

MAEOPP Memorandum

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My Time Flies....

Taking charge of change!

This time last year more than half of your current board was preparing to assume leadership roles in MAEOPP for the first time. Nine months later this board has firmly begun the process of setting a path for the future of our Association that we believe will ensure our sustainability and relevance for the next forty years. It continues to be a blessing to serve! This newsletter will outline your Board's progress towards our objectives for the 2015-2016 year. Join me and thanking the executive team, chapter representatives and the committee leaders for making things happen!

Congratulations to those 257 Student Support Service Programs in our region that recently received word of continued funding. 968 programs were funded out of the 1476 proposals submitted. 70 programs are in the funding band



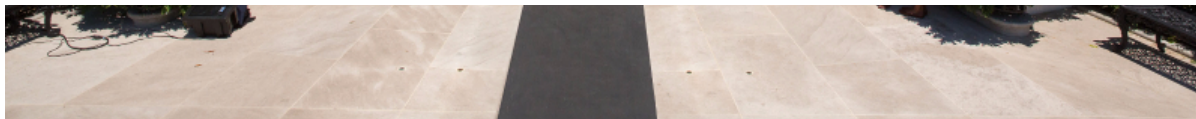
(105.67-103.33) with an appeal deadline of July 28th. Programs who haven't heard anything yet should assume they are not funded for future years.

Please be considerate of those programs in the funding band or that did not receive notification of continuance. If you have question, please contact your chapter president.

Nearly 20 MAEOPP Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search and GEAR UP students were invited to attend the Overcoming Barriers summit hosted at the White House by First Lady Michelle Obama July 22-23rd. Students had the opportunity to visit with First Lady Obama, Arne Duncan Secretary of Education, Terrance Jenkins from E!NEWS and others. the piece de resistance was a drop by visit by the POTUS, Barack Obama.

Students attended workshops, dined on the South Lawn and attended a performance by Wale, a outspoken rapper who is passionate about education issues and college success.





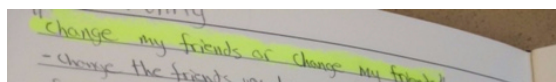
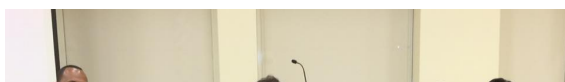
130 students from all over the United States, including 20 TRIO/GEAR UP students from MAEOPP, pose with the FLOTUS at the Overcoming Barriers Summit.

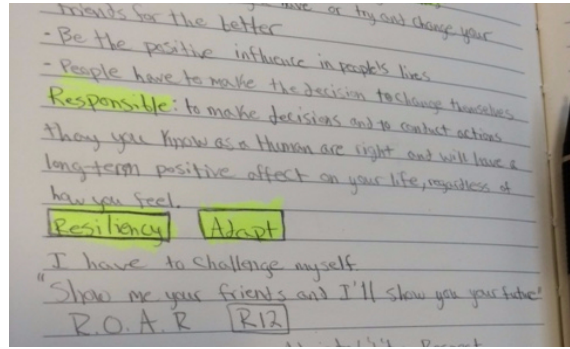


The President of the United States, Barack Obama surprises participants of the Overcoming Barriers Summit by stopping by to say hello.

Eighty plus students and chaperon's attended the [MAEOPP 100: Men of Excellence Conference](#) hosted by Bowling Green State University. Siix MAEOPP faculty members led four workshops. Participants also heard from two guest speakers, one of whom was a staff member from Senator Sherrod Brown's office. The conference closed with each student sharing their personal commitments to BE R(esponsible), E(ducated), A(authentic), and a L(eader). Take a look at the outtakes from the event by clicking the link above.

Thank you conference chair, Thomas Jefferson!





Strategic Planning... Moving forward!

The current MAEOPP Strategic plan will expire December 2015. The Strategic Plan is tied to the Association Constitution and is crafted by the Association Planning and Development to guide Association presidents as they draft annual committee charges to move the Association's agenda forward. The Association Planning and Development Committee, initially chaired by MAEOPP Past President Tendaji Ganges, presented the 2016-2018 Strategic Plan to the Board of Directors for approval and received it without dissent. Many thanks to Wilfred Johnson, T Ulrich, Roxanne Gregg, Linda Todoroff, and Valda Bronston for their leadership and involvement on this project. This document will be placed on the Members-only side of the website by September 1 for download and review by the membership.

It's Time...

As a result of meetings held with potential vendors, solicited to create a new Association logo, the board first discussed the notion of a name change in January at the Chicago board meeting. ,

Consequently, the same Board officially agreed to pursue a name change for our Association in March during a meeting in Washington, D.C..

Discussions began at ALL chapter conferences throughout the spring and communication of ideas and plans were sent out via the MAEOPP Memorandum. The membership has completed 4 different Google surveys regarding the Association image, name and branding.

In May at the St. Louis Board Meeting, the Board accepted the recommendation of Association Planning and Development Committee to rename the Mid America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel the **Educational Opportunity Association**; using the tagline "An Association of Midwest TRIO and College Access and Success Professionals."

Presidential correspondence informed the Association of the selected name and solicited comments at president@maeopp.org.

Now it's time for the membership to take the final step... voting to change the Constitution. The Legal Concerns and Constitutional Issues has completed it's review and modification of the Constitution and recommended changes to the board just this last week. The recommended changes were approved and now the Technology Committee will mail the Constitution with the proposed Amendments to the membership.

The membership will have 30 days of consideration of the the Constitutional changes to end on September 9th. On September 9th (my youngest son's 16th birthday), the ballot will be sent to the membership for vote. Members as of September 9th will have two weeks to vote. The vote will close on September 23rd.

The name MAEOPP has meaning for so many of us. There are memories, experiences and passions that are attached to our identify. Our name bonds us together! A modification of our name DOES not change our history or nullify our path from inception to date. Rather this step is intended to insure the continuity of our work in a new time. **Our foundation is solid and our future is bright. Let's hold hands and walk into future together... the next 40 years depend on it!**

If you have questions or want to discuss this measure during the voting period, please don't hesitate to email me at president@maeopp.org or call me at 316.978.3316.

MAEOPP ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

- Registration is open and can be completed at www.maeopp.org.
- Hotel Room reservations are available at the beautiful [Amway Grand Plaza Hotel](#).
- Proposals for workshop presentations can be submitted at [Call for](#)

[Proposal](#), deadline August 31st.

- Registration is also available for the [Institute for Advancement of Leadership and Program Management](#).



MAEOPP is excited to host its [National McNair Student Conference](#) and Graduate Fair from **October 30 to November 1, 2015** at the Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, WI. The conference is designed to provide undergraduate students the opportunity to present their research in a professional environment. Workshops, panel discussions and activities will introduce McNair Scholars to the nature of graduate study as well as provide helpful tips and suggestions in writing an effective graduate admissions application. The Conference will provide:



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- **A Graduate/Professional School Fair**, featuring more than 50 of the country's top graduate schools.
- **Networking Activities** where student participants may interact with graduate/professional school faculty and representatives in an informal setting.
- **Workshops** designed for students who are beginning to consider graduate study, as well as those who are currently going through the graduate/professional school application process.
- **Presentations** by McNair scholars from around the country, sharing the fruits of their research projects.
- Good food, fun and great company in a relaxed, resort setting!



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