

Tri-State Consortium of Opportunity Programs
THIRTEENTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE



*25th
Anniversary
Celebration*



BRINGING THE FUTURE INTO FOCUS:
**The Shifting Paradigms
of Higher Education**

APRIL 12-15, 2015 | WESTCHESTER MARRIOTT | TARRYTOWN, NEW YORK

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 12, 2015	
10:00am-6:00pm	Registration
11:00am-4:00pm	Pre-Conference Leadership Institute
5:00pm-6:00pm	Opening Reception
6:00pm-9:00pm	Dinner/Keynote Speaker: Mr. Michael Baston
9:30pm-11:00pm	Hospitality
Monday, April 13, 2015	
8:00am-5:00pm	Registration
9:00am-10:00am	Concurrent Workshop Session I
10:15am-11:15am	Plenary Session: Watson Scott Swail
11:30am-12:45pm	Mini-Plenary Sessions: Mr. Thomas Mortenson and Dr. Hakeem Rahim
	Concurrent Workshop Session II
1:00pm-3:00pm	Luncheon/Speaker: Dr. Nancy Zimpher
3:15pm-4:15pm	Concurrent Workshop Session III
4:30pm-6:00pm	Concurrent Workshop Session IV
6:00pm-8:00pm	Dinner (on your own)
9:00pm-11:00pm	Hospitality
Tuesday, April 14, 2015	
8:00am-5:00pm	Registration
9:00am-10:00am	Plenary Session: Dr. Belle Wheelan
10:15am-11:45am	Mini-Plenary Sessions: Mr. Wesley Hall and Dr. Jose Avilas
	Concurrent Workshop Session V
12:00pm-1:30pm	Luncheon/Speaker: Dr. Tina Gridiron-Smith
1:45pm-3:15pm	Concurrent Workshop Session VI
3:30pm-4:40pm	Concurrent Workshop Session VII
4:45pm-6:00pm	State Meetings- NJ , NY, PA
6:30pm-7:15pm	Alumni Awards Reception Banquet
7:30pm-9:00pm	Alumni Awards Banquet
9:30pm-12:00am	Hospitality– PA
Wednesday, April 15, 2015	
9:00am-10:00am	New York State Report: Mr. Tom Mortenson
10:00am-11:00am	New Jersey State Report: Mr. Tom Mortenson
9:00am-12:00pm	Post Conference Leadership Institute

DAILY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 12, 2015

TIME	EVENT	ROOM
10:00am-6:00pm	REGISTRATION	Ballroom Access Foyer
11:00am-4:00pm	PRE-CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE	Salon A-C
11:00am-11:45am	Introductions: Dr. Glenn Lang, Dr. Henry Durand, Dr. Hasani Carter	
11:45am-12:30pm	Embedding Your Program into the Fabric of the University	
12:30pm-1:30pm	Working Lunch	
1:30pm-2:30pm	High Performance Teams	
2:45pm-4:30pm	<p><u>Experts Panel</u> Dr. Hasani Carter, Dr. Penny McPherson, Dr. Eddie Manning, Cheryl Hamilton, Deidre Clark, Cheryl Williams, Thomas Thomas, Audrey Bennerson, Maritza Martinez</p>	
5:00pm-6:00pm	OPENING RECEPTION	
	<p><u>ENTERTAINMENT</u> Evans Thompson's "True Story"</p>	Indoor Terrace
6:00pm-8:00pm	DINNER	
	<p><u>CONFERENCE WELCOME</u> Dr. Henry Durand <i>President, Tri-State Consortium of Opportunity Programs in Higher Education</i> <i>Senior Associate Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education</i> <i>State University of New York at Buffalo</i></p> <p>Ms. Cheryl Williams <i>Tri-State Board Member</i> <i>University Associate Dean of Special Programs, City University of New York</i></p>	Salons E-H
	<p><u>OPENING REMARKS/HISTORY OF TRI-STATE</u> Mr. Robert James <i>Founding Member/Tri-State Administrator</i></p>	
	<p><u>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</u> Mr. Michael Baston <i>Vice President of Student Affairs, LaGuardia Community College</i></p>	
8:00pm-9:00pm	<p><u>ENTERTAINMENT</u> The Fabulous Old School B-Boys</p>	
9:30pm-12:00pm	HOSPITALITY	Lyndhursts Room (2nd Floor)

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8:00am-5:00pm	Registration			Ballroom Foyer
9:00am-5:00pm	Commuter Lounge			Westchester A
9:00am-10:00am	CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION I	STRAND	PRESENTER(S)	ROOM
Featured Workshop	Using Social Media & the Web to Share Your Story	A	Catherine Donnelly	Salon A
Featured Workshop	Increasing Women and Underrepresented Minorities in the STEM Field	M	Dr. Nanette Wright, Deborah Berkley, Tony Howell, Dr. Ilene Rosen	Salon B
	SEEK Math Initiatives at Baruch College	B	David Rosen	Salon C
	Creating Safe Spaces for LGBTQ Students within Opportunity Program	C?	Dr. Danielle Johnson	Salon I
	Different Motivational Strategies in College Persistence of EOP Students	C	Sabel Bong, Scott Quinell	Salon II
	Paradigms that Build & Sustain Effective SEEK/CD Student Leadership	N	Melisse Bessaha, Carmen Solis, Dr. Chevy Alford, Dr. Janice Zummo	Salon III
	Creating Scholars AND World Problem Solvers: How Social Entrepreneurship Can Revolutionize Your Program	N	Joed Lopez	Irvington
10:15am-11:15am	MORNING KEYNOTE			Salons E-H
<u>WELCOME & INTRODUCTION</u> Ms. Audrey Bennerson <i>Tri-State Board Member</i> <i>Statewide Educational Opportunity Fund Director,</i> <i>New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education/EOF Program</i>				
<u>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</u> Dr. Watson Scott Swail <i>President & CEO, Education Policy Institute</i>				

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11:30am-12:45pm	MINI-PLenary SESSIONS & CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION II		ROOM
Mini-Plenary	Unlinking Policy to Reality in Opportunity for Higher Education	A/F	Thomas Mortenson Westchester B
Mini-Plenary	Mental Illness Unmasked: Students, Stigma, Confronting Mental Illness in Higher Education	K	Dr. Hakeem Rahim Salon A/B
Featured Workshop	Teaching Students How to "Community Map"	F	Dr. Susan C. Perkins, Dr. Karen Coutrier Salon C
	Social Work Internships as Models for Student Success in Opportunity Program	N	Dr. Cheryl L. Franks, Dr. Carmen Solis, Jessica Jensen, Delmar Dualeh, Jeanie Yoon Salon I
	The Key Ingredients to Retaining and Graduating Multicultural and First Generation Males at Your Institution	C	Wayne Jackson, Tony Davis Salon II
	The Life Cycle of an EOP Student: It Truly Takes A Village....	C	Maritza Martinez, Monica Hope, Patrick Romain, Mary Kay Skrabalak, Tyshena Hunter, Claudio Gomez, Fred Blanchard Salon III
	The Art of Independence	C	Michael Vega Salon IV
1:00pm-3:00pm	LUNCHEON/SPEAKER		Salons E-H
<u>WELCOME</u>			
Ms. Phyllis Breland <i>Tri-State Board Member/ Director, Opportunity Programs, Hamilton College/ President, Higher Education Opportunity Program Professional Organization</i>			
<u>TRI-STATE LIFETIME LEADERSHIP AWARD</u>			
Presented by: Ms. Deidre Clark <i>Tri-State Board Member/Assistant Provost for Opportunity Programs, SUNY System-wide Administration</i>			
Presented to: H. Carl McCall <i>Chairman, State University of New York Board of Trustees</i>			
<u>INTRODUCTION</u>			
Mr. Robert James <i>Founding Member/Tri-State Administrator</i>			
<u>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</u>			
Dr. Nancy Zimpher <i>Chancellor, State University of New York</i>			

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3:15pm-4:15pm	CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION III	STRAND	PRESENTER(S)	ROOM
Featured Workshop	Knowledge of Self then Wealth, The Process of going from Dream to Doing	K/N	Jamaal James & Yanique Williams	Salon A
Featured Workshop	Harnessing the Power of Analytics to Improve Student Success	A	Dr. Irvin Wright, Dr. Ira Blake, Dr. Hasani Carter, Tracy Gottlieb	Salon B
	Building on What Works in Retention Intervention for High-risk Students Utilizing a New, Cost Effective Model	I	Billie Bailey, Blaire Cholewa, Gretchen Schulthes, Jean Brown,	Salon C
	Transfer Summer Bridge: Redefining Retention a& Improving Academic Success for Transfer Students	D	Dr. Tracy Johnson, Gudiya Msuku-Purks	Salon I
	College Discovery Scholars Project: New Model for Engagement and Retention	N	Dr. Koyoko Toyama	Salon IV
	Make it Happen! Creating Connections for ALANA Student Development in STEM	C	Orlando Kittrell	Irvington
	Career Development with a Focus on Education	C	Eric Rodriguez	Salon II
	The PhD Project: Developing & Attracting a Diverse Faculty"	N	Maria Zara	Salon III
4:30pm-6:00pm	CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION IV	STRAND	PRESENTER(S)	ROOM
Featured Workshop	Collaboration Matters: Act I 01/EOP and Admissions Working Together to Overcome Challenges	A	Dr. Melessa Cheese, Ebony Taylor	Salon A
Featured Workshop	An Alternative Model for Understanding First-Generation Student Success: A Strengths-Based Approach	F	Truth Hunter, Jillian Ives	Salon B
	Combining Classrooms & Communities: HEOP at St. Lawrence University – Where students are learning by doing and doing by learning	N	Erin Colvin, Brenda Papineau	Salon C
	Administering Exemplary Educational Opportunity Programs	E	Thomas Thomas	Salon IV
	One Size Doesn't Fit All: Knowing and Serving Latino/Millennial	C	Dr. Monica Son, Dr. Nancy Velázquez - Torres	Salon I
6:00pm-8:00pm	Dinner (on your own)			
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9:00am-10:00am	MORNING KEYNOTE			
	<u>WELCOME & INTRODUCTION</u>			
	Dr. Cheryl Hamilton <i>Tri-State Board Member</i> <i>Assistant Provost of Opportunity Programs and Director of EOP</i> <i>President, Educational Opportunity Program Directors Council</i>			Salon D-E
	<u>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</u>			
	Dr. Belle Wheelan <i>President, Southern Association of Colleges</i> <i>and Schools Commission on Colleges</i>			
10:15am-11:45am	MINI-PLenary SESSIONS & CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION I	STRAND	PRESENTER(S)	ROOM
Mini-Plenary	Transformational Change: Challenging the Status Quo Through Research & Practice	A/J	Dr. Jose Avilas	Salon A/B
Mini-Plenary	Relationships are the Key to Success	E/I	Mr. Wesley Hall	Westchester B
	The Power of Developing Professional Learning Communities in Higher Education	N	Alexis Delgado, Ashante Barnes	Salon C
	Creating a Culture of Innovation to Impact the Retention of Students in an Educational Opportunity Program	C	Pedro Luna, Dr. Annette Hernandez, Angelia Pinnock, Walter Valero, Robert Cole	Salon I
	The Urban Male Leadership Academy: Providing Leadership Opportunities Through Our Student Run Advisory Board	C	James Bravo, Marcus Hollon	Salon II
	Career Edge: Helping your Students Get from Now to NEXT!	C	Kayla Releford, Amy Daniels, Cassie Christman	Salon IV

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12:00pm-1:30pm	LUNCHEON/SPEAKER			
	<u>WELCOME & INTRODUCTION</u>			
	Dr. Janice Zummo <i>Tri-State Board Member</i> <i>Director, Percy E. Sutton SEEK Program</i> <i>Chair, SEEK/CD Directors Council</i>			Salons D-E
	<u>REMARKS & INTRODUCTION</u>			
	Dr. Hasani Carter <i>Tri-State Board Member</i> <i>Associate Dean/Director, Educational Opportunity Fund Programs</i> <i>Seton Hall University</i>			
	<u>KEYNOTE SPEAKER</u>			
	Dr. Tina Gridiron-Smith <i>Strategy Director, Lumina Foundation</i>			
1:45pm-3:15pm	CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION III	STRAND	PRESENTER(S)	ROOM
Featured Workshop	The Role of Greek Letter Organizations in Fostering Social Integration and the Development of Student Leadership	F	Walter Drew Smith, Dr. Penny McPherson, Alex Delgado, Viviana Zambrano,	Salon A
Featured Workshop	The New Jersey Center for Student Success	H	Dr. Yesinia Madas, Mr. Louis Venturelli	Salon B
Featured Workshop	Enhancing Your Pre-Freshmen Summer Program with a Creative Project	H	Michelle Softley, Patrice Carter, Enrique Noguera, Gayatri Nehrusingh	Salon C
	A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words	C	Dr. Schevaletta Alford, Dr. Erica King-Toler	Salon IV
	Discovering your Doctoral Swagger... Getting Ph(inishe)D and beyond!	K	Dr. Daniel Jean	Salon II
	Small Changes....Big Impact: Achieving Institutional Synergy from Enrollment to Graduation	E	Tiffani Warren, Lisa Angeloni	Salon III
	Mentors Without Borders: A Virtual Cross Cultural Exchange and International Community Service Initiative	N	Dr. Marie Nazon, Luis Paulino Carla Perez, Luz Sierra-Vargas	Irvington
	Understanding & Using Quantitative Program Data for Program Evaluation, Management, Assessment, & Planning	L	Dr. Henry Durand	Westchester B
	Study Abroad for Underrepresented Students: From Discussion to Action	L	Clair Kelly-Barre, Christian F. Wilwohl	

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3:30pm-4:40pm	CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION III	STRAND	PRESENTER(S)	ROOM
Featured Workshop	Career Opportunities in Urban Planning and Related Field	L/N	Professor Ernest Sternberg; Professor Henry Taylor; Professor Kieran Donaghy; Professor Lyna Wiggins	Salon A
	The Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society's Induction Certification Program & Methods for Maintenance of Chapter Momentum	F	Dr. Elbert Sadler	Salon C
	What Yo' Momma Said: An Intrusive Approach to Retention	C	Nadine Shardlow, Antonio Williams	Salon II
	Student Leadership Defined By a Financial Literacy Leadership Model	E	Maria Torres, Ms. Beth Diggs	Salon B
	Work/Life: How to De-stress & Coaching for Better Life Balance & Performance in the Workplace	K	Caryl Lucas	Salon IV
	Financial Aid Journey in Five Steps	E	Patrick Ziegler	Salon III
4:45pm-6:00pm	STATE MEETINGS			
	New Jersey			Dutchess/Rockland (2nd Floor)
	New York			Westchester
	Pennsylvania			Sleepy Hollow (2nd Floor)
6:30pm-7:15pm	ALUMNI AWARDS BANQUET RECEPTION			
	ENTERTAINMENT Keith Marks Jazz Combo			Tarrytown Ballroom
7:30pm-9:00pm	ALUMNI AWARDS BANQUET			
	WELCOME Dr. Penny McPherson <i>1st Vice President, Tri-State Board of Directors</i> <i>Assistant Vice President for Academic Enrichment</i> <i>Director, EOF/MAP, Rowan University</i>			Salons A-D
	MASTER OF CEREMONIES Mr. Robert James <i>Founder, Tri-State Administrator</i>			
9:30pm-12:00am	HOSPITALITY			Lyndhursts Room (2nd Floor)

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10:00am-11:00am	New Jersey State Report	Tom Mortenson	Salon D
9:40am-12:30pm	PRE-CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE CLOSING SESSION BREAKFAST		
10:00am-10:30am	Understanding and Using Quantitative Program Data for Program Evaluation, Management, Assessment, & Planning		
10:45am-12:30pm	Team Presentations		
12:00pm			
	Awards, Certificates, Evaluations		

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