



History of North Carolina Council of Educational Opportunity Programs (NCCEOP)

OVERVIEW

By Tommy Swett

TRIO personnel began to meet informally in the late sixties and early seventies. The first title they gave themselves was Division of Student Support for Special Programs (DSSSP). Dr. Alfonso Gore at A&T, Joe Dempsey at Elizabeth City, Donald Armstrong at St. Augustine's, Elroy Lewis at UNC-Chapel Hill, Arthur "Red" Alderman at A&T, Heath Rader at Southeastern Community College, Annie White at Shaw and Virginia Foxx at Appalachian were some of the founding members. Dr. Gore chaired the first meetings. Minutes were not available to give much detail until 1973. This was a year that North Carolina had a significant increase in the number of TRIO programs.

The North Carolina Council of Educational Opportunity Programs was organized under a Constitution and By-laws dated May 4, 1973. The Office of President-elect was one of the original offices of the association, which was later deleted in a constitutional revision.

The Council held joint meetings with NCASFSA, the state student financial aid organization, in Greensboro, NC May 14 – 16, 1974. This was an effort to orient them to TRIO

and develop a close working relationship for the benefit of our students. It was NCCEOP's desire to maintain these joint meetings periodically but they were not able, due to a lack of interest within NCASFSA and scheduling problems.

Annie White was the 1973-74 President and Virginia Foxx President-elect. Other officers at the meeting for the 1974-75 year were Tommy Swett, Vice President; Carol Gartrell, Secretary; Phyllis Scott, Treasurer; Helena Tidwell, Editor and Elroy Lewis, Regional Representative. The beginning of a newsletter was endorsed at the meeting as well as requesting the executive committee to get membership dues and registration fees for the two annual conferences.

Virginia Foxx and Elroy Lewis were very active on the fairly new Regional Advisory Board that was formed by the Regional Office of Education in Atlanta, GA. Each state in the region would have two representatives. Vivian McGee was the senior program officer that met with the Board and Ella Fisher from Georgia was the first chairperson of the Advisory Board. SAEOPP evolved out of this Regional Advisory Board.

NCCEOP was experiencing rapid growth in attendance at its state meetings. Over sixty registered for the Spring Conference in Winston-Salem. Pansey Reddick hosted the conference. The Council had thirty-two paid members at this time. The Council leadership recognized a need for staff development for the influx of new personnel from the many new projects. Therefore, the emphasis at the conference was program management, counseling techniques, curriculum development and instruction.

NCCEOP was on its way to becoming a strong viable organization with its officers and members active on the state and regional level. The two annual state meetings and the one

regional meeting were providing solid training, professional development, exposure to other professionals and visibility for our programs. As the state meetings criss-crossed the state from Nags Head to Asheville, organizational and programmatic changes were taking place on the state, regional and national level. During 1975-76, a lot of planning and discussion took place in the region relative to forming SAEOPP. Some tension was felt between the Regional Advisory Board and the Regional Office of Education as it became evident that an independent organization would be formed. This tension caused a ripple effect across the region because of the paternal attitude the Regional Office had toward the projects. Project directors were afraid that there might be some retribution in future funding. This did not deter the NC Council as the membership voted on June 4, 1976 to support the formation of the regional organization and abolish the Regional Advisory Board.

Since NCCEOP began in 1973, the Council has grown in the number of programs and in membership. The Council's mission remains unchanged. It continues its commitment to educational advocacy for low-income students, and serving and meeting the professional needs of its membership.

Founders and Charter Members

Dr. Alfonso Gore	Joe Dempsey	Tommy Swett	Donald Armstrong
Charlie Williams	Addie Hymes	Wayne Burgin	Vivian Foxx
Biffy Walters	Heath Rada	William Pete James	Arthur "Red" Alderman

HIGHLIGHTS (1971 – 2003)

by Beverly Wallace

With Contributions from Joyce Clayton, Grace Edwards and Dorothy Yarborough

From the information that was available, this section begins with a listing of NCCEOP presidents only, from 1971 – 1977. Beginning with the 1977-79 term, Executive Board members are listed as well as committee chairs. Annual conference information is listed beginning with the 1987-89 term. News stories and highlights begin with the 1997-99 term. As additional information is collected, it will be added.

1971- 72

Virginia Fox, President

1972-73

Carol Gartell, President

1973-75

Joe Dempsey, President

1975-77

Tommy Swett, President

1977-79

Officers

Wayne Burgin, President
Upward Bound Program
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, NC

Pat Phillips, Vice President
Special Services
Mars Hill College
Mars Hill, NC

Donella Croslan, Secretary
Upward Bound Program
UNC-Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, NC

Neila Mangum, Treasurer
Upward Bound/Special Services
Pembroke State University
Pembroke, NC

Program Committee

Gerald Blakeney
John Elliott

Carroll Hardy
Addie Hymes

Gilbert Johnson

1979-81*

Officers

Alphonzo McRae, Jr., President
Special Services/Upward Bound
Pembroke State University
Pembroke, NC

John Elliott, Vice President
Special Services/Upward Bound
Johnson C. Smith University
Charlotte, NC

Pat Carter, Secretary
Special Services/Upward Bound
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, NC

Judy Sarvis, Treasurer
Special Services/Upward Bound
Southeastern Community College
Whiteville, NC

*Constitutional revision to make terms of office two years to be in line with the SAEOPP Constitution.

1981-83

Officers

Harold McMillion, President
Southeastern Community College
Whiteville, NC

Francis Mebane, Vice President
Beaufort County Community College
Washington, NC

Frederick Hunter, Secretary
Student Support Services
Durham Technical Institute
Durham, NC

Jean Ann Harris, Treasurer
Student Support Services
Wayne Community College
Goldsboro, NC

Gertrude Ross, SAEOPP Representative
Special Support Services
UNC-Greensboro
Greensboro, NC

1983-85

Officers:

Jean Ann L. Harris, President
Special Services
Wayne Community College
Goldsboro, NC

Thomas Conway, Vice President
Special Services
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, NC

Debbie Zaccarine-Davidson, Secretary
Special Services
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, NC

Margaret Williamson, Treasurer
Special Services
Bennett College
Greensboro, NC

William E. James, SAEOPP Representative
Special Services
Wilson County Technical Institute
Wilson, NC

Lloyd Moore, Parliamentarian*
Upward Bound/ Special Services
Mars Hill College
Mars Hill, NC

Regional Representatives

Nancy Spann, Western Region
Appalachian State University

James Armstrong, Central Region
North Carolina A&T State University

Grace Edwards, Northeast Region
Halifax Community College

James McKay, Southeast Region
Beaufort County Community College

Communication Network

Deborah Zaccarine, Chairperson*
Nancy Spann
Betty Eddleman
Jerome Witherspoon

Andrea Williams
James Gripper
Alan Harris

George Armstrong
Henry Puryear*
Muffie Tatum*

Bessie Stringfellow
Belinda Smith*
Elizabeth Frasier*

Committee Chairs:

Finance:

Margaret Williamson
Jim Davidson*

Membership:

Thomas Conway, Jr.

Communication Networking:

Debbie Zaccarine-Davidson

Constitution and Legislative:

Richard Moore

Program Technique and Monitoring:

William James

Public Relations:

Addie Hymes

Awards and Recognition:

Loyce Susco

Archives:

James Harrington

Long Range Planning:

Joseph Dempsey

Research and Evaluation:

James Armstrong

Publications:

Dorothy Yarborough

Hospitality:

Barbara Archia

*These persons served during 1984-85 only.

1985-87

Officers:

Thomas Conway, President
Special Services
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, NC

Gertrude Ross, Vice President
Special Services
UNCG
Greensboro, NC

Cynthia Harris, Secretary
Upward Bound Program
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, NC

James Armstrong, Treasurer
Upward Bound Program
N. C. A&T State University
Greensboro, NC

Grace Edwards, SAEOPP Representative

Lloyd Moore, Parliamentarian

Special Services
Halifax Community College
Weldon, NC

Special Services/Upward Bound
Mars Hill College
Mars Hill, NC

Regional Representatives:

Muffie Tatum, Western Region
Talent Search
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, NC
John Browning, Northeast Region
Special Services
Nash Technical College
Rocky Mount, NC

Dorothy Yarborough, Central Region
Educational Opportunity Center
Piedmont Technical College
Roxboro, NC
Tommy Swett, Southeast Region
Special Services/Upward Bound
Pembroke State University
Pembroke, NC

Committee Chairs:

Finance
Membership
Communication Network
Constitution and Legislative
Program Technique and Monitoring
Public Relations
Awards and Recognition
Archives
Long Range Planning
Research and Evaluation
Publication
Hospitality
Development

Leonard Bodrick
James Armstrong
Nancy Spann
Gertrude Ross
William James
Sandra Gant
Andrea Williams
James Harrington
Joseph Dempsey
James Armstrong
Dorothy Yarborough

Dorothy Yarborough
Gertrude Ross

1987-89

Officers:

Gertrude Ross, President

Cynthia Harris, Vice President

Student Support Services
UNCG
Greensboro, NC

Upward Bound
N. C. State University
Raleigh, NC

Muffie Tatum, Secretary
Talent Search
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, NC

James Harrington, Treasurer
Student Support Services
UNCG
Greensboro, NC

Dorothy Yarborough, Parliamentarian
EOC
Piedmont Community College
Roxboro, NC

C. Earl Davis, SAEOPP Representative
Student Support Services
Wayne Community College
Goldsboro, NC

Area Representatives

Lloyd Moore, Western
SSS/Upward Bound
Mars Hill College
Mars Hill, NC

Andrea Williams, Eastern
Student Support Services
College of the Albemarle
Elizabeth City, NC

Dorothy Yarborough, Central
EOC
Piedmont Community College
Roxboro, NC

Larry McCallum, Southern
Upward Bound Program
Pembroke State University
Pembroke, NC

Conferences

Sixteenth Annual Spring Conference

Theme: "Toward Equality and Excellence – Commitment, Leadership, Strategies"

Date: April 29 – May 1, 1987

Place: Marriott City Center, Charlotte, NC

Chair: Leonard Bodrick

Spring Conference

Theme: "Renewed Commitment: Ensuring Access and Retention for TRIO Students"

Date: April 27 – 29, 1988

Place: Pickett Suite Hotel, Durham, NC

Co-Chairs: Dorothy Yarborough and Joyce Clayton

1989-91

Officers:

Grace Edwards, President
Student Support Services
Halifax Community College
Weldon, NC

Dorothy Yarborough, Vice President
Educational Opportunity Center
Piedmont Community College
Roxboro, NC

Rubye Reid, Secretary
Student Support Services
N. C. A&T State University
Greensboro, NC

Shirley B. James, Treasurer
Student Support Services
Wayne Community College
Goldsboro, NC

Andrea R. Williams, SAEOPP Representative
Student Support Services
College of the Albemarle
Elizabeth City, NC

Larry McCallum, Parliamentarian
Upward Bound Program
Pembroke State University
Pembroke, NC

Gertrude Ross, President Emeritus
Special Support Services
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Greensboro, NC

Area Representatives:

Cynthia Harris, North
Upward Bound Program
N. C. State University
Raleigh, NC

Michael Parker, South
Student Support Services
Sampson Community College
Clinton, NC

John House, East
Student Support Services
Beaufort County Community College
Washington, NC

Nancy Painter, West
Lenoir Rhyne College

Conferences

NCCEOP and S. C. Council of Special Programs Joint Spring Conference

Theme: "Higher Education in a Multicultural Society: Our Critical Role Beyond 2000"

Date: May 9 – 11, 1990

Place: Howard Johnson Plaza, Wilmington

Co-Chairs: Sandra Bennett, Larry McCallum, Maggie Glover

1991-93

Officers:

Dorothy Yarborough, President
EOC and SSS
Piedmont Community College
Roxboro, NC

James Gilliam, Vice President
Talent Search
St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, NC

CoCintheane Watlington, Secretary
Educational Opportunity Center
Piedmont Community College
Roxboro, NC

Keith Smith, Treasurer
Upward Bound Program
Shaw University
Raleigh, NC

Winston Edmonds, Parliamentarian
Student Support Services
Central Piedmont Community College
Charlotte, NC

Margaret Lawrence, SAEOPP Rep.
Upward Bound Program
Balden County Schools
Elizabethtown, NC

Area Representatives:

Joyce Clayton, North
Upward Bound Program
UNC-Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, NC

Danford Groves, South
Student Support Services
Pembroke State University
Pembroke, NC

Mary Quinn, West

Appalachian State University
Boone, NC

William "Pete" James, East

Student Support Services
Wilson Technical Community College
Wilson, NC

Conferences

Third Annual Spring Conference (NCCEOP and S. C. Council of Special Programs)

Theme: "Side by Side, Hand in Hand, Together our Commitment: TRIO Students"

Date: April 3 – 5, 1991

Place: Sheraton Myrtle Beach Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC

Chair: Margaret Lawrence (NC)

Fall Conference

Theme: "Strengthening NCCEOP by Emphasizing Leadership and Purpose"

Date: December 4 – 6, 1991

Place: Radisson Hotel, High Point, NC

Chair: James Gripper

Co-Chairs: Henry Puryear, Thelma Copeland

20th Annual Fall Conference

Theme: Reflecting, Renewing, Recharging

Date: October 21 –23, 1992

Place: Rocky Mount, NC

Chair: John Browning

Co-chairs: Odell Watson, Danford Groves, John House, Muffie Tatum

1993-95

Officers:

Dorothy Yarborough, President
EOC and SSS

Joyce Clayton, Vice President
Upward Bound Program

Piedmont Community College
Roxboro, NC

UNC-Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, NC

Grace Edwards, Secretary
Student Support Services
Halifax Community College
Weldon, NC

Keith Smith, Treasurer
Upward Bound Program
Shaw University
Raleigh, NC

Michael Parker, Parliamentarian
Student Support Services
Sampson Community College
Clinton, NC

Cynthia Harris, SAEOPP Representative
Upward Bound Program
N. C. State University
Raleigh, NC

Regional Representatives:

Rubye Reid, Northern Region
Ron McNair Program
N. C. A&T State University
Greensboro, NC

Margaret Lawrence, Southern Region
Upward Bound Program
Bladen County Schools
Elizabethtown, NC

John Browning, Eastern Region
Student Support Services
Nash Community College
Rocky Mount, NC

Bronwen Sheffield, Western Region
Upward Bound Program
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, NC

1995-97

Officers

Joyce Clayton, President
Upward Bound Program
UNC-Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, NC

Debra Baker, Vice President (1995-96)
Student Support Services
Pitt Community College
Greenville, NC

Queen Lewis-Odom, Secretary
Upward Bound Program

Henry Puryear, Treasurer
Educational Opportunity Center

Southeastern Community College
Whiteville, NC

Piedmont Community College
Roxboro, NC

Kimberley Robinson-Faison, Parliamentarian
Student Support Services
Halifax Community College
Weldon, NC

Danford Groves, SAEOPP Rep.
Student Support Services
Pembroke State University
Pembroke, NC

John Browning, Vice President (1996-97)
Student Support Services
Nash Community College
Rocky Mount, NC

Regional Representatives:

Cynthia Harris, North
Upward Bound Program
N. C. State University
Raleigh, NC

Margaret Lawrence, South
Upward Bound Program
Bladen County Schools
Elizabethtown, NC

Shirley Price, East
Student Support Services
James Sprunt Community College
Kenansville, NC

Kim Ethier, West
Student Support Services
Wilkes Community College
Wilksboro, NC

Conferences

23rd Annual Conference

Theme: "Preserving the Network of Educational Opportunities from the Mountains to the Coast"

Date: October 31 – November 2, 1995

Place: Wilmington, NC

Chair: Kimberley Robinson

Co-Chair: Shirley Price

Speakers and Special Guests:

Representative Thomas E. Wright
Dr. Dan Connell, SAEOPP President
Margaret Wingfield, Department of Education
Virginia Mason, Department of Education
The Honorable Don Betz, Mayor
Dennis Carter, UNC-Wilmington

Awards: Dan Connell, Honors of the Council

Prince Teal, Department of Education

The Honorable Fred Heineman, US House of Representatives

Wes Waugh (ASU), Maxine Baskerville (ECSU) – Five Year Grants

24th Annual Conference

Theme: “Meeting the Challenges of the New Millennium: Through Effective Services,
Accountability and Technology”

Date: October 23 – 25, 1996

Place: Greensboro, NC

Chair: Beverly Wallace

Co-Chair: Rubye Reid

Speakers and Special Guests:

Mayor Carolyn Allen
Dr. Carol Disque, UNCG
Representative Alma Adams
Dr. Lynda Jordan, NCA&TSU

Dr. Donald Cameron, GTCC
Senator William Martin
Dr. Dan Connell, SAEOPP President
Dr. Gloria Scott, Bennett College
Margaret Wingfield, Dept. of Ed.

Awards: Shirley Swett, Honors of the Council

Highlights and Accomplishments

- TRIO Office Professionals Committee was initiated at the 23rd Annual Fall Conference
 - Four new TRIO programs were funded: Ron McNair Program at Elizabeth City State University; Upward Bound Programs at Fayetteville State University and North Carolina State University; Upward Bound Math and Science Center at Johnson C. Smith University.
 - Dorothy Yarborough was elected Vice President of SAEOPP.

Grace Edwards co-chaired the 1996 SAEOPP Conference

1997-99

Officers:

Joyce Clayton, President
Upward Bound Program
UNC-Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, NC

Danford Groves, VP (1997-98)
SSS/Upward Bound
Pembroke State University
Pembroke, NC

Beverly Wallace, VP (1998-99)
Upward Bound Program
N. C. A&T State University
Greensboro, NC

Queen Lewis-Odom, Secretary
Upward Bound Program
Southeastern Community College
Whiteville, NC

Henry Puryear, Treasurer
Educational Opportunity Center
Piedmont Community College
Roxboro, NC

Susan McCracken, Parliamentarian
Upward Bound Program
Appalachian State University
Boone, NC

Denise White, SAEOPP Representative
Educational Opportunity Center
Fayetteville State University
Fayetteville, NC

Regional Representatives:

Kim Faw, Western Region
Student Support Services
Wilkes Community College
Wilkesboro, NC

Shirley Price, Eastern Region
Student Support Services
James Sprunt Community College
Kenansville, NC

Cynthia Harris, North

Margaret Lawrence, South

Upward Bound Program
N. C. State University
Raleigh, NC

Upward Bound Program
Bladen County Schools
Elizabethtown, NC

Conferences

25th Annual Conference

Theme: "Sterling Service/Golden Opportunities: 25 Years of Providing Educational Support"

Date: November 5 – 7, 1997

Place: Asheville, NC

Chair: Susan McCracken

Co-Chair: Kim Faw

Speakers and Special Guests:

Charles Worley, Asheville Town Council

Dr. Willie Fleming, ASU

Dr. George A. Antonelli, UNC General Administration

Virginia Mason, Dept. of Ed.

Alvin Phillips, COE

Dorothy Yarborough, SAEOPP President

Doreatha Tyson, SAEOPP Vice President

Awards: Tommy Swett and Dorothy Yarborough, Honors of the Council

Lillie Hammonds and Virginia Mason, Special Recognition

Spring Conference

Theme: "Sterling Service and Golden Opportunities: Continuing the Challenge of Providing Educational Support and Academic Excellence"

Date: April 3, 1998

Place: Guilford Technical Community College, Jamestown, NC

Chair: Beverly Wallace

Speakers: George Foust, Executive Vice President (GTCC)

James Armstrong, Director Memorial Student Union, NCA&TSU, Greensboro

26th Annual Conference

Theme: "Celebrating the North Carolina TRIO Legacy"

Date: November 11 – 13, 1998

Place: Charlotte, NC
Co-Chair: Deborah Kingsberry
Co-Chair: Melvin Felton

Speakers and Special Guests:

Dr. Maxine Moore, J. C. Smith University
Dr. Mel Gay, Central Piedmont Community College
Maureen Hoyler, COE
Stanley Williams, Office of the Secretary, Atlanta
Dr. Nick Gennett, Central Piedmont Community College
Dr. Elizabeth Johns, N. C. Community College System
Margaret Wingfield, Dept. of Education
Doretha Tyson, SAEOPP

Honors of the Council: Maureen Hoyler
Special Recognition: Margaret Wingfield
Stanley Williams

Highlights and Accomplishments

The membership voted to amend the Constitution (deleted SAEOPP Representative office, and transferred duties to the Vice President)

Re-instated the spring conference to a one-day activity

Established a scholarship program to provide four scholarships at \$500.00 each annually at the Spring Conference.

Treasurer completed a Fiscal Management Manual

Developed a website for NCCEOP

Celebrated the 25th Annual Conference. Honored NCCEOP founders. UNC-chapel Hill supported the conference with a monetary donation.

26th Annual Conference – honored North Carolina personnel that are TRIO alumni (Alumni chapter initiated). UNC-Chapel Hill underwrote the cost of program booklets.

Businesses and corporations co-sponsored Newcomers Reception, Hospitality hours and provided other aids for TRIO personnel.

President provided response to the National Study of Upward Bound Programs per request of SAEOPP president and Dr. Robert Bell.

- Dorothy Yarborough was elected President of SAEOPP.
Kenneth Chavious, UNC Upward Bound graduate, selected as SAEOPP TRIO Achiever.
New Talent Search Programs were funded at Fayetteville State University and James Sprunt Community College.

1999-2001

Officers:

Beverly Wallace, President
North Carolina A&T State University
Upward Bound Program
Greensboro, NC

Henry Puryear, Vice President
Piedmont Community College
Educational Opportunity Center
Roxboro, NC

Kimberley Robinson, Secretary
Halifax Community College
Student Support Services
Weldon, NC

Susan McCracken, Treasurer
Appalachian State University
Upward Bound Program
Boone, NC

John House, Parliamentarian
Beaufort County Community College
Student Support Services
Washington, NC

Joyce Clayton, Past President
UNC-Chapel Hill
Upward Bound Program
Chapel Hill, NC

Regional Representatives:

Shirley Price, Eastern Region

James Sprunt Community College
Student Support Services and Upward Bound
Kenansville, NC

Mickey Locklear,
Northern Region
Talent Search
N. C. Commission on Indian Affairs
Raleigh, NC

Meg Turner, Western Region (1999-2000)

Mars Hill College
Upward Bound Program
Mars Hill, NC

Larry McCallum, Southern
Region
UNC-Pembroke
Upward Bound and SSS
Pembroke, NC

Joyce Watson, Western Region (2000-01)
Lees-McRae College
Talent Search
Banner Elk, NC

Conferences

Spring Conference

Date: April 30, 1999
Place: Piedmont Community College, Roxboro, NC
Chair: Henry Puryear, Vice President

Speakers and Special Guests:

Dean Kenneth Whitehurst, Student Development, Piedmont C. C.
Monica Leach, Academic Director of Diversity Affairs, NCSU
Dorothy Yarborough
Glenda Hubbard, Program Director, Employee Assistance Services
Dr. H. James Owen, President, Piedmont Community College

27th Annual Fall Conference

Theme: "Looking Toward New Horizons for the Millennium with NCCEOP"
Date: November 14-16, 1999
Place: Sheraton Atlantic Beach Hotel, Atlantic Beach

Conference Chair: Kimberley Robinson

Co-Chairs: Walter Palmer, Robin Proctor

Awards: Joyce Clayton, Dorothy Yarborough, Honors of the Council
Dr. John Browning, Gertrude Ross, Honors of the Executive Board

Other Awards: Five-Year Upward Bound Programs:

Appalachian State University

Johnson C. Smith University

Mars Hill College

Speakers and Special Guests:

Kenneth Whitehurst, Director, Student Development Services, NC Community College System

Spring Conference

Date: March 31, 2000
Place: Anderson Center, Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem

Chair: Henry Puryear

Co-Chairs: Guin White, Nancy Allen, Debbie Kingsberry

Speakers and Special Guests:

Dr. Everette Witherspoon, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dr. Leslie McCarley, Director of Collaborative Educational Reform Project

Dorothy Yarborough, Chair Elect, COE

Joyce Clayton, Vice President, SAEOPP

Awards: Joyce Clayton, Past President of NCCEOP

28th Annual Fall Conference

Theme: "Spanning the Gap through TRIO"

Date: November 1 – 3, 2000

Place: Raleigh, NC

Chair: Mickey Locklear

Co-Chairs: Henry Puryear, Marilyn Waddell

Awards: Dr. Donald R. Armstrong (posthumously), Honors of the Council

Dorothy Yarborough, Honors of the Executive Board

Speakers and Special Guests:

Representative from Congresswoman Eva Clayton's Office

Danford Groves, Counselor-Coordinator Robeson Community College

Van C. Wilson, Director, Enrollment Management, Winston-Salem State U.

Dorothy Yarborough, Chair, COE

Doreatha Tyson, President, SAEOPP

Highlights and Accomplishments

The President began the process to apply for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status - received tax ID number.

- The President developed handbooks for the Fall Conference Chairs.
Upward Bound Programs received \$10,000 technology grant
Upward Bound Programs could apply for the Expansion Initiative
Dorothy Yarborough elected chair-elect of COE (2000-01)
Joyce Clayton elected Vice President of SAEOPP
Denise White co-chaired the 2000 SAEOPP Conference

2001-2003

Officers:

Beverly Wallace, President
N. C. &T State University
Upward Bound Program
Greensboro, NC

Samuel Davis, Vice President
Nash Community College
Student Support Services
Rocky Mount, NC

Kimberley Robinson, Secretary
Halifax Community College
Student Support Services
Weldon, NC

Robin Proctor, Treasurer
Nash Community College
Student Support Services
Rocky Mount, NC

Robert Muhammad, Parl. (2001-2003)
Central Piedmont Community College
Upward Bound Program
Charlotte, NC

John House, Parliamentarian (2/2003 –
4/2003)
Beaufort County Community College
Student Support Services
Washington, NC

Regional Representatives

John Foreman, Northern Region
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Student Support Services
Greensboro, NC

Judith Cowan, Southern Region
Livingstone College
Empowering Scholars Program
Salisbury, NC

Shirley Price, Eastern Region
James Sprunt Community College
Student Support Services and Upward Bound
Kenansville, NC

Charles Bowling, Western Region
Appalachian State University
Upward Bound Program
Boone, NC

Spring Conference

Date:

Place: Nash Community College, Rocky Mount

Co-Chair: Robin Proctor

Co-Chair: Antonio Stephens

Awards: 1999-2001 Executive Board

29th Annual Conference

Theme: "Providing a Toolkit for the Future"

Date: November 7-9, 2001

Place: Adams Mark Hotel, Winston-Salem

Chair: Guin White

Co-Chairs: Kim Faw, Gilma Roberts

Speakers and Special Guests:

Associate Justice G. K. Butterfield, Jr.

Judge Paul A. Hardison

Dr. Donald Martin, Superintendent Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools

Ronnie Brooks, Chair COE

Dorothy Yarborough, Immediate Past Chair COE (on behalf of Joyce Clayton, SAEOPP president)

Spring Conference

Date: April 26, 2002

Place: University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Co-Chair: Larry McCallum

Co-Chair: Queen Lewis-Odom

Speakers: Clark, Asst. V. P. of Recruitment and Enrollment Management, UNCP

Joyce Clayton, SAEOPP president

Highlight: First Annual High School Student Leadership Conference

30th Annual Conference

Theme: "Our Heritage: Foundation for the Future"

Date: November 6 – 8, 2002

Place: Marriott City Center, Charlotte

Chair: Judith Cowan

Co-Chairs: Madalyn Lowe, Robert Muhammad

Speakers and Special Guests:

Dr. James H. Woodard, Chancellor, UNC-Charlotte
James E. Ferguson, II, President, Senior Partner and Founding Partner of
Ferguson, Stein, Chambers, Wallas, Adkins, Gresham and Sumter, P. A.
Larry Oxendine, Director of TRIO Programs, Dept. of Ed., Washington, DC
Dr. Algenia Freeman, President, Livingstone College, Salisbury
Dr. Dorothy Yancey, President, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte
Patrick Day, Assoc. Vice President of Student Affairs, J. C. Smith University
Dr. Mel Gay, Assoc. Vice President for Student Services, Central Piedmont CC
Joyce Clayton, SAEOPP President
Dr. Maxine McLinnahan-Broadway, VP for Academic Affairs, Livingstone C.

Awards: Grace Edwards, Honors of the Council
Rube Reid, Honors of the Executive Board

Five year grants (NC State Talent Search, Fayetteville State EOC, Piedmont C. C.
EOC, Piedmont Center for Educational Excellence Talent Search, Surry
Community College EOC, College of the Albemarle EOC, Halifax Community
college EOC).

Spring Conference

Date: April 4, 2003
Place: Johnston Community College, Smithfield
Co-Chair: Jennifer Latino
Co-Chair: Elizabeth Baucom

Highlights and Accomplishments

The Regional Representatives implemented the communications network via e-mail.
The Development Committee sponsored the First Annual TRIO Contest (scholarship
fundraiser) at the 29th Annual Conference. Over \$5,000.00 was raised. Over \$3,000.00 was
raised the next year at the 30th Annual Conference.

The President developed a Handbook for the Spring Conference Chairs.
 The application for 501(C)(3) was submitted to the Internal Revenue Service.
 New SSS Programs were funded (Davidson Community College, Carteret Community College, Winston-Salem State University, Barber-Scotia College, Johnston Community College, Sandhills Community College). None were defunded.
 Joyce Clayton was elected president of SAEOPP (2001- 03).
 The First Annual High School Student Leadership Conference was held at the Spring Conference, Pembroke State University on April 26, 2002.
 Rubye Reid co-chaired the 2002 (30th Anniversary) SAEOPP Conference.
 New EOC's were funded (Halifax Community College, Surry Community College (College of the Albemarle)).
 New Talent Search Programs were funded (Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, Piedmont Center for Educational Excellence, Wilson Technical Institute).
 The Joe Dempsey/Donald Armstrong Scholarship was initiated by Prince Teal.
 The president wrote an in-depth history of NCCEOP in response to the SAEOPP history project that was coordinated by Irma Burkes and Clara Hewitt.
 The outgoing president developed a Transition Guide with information for the incoming NCCEOP President.

Source: Beverly Wallace

2003 – 2005

Officers:

Debbie Kingsberry	President
Antonio Stephens	Vice President
Catherine Brinson	Secretary
Robin Proctor	Treasurer
Beverly Wallace	Past President

Regional Representatives:

Linda Crisp	Northern Region
Margorie Kornegay	Eastern Region
James Davis	Southern Region
Chuck Bowling	Western Region

31st Annual Fall Conference:

“Charting the Course for Educational Opportunity”

Atlantic Beach, NC
November 19 – 21, 2003
Dorothy Jordan, Chairperson
Robin Proctor, Mark Tabone, Co-Chairs

Speakers:

Dr. John D. Jones, Asst. VP of Academic Affairs/Assessment and Accountability, Fort Valley State University
Dr. Ronnie Gross, SAEOPP President
Danford Groves, Director, Counseling and Career Services, Robeson Community College

2004 Spring Conference

Davidson County Community College
April 16, 2004
“TRIO: A New Day on a New Front”
Jimmie Gravely, Chair
Chuck Bowling, Chair, Student Leadership Conference

32nd Annual Fall Conference

“NCCEOP: Electing to Empower TRIO Programs”
Greensboro, NC
November 3 – 5, 2004
Traci Royster, Chair

Speakers:

Sharon K. Wright,
Willie A. Best, Guilford County Manager
Dr. Ronnie Gross, SAEOPP President

2005 – 2007

Officers:

Debbie Kingsberry
Mark Tabone

President
Vice President

Corey McKnight
Traci Royster
Josephine Reid

Secretary
Treasurer
Parliamentarian

Regional Representatives:

Marsha Pharr
Marjorie Kornegay
Kristie Sullivan
Brian Murphy

Northern Region
Eastern Region
Southern Region
Western Region

33rd Annual Fall Conference

“Climbing the Mountain to New Educational Heights”
Asheville, NC
November 8 – 10, 2005
Mark Tabone, Chair
Josephine Reid, Co-Chair

Speakers:

Michael Wiley
Ray Rapp, Dean of Adult ACCESS Program, Mars Hill College. NC Legislator, District 118
Deborah Northcross, SAEOPP President

2007 – 2009

Officers:

Antonio Stephens
Andrea Williams
Dorothy Jordan
Gordon Hester
Ray Battle
Debbie Kingsberry

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Parliamentarian
Past President

2009 – 2011

Officers:

Victor Neal	President
Kevin Maxwell	Vice President
Dorothy Jordan	Secretary
Merissa Ricks	Treasurer
Antonio Stephens	Past President

2011 – 2012

Officers:

John E. Foreman	President Director, Student Support Services The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Jessica Rogers	Vice President Counselor, Student Support Services North Carolina A&T State University
Dorothy Jordan	Secretary Director, Student Support Services Beaufort County Community College
Merissa Ricks	Treasurer Coordinator, Upward Bound United Piedmont Ctr for Educational Excellence

Regional Representatives:

Kara Baldwin, Northern Region	Senior Assistant Director Student Support Services The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
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Cheryl Jackson-Lewis, Eastern Region

Director, McNair Program
Elizabeth City State University

Sara Graham, Southern Region

Director, Student Support Services
Central Piedmont Community
College

Jimmie Gravely, Western Region

Director, Student Support Services
Davidson Community College

Annual Fall Conference

“Turning Vision into Action”

Asheville, NC

November 6 – 9, 2011

Conference Planning Committee Co-chairs:

Cynthia Bigelow, Transfer Counselor/Project Coordinator – Student Support Services
Piedmont Community College

Jimmie Gravely, Director – Student Support Services
Davidson Community College