



**COUNCIL** *for* **OPPORTUNITY** *in* **EDUCATION**

**2023 Annual Policy Seminar: Marching Towards One Million  
National College Opportunity Programs Leadership Summit**  
*Hyatt Regency Washington Capitol Hill*

**Sunday, March 19**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**  
*Regency Foyer*

**Registration**

**10:00 a.m.**  
*Regency A*

**Welcome and Overview**

**10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**  
*Regency A*

**Opening Plenary: LeadersSHIFT: What Change Will You Inspire?**

Dr. Jonathan McKenzie, CEO, Family Centered Education Agency

**11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

**BREAK**

**11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
*Capitol Room*

**COE Ed Talks**

**Leadership & State Advocacy**

**Presenting:** Chantel Jackson, NY State District 79 Assemblymember

**Respondents:** Alex Ruiz, Student Service Advisor, Talent Search,  
North Central Texas College

Ashley Robinson, Academic Coordinator, Upward Bound, College of  
Charleston

Sibyl McIntire, Director, Student Support Services,  
Southeastern Community College

**Moderator:** Matt Bisek, Executive Director, Oregon TRIO Association

*Columbia Room*

**Leadership & Campus Impact**

**Presenting:** Ngondi Kamatuka, Director, Center for Educational  
Opportunity Programs, University of Kansas

**Respondents:** Teriki Barnes, Director, Educational Opportunity Center,  
Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Victor Rojas, Director, Student Support Services, Mt. San Antonio College

**Moderator:** Donta Mills, Assistant Director, Upward Bound Baton Rouge  
Community College

**12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**  
*Regency A*

**Brunch & Executive Leadership Institute Case Study Presentations**

**1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**BREAK**

**2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**  
*Columbia Room*

**Break Out Sessions**

**1. Strategies to Imbed Your Program into Your Campus Culture**

**Presenting:** Catalina Rodriguez, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Educational  
Opportunity Programs, Purdue University Northwest

Kimberly Williams, Executive Director for TRIO & Educational  
Opportunity Programs, Nevada State College

Sari Byerly, Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs, Idaho State University

**Moderator:** Adam Cinderich, Director, Student Support Services, Kent State University

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## **2. Planting Seeds, Growing Leaders**

**Presenting:** Dina Ibarra, Director, GEARUP & Talent Search, University of Washington

Tracy Lyons, Executive Director, Undergraduate Student Success & Retention University of Alabama

Shatoya Black, Director, Student Support Services, Illinois State University

**Moderating:** Lindsay Carpenter, Director, Upward Bound, Lyndon Institute

**2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**BREAK**

**3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

*Columbia Room*

**Break Out Sessions**

### **1. Growing Participants into Advocates: Cultivating TRIO Alumni**

**Presenting:** Andrea Mireles, Director, Upward Bound, Hope College  
Rafael Orozco, Director, Student Support Services, Colorado Mesa University

Raymond Cabrera, Director, Upward Bound, University of South Florida

**Moderator:** Jackasha Wiley, Senior Director Pre-College Initiatives & College Success, Rutgers University

*Capitol Room*

## **2. Strategy of Governance**

**Presenting:** Ronnie Gross, Director, TRIO Programs, East Tennessee State University

Rowina Petion, Director, Student Support Services, Palm Beach State College

Sam Blanco, Director, Pre-College TRIO Programs, University of California Davis

**Moderator:** Anthony Plonczynski-Figueroa, Regional Political Organizer, NYSUT

**3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**BREAK**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

*Regency A*

**Executive Leadership Institute Poster Presentations & Reception**