

**WESTOP**

Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel

# Membership Handbook

▶ *Your guide to WESTOP*



2007-2008

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# WESTOP Purpose & Objectives

## Purpose

WESTOP is a regional network of members who promote and advocate access to educational opportunities on behalf of low-income, first generation students, and persons with disabilities.

- To establish a community of communication, coordination, and professional development among educational equity personnel.
- To advocate for continued financial and legislative support at the federal, state and local levels for educational programs working with economically and educationally disadvantaged persons and persons with disabilities.
- To monitor local, state and federal legislation, regulation, policies, and procedures affecting educational opportunity.
- To promote and engage in research and evaluation which will enhance the effectiveness of programs and personnel providing educational opportunities.
- To provide technical assistance, resources, and expertise for educational equity programs.
- To promote the success and public value of educational equity programs, its students and personnel.

## Objectives



# History of WESTOP

*The following excerpts are adapted from Dr. Charles Ratliff's "Reflections on the Origins and History of WESTOP: Hopes, Images, & Reality." Dr. Ratliff was WESTOP's first President, first serving in 1978-1979.*

*Please refer to <http://westop.csuchico.edu/resources/Hist.html> for the full, unabridged version of "Reflections."*

It was the goal of the founders to create an organization that would have a life of its own, an organization that would continue to grow and develop long after they had moved on to new challenges. The focus on the students that our programs serve has been the one constant that exists.

## 1975

Dr. Ratliff agreed to coordinate regular meetings of Upward Bound Directors in southern California. Most of these meetings included conversations surrounding the need for a professional association.

## 1976

A small group of TRIO project directors convened in Long Beach to begin the process of writing a constitution and by-laws for what was originally called the Association of TRIO Project Directors of Region IX. Recognizing the implied limitation on membership of the name, and the fact that it was not easily convertible to a neat acronym, the name was later changed to the Western Association of Educational Opportunity Programs and, finally, Programs was changed to Personnel.

## 1977

The WESTOP President and President-Elect attended the Mid America Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (MAEOPP). Attendance at the conference awakened them to the real potential for WESTOP to serve as an organizational representative of professional educators throughout the region and as the champion of educational development for all low-income and underrepresented youth.

## 1979

The conclusion was made that there was a need to generate income in order to finance the activities of WESTOP. The easiest way would be to emulate the example of other TRIO based associations and sponsor a regional conference. Lake Tahoe was selected as the site and the first conference of WESTOP was held in February.

## 1980

A small contingent of newer association members had concluded that there was great potential clout and influence in WESTOP and that there did not appear to be much opportunity for them or other new members to break into the small enclave of leaders.



## History of WESTOP Continued...

### 1996

Throughout WESTOP's history, California had commanded a large influence on WESTOP in terms of activities, issues, and leadership. It wasn't until 1996 that WESTOP saw its first President from a chapter outside of California with Adrian Tanakeyowma of the Arizona Chapter.

### 2001

Leonard Woods became the first WESTOP President from the Nevada Chapter and the second from outside of California.

### 2004

James Oda became the first WESTOP President from the Pacific Islands Chapter.

### 2003

At WESTOP's Annual Conference in Hawaii, the WESTOP membership voted to recognize the newly created Central California Chapter (CenCal). Previously, only two Chapters existed in California-- those being the Northern California (NorCal) and Southern California (SoCal) Chapters.

### 2005

CenCal quickly created more WESTOP history when Jose Martinez-Saldana became the first WESTOP President from CenCal.

### 2007

WESTOP is running under a new leadership structure. The Board of Directors was once a Board of 22 people. Leadership now consists of a smaller sized Board of 11 which focuses on policy and a Service Council of 7 which provides services and activities.

*With these changes, WESTOP is embracing a greater variety of leadership and activities that reflect the various regions/Chapters.*



## **Current Trends: Diversity of Age & Experience**

### **Diversity of Age & Experience**

Currently, WESTOP is seeing a significant growth of young professionals as well as those new to WESTOP and/or TRiO. This has translated to an increased presence of younger leadership at all levels in WESTOP--- the Board of Directors and its Chapters. WESTOP is not necessarily unique in this situation as this is a trend being seen at all facets within Higher Education.

One is reminded of Senator Edward Kennedy's remarks at the 2002 National Conference for Opportunity in Education (COE) in Washington, DC.--- to paraphrase, Kennedy reflected on the first time he ran for Senate as a young man—asserting that we needed young leadership. ---but Kennedy further reflected his current and more seasoned run for Senate as one that emphasized a more mature and seasoned leadership. This is a good example that one's vantage point can see youth as good or bad. No matter what, WESTOP is embracing this growth of membership and leadership. Regardless of age or experience, we are all here for the same reason and serve as a resource for each other as the future of WESTOP evolves.



## Membership Overview

Each year membership totals just over 400. Members largely come from TRIO Programs, but membership also includes equal opportunity programs, CAL-SOAP, Admissions and similar programs. We are increasingly trying to diversify membership and welcome all.



### TYPES of MEMBERSHIP

*All memberships are valid from July 1 to June 30*

#### Professional Membership

**Cost:** \$65 per membership year

**Benefits:** Reduced rate for Regional and Chapter events as well as voting privileges.

#### Student Membership

*Those selecting Student Membership CANNOT be a full-time professional and must provide proof of enrollment.*

**Cost:** \$15 per membership year

**Benefits:** Reduced rate for Regional and Chapter events.

#### Institutional Membership

**Cost:** \$350 per membership year

**Benefits:** Entire institution receives member benefits of reduced rates for Regional and Chapter events BUT voting privileges are only for up to six persons.

*If additional votes are desired, individuals are encouraged to obtain an individual membership.*

#### TO JOIN!

Log on to <http://westop.csuchico.edu/FAQs.html> in order to select your type of membership and provide payment

#### QUESTIONS?

FAQs can be found at the above link. In addition, please contact WESTOP Membership & Elections Chair Michelle McKelvey at [mfig@email.arizona.edu](mailto:mfig@email.arizona.edu) or 520.626.6911.

# WESTOP Leadership

## 2007-2008 Board of Directors

President	Joy Brittain, Pasadena City College
President-Elect	Tomasa Mauricio, San Diego State University
Past-President	Lydia Perez, Arizona State University
Secretary	Marsha Gable, CSU San Marcos
Chief Financial Officer	Melissa Padilla, CSU Monterey Bay
Parliamentarian	James Oda, Hawaii

### CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Arizona	Silvester Mata, Arizona State University
Central California	Wendy White, CSU Fresno
Nevada	Marsha Dupree, University of Nevada, Reno
Northern California	Sam Blanco III, UC Davis
Southern California	Heba Griffiths, Pasadena City College
Pacific Islands	Leonard Woods, University of Hawaii, Hilo

## 2007-2008 Service Council

Legislation & Education	Stephen Domingues, UC Irvine
Membership & Elections	Michelle McKelvey, University of Arizona
Professional Development	Michele Scott, CSU Long Beach
Public Relations	Anita Blanco, Arizona State University
Research	Jesse Moya, UCLA
Resource Development	Brian Aguilar, CSU Sacramento
Technology	Cesar Alvarez, CSU Chico



# **WESTOP Chapters**

*Getting involved is easy and encouraged, just find your Chapter and contact your President.*

*Each Chapter has the same committees you see on the Service Council.*

## **Arizona**

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## **Pacific Islands (includes Hawaii)**

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### ***Stay Connected!***

WESTOP and each of its Chapters have active and useful listservs.

To join a listserv, go to...

<http://westop.csuchico.edu/resources/List.html>

# TRiO in WESTOP

337 Programs  
101,661 students  
\$100,775,749 per year

**Talent Search**

*76 Programs*

Arizona	5
California	59
Hawaii	4
Nevada	3
Pacific Islands	5

**Upward Bound**

*98 Programs*

Arizona	7
California	73
Hawaii	4
Nevada	5
Pacific Islands	9

**UB Math-Science**

*20 Programs*

Arizona	2
California	14
Hawaii	2
Nevada	1
Pacific Islands	1

**Veterans' Upward Bound**

*5 Programs*

Arizona	2
California	2
Hawaii	—
Nevada	1
Pacific Islands	—

**Student Support Services**

*107 Programs*

Arizona	12
California	79
Hawaii	7
Nevada	3
Pacific Islands	6

**McNair**

*22 Programs*

Arizona	2
California	17
Hawaii	1
Nevada	2
Pacific Islands	—

**Educational Opportunity Centers**

*9 Programs*

Arizona	1
California	5
Hawaii	1
Nevada	2
Pacific Islands	—



*\*All numbers reflect the 2006 fiscal year as reported by the  
U.S. Department of Education*



## **Council for Opportunity in Education**

*WESTOP is one of ten regional associations affiliated with the national Council for Opportunity in Education.*

The Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) is a nonprofit organization, established in 1981, dedicated to furthering the expansion of educational opportunities throughout the United States and Pacific Islands. Through its numerous membership services, the Council works in conjunction with colleges, universities, and agencies that host TRIO Programs to specifically help low-income students enter college and graduate.

**The Overall Purpose of the Council is to:**

- Provide a unified voice for the cause of educational opportunity on behalf of the student;
- Further the expansion of educational opportunity programs;
- Further public awareness of the needs of disadvantaged students enrolled in or aspiring to post-secondary education;
- Conduct meetings, research, and evaluations relating to TRIO programs;
- Offer scholarly publications;
- Engage in other educational and charitable activities dealing with issues relating to educational opportunity;
- Form coalitions or relationships with other organizations with similar goals and objectives relating to all disadvantaged groups; and
- Engage in other means as may be necessary and proper to accomplish the foregoing purposes.

*More information can be found at [www.coenet.us](http://www.coenet.us)*



Visit the WESTOP website at <http://westop.csuchico.edu>.

Here's what you can find...

- Information regarding upcoming Regional and Chapter conferences and events;
- Chapter and regional meeting minutes;
- Chapter committee chairs and executive board members;
- WESTOP history, by-laws and strategic plan;
- Directions on how to join the WESTOP and/or TRIO listserv;
- Links to COE, the Department of Education, and Edgar;
- Up to date news regarding TRIO, what's happening in D.C., and students.
- Job Offerings throughout WESTOP;
- The latest news and issues regarding legislation and the

