



COUNCIL for OPPORTUNITY in EDUCATION

2016 Year in Review



January 2016 – COE kicked off a yearlong celebration of its 35th anniversary of advocating for low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities. As a result of vigorous advocacy by COE and the TRIO community, during 2016 TRIO programs were able to serve approximately 33,000 additional students.



February 2016 – COE launched a new professional development program called “Hit the Ground Running” for college access and success professionals. This program, which included both online and in-person training modules, included coursework in budgeting, recruitment, financial aid, and other relevant topics. On-site trainings occurred in Orlando, FL; Reno, NV; Cape Cod, MA; San Diego, CA; Boise, ID; and St. Louis, MO.



March 2016 – COE hosted its 36th Annual Policy Seminar in Washington, DC, drawing its largest crowd in recent years.



April 2016 – COE’s research arm, the [Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education](#), released its third edition of the [Indicators of Higher Education Equity in the United States](#) at the National Press Club. This report received widespread coverage in publications such as *The Atlantic*, *Forbes*, *Politico*, *Inside Higher Ed*, and the *Christian Science Monitor*.



May/June 2016 – COE sponsored its 17th annual Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program. This opportunity allowed 15 TRIO college students to engage in a month of Spanish language and cultural immersion at the University of Salamanca in Spain.



June 2016 – COE brought more than 150 TRIO high school students to participate in the National Student Leadership Congress at Georgetown University. This intensive, six-day event included a mock congress, visits with legislators on Capitol Hill, visits to national monuments, diversity and leadership coaching, as well as college and career panels featuring TRIO alumni.



August/September 2016 – COE hosted its 35th Annual Conference in San Diego, CA. Noted political commentator, author, and professor Melissa Harris-Perry kicked off the four-day conference with a fiery keynote address. Conference sessions addressed topics like financial literacy, hate speech on campus, research and evaluation, and international education. A highlight of the conference was the annual Educational Opportunity Dinner, which honored the [2016 National TRIO Achievers](#).



October 2016 – Following on the heels of two successful alumni receptions and a pre-college student STEM Fair, Chicago TRIO programs hosted their third annual event at Loyola University. In recent years, TRIO alumni have begun organizing local events to engage in networking and shared learning activities. In early 2017, COE will facilitate increased alumni connectivity through the launch of the website [TRIOAlumni.org](#).