plan will be presented to membership at the February 2007 Business Meeting.
- Four out of the five existing Educational Opportunity Center programs in Kentucky were successful in the recent grant competition. Kentuckian Works Inc., Morehead State University (Northeast) and Morehead State University (Southeast), and Western Kentucky University were each received five-year awards. Somerset Community College EOC was not refunded.
- Nine of the ten existing Kentucky Talent Search programs were refunded as a result of the recent competition. Berea College received a five-year award, while the following institutions received four-year awards: Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Eastern Kentucky University, Kentuckiana Works, Madisonville Community College, Morehead State University (ETS I) and Morehead State University (ETS II), Northern Kentucky University, and Western Kentucky University. Kentucky State University was the only new award, receiving a four-year grant. Murray State University ETS was not refunded.

Strategic Goal # 5

Accomplishments:

- A CAS Standards workshop was held at the 2006 Spring Meeting. Martha Sales of Western Kentucky University both discussed CAS Standards in general and shared what it was like to go through the self-evaluation process.
- KAEOPP State Initiatives efforts continued to be emphasized among KAEOPP membership. State Initiative Chair, Anna Leasure, conducted a well-attended workshop during the 2006 Spring Meeting. Ms. Leasure resigned from her duties as Chair of this committee in order to Co-Chair the 2007 SAEOPP Conference.
- Northern Kentucky University was one of four grant recipients to be awarded funding in the Council for Opportunity's TRIO Alumni mini-grant competition, "New Models for Engaging TRIO Alumni."
- Communications, updates, and calls for action concerning the Reauthorization issues to the KAEOPP membership, Kentucky TRIO staff, and other friends of TRIO continued to be disseminated by the KAEOPP President by email and utilizing the KAEOPP listserv.
- KAEOPP members and the overall TRIO community (including participants and their families) continued to actively reach out to federal legislators to express their concern over the 2007 Budget and the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act of 1965.
- KAEOPPians were successful in encouraging two Members of Congress (Chandler (R) and Whitfield (D)) to sign onto the 2007 Cole/Payne letter requesting the restoration of Upward Bound and Talent Search along with a \$100 million increase for TRIO programs. Thank you notices were sent to these Members expressing KAEOPP's appreciation for their support in the removal of the Novice Provision from the Reauthorization language. KAEOPPians continued to contact the other Kentucky members to encourage them to sign onto the 2007 Cole/Payne letter.
- KAEOPPians once again had a strong presence at the Annual Policy Seminar in March 2006 in Washington, DC. Sixteen (16) Kentuckians comprised the delegation that made congressional visits on March 28, 2006.
- As part of the State Initiative Campaign, *The KAEOPPian* (KAEOPP's quarterly newsletter) was mailed to both state and federal legislators.

Strategic Goal # 6

Accomplishments:

- KAEOPP continued to maintain an updated database of state members.
- KAEOPP continued to encourage membership in SAEOPP.
- Information regarding SAEOPP Scholarship winners was distributed electronically to KAEOPPians.
- During the June 2006 KAEOPP Board Meeting, board members continued discussion focused on fundraising and the potential acquisition of corporate and/or private donor funds in order to increase the funding level and/or number of KAEOPP scholarships available to Kentucky TRIO participants.
- The KAEOPP TRIO Alumni Society Committee was restructured. It was the goal of KAEOPP to build an active Alumni Society who, through membership dues, can advocate on behalf of the Kentucky TRIO Programs and can financially support scholarships and other student activities.

2001-06 STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS.....OUR PREMIER REASON FOR BEING

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| I | SAEOPP will provide high quality opportunities to enhance the knowledge and skills of TRIO personnel and others committed to equity in postsecondary education |
| II | SAEOPP will strengthen and expand networking activities for TRIO personnel and others committed to the equality of educational opportunities |
| III | SAEOPP will provide opportunities for TRIO participants to achieve success in postsecondary education and beyond |
| IV | SAEOPP will achieve financial stability commensurate with the association's planned outcomes |
| V | SAEOPP will strive to ensure the continuance and expansion of educational opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds |
| VI | SAEOPP will establish and maintain a centralized office for membership services and other programmatic activities |

[If necessary, see the SAEOPP Website for the Strategic Plan Objectives]